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Aloha,

I am a resident of Volcano, Hawaii, 96785 zip code. I am extremely interested in adding additional protections for our native Ohi'a forest, which is being decimated by unpermitted grubbing and grading, feral ungulates, ROD and invasive species. We need much stronger ordinances and building codes at the County level to protect this natural resource for the native wildlife, watershed, and economic viability of our community. I support the Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship in the General Plan 2045, and strengthening of the current ordinances going forward. In addition, there needs to be a facilitation of property tax incentives to the lowest level for small size lot owners (9000 SQ FT) wishing to put their lots into Native Ohi'a Forest conservation.

Sincerely,

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