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### **North Kohala community in need of storm cleanup assistance** *The Kohala Center organizing volunteer work day for January 17*

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—January 12, 2015—The Kohala Center is calling upon community members to assist with environmental restoration at Keokea Beach Park and the community of Niuli‘i in North Kohala in the wake of a powerful storm that brought heavy winds and flooding to the Hawaiian Islands earlier this month.

Volunteers are needed for a community cleanup day scheduled for Saturday, January 17, starting at 8:45 a.m. at the Keokea Beach Park parking lot, 52-128 Keokea Beach Road in Kapa‘au. Cleanup will focus on Keokea Beach Park, Niuli‘i Stream, and Konea O Kukui Garden of Peace and will include removing debris from the shoreline area, clearing and restoring waterways, removing fallen trees, replacing a foot bridge, and moving rocks. Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves, machetes, rakes, shovels, and plenty of aloha. Refreshments and beverages will be provided compliments of KTA Superstores. Due to safety concerns, participants are asked not to bring small children or pets.

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#### **About The Kohala Center**

Founded in the year 2000, The Kohala Center (<http://www.kohalacenter.org>) is an independent, community-based center for research, conservation, and education. We turn research and traditional knowledge into action, so that communities in Hawai‘i and around the world can thrive—ecologically, economically, culturally, and socially.

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