

Department of Land and Natural Resources

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Guidelines for NARS Special Use Permit

The following activities require a Special Use Permit under HAR §13-209-5. If your work in the Natural Area Reserve (NAR) will involve one or more of the following, please call our office to request a permit application:

- remove, injure, or kill any form of plant or animal life, except game mammals and birds hunted according to department rules*
- introduce any form of plant or animal life*
- remove, damage, or disturb any geological or paleontological features or substances*
- remove, damage or disturb any historic or prehistoric remains*
- engage in any construction or improvement*
- engage in any camping activity
- establish a temporary or permanent residence
- start or maintain a fire
- litter, or to deposit refuse or any other substance
- operate any motorized or nonmotorized land vehicle or air conveyance in any area (including roads and trails) not designated for its use
- operate any motorized water vehicle of any shape or form in freshwater environments or marine waters, except as otherwise provided by DLNR's boating rules
- enter into, place any vessel or material on, or otherwise disturb a lake or pond
- engage in commercial activities, defined as "the use of or activity on state lands for which compensation is received by any person for goods or services or both rendered to customers or participants in that use or activity"
- have or possess the following tools, equipments or implements: fishing gear or devices (in `Ahihi-Kina`u NAR), cutting or harvesting gear (in any NAR), and hunting gear or tools (except as permitted by the hunting rules of the department)
- hike or conduct nature study **with a group larger than 10**
- presence in an area closed pursuant to HAR §13-209-4.5 or after visiting hours established by §13-209-4.6
- anchor any motorized or non-motorized water vehicle in the marine waters of `Ahihi-Kina`u NAR

*** May require additional State or Federal permits. Applicants are responsible for identifying and securing all approvals that may be required.**

**** The NARS rules and recent rule amendments can be viewed on-line at
<http://www.state.hi.us/dlnr/dofaw/Unofficial%20compilation%20HAR%2013.209.pdf>**

***** A permit application fee of \$50 is required for all applications. Please allow for a minimum permit processing time of three months*****

All permits will have the following standard conditions, pursuant to HAR § 13-209-5. Additional conditions may apply.

- 1) The permittee shall adhere to the specifications given in the permit application
- 2) Disturbance of vegetation and wildlife shall be avoided as much as possible
- 3) Precautions shall be taken to prevent introductions of plants or animals not naturally present in the area. The permittee is responsible for making sure that participants' clothing, equipment, and vehicles are free of seeds or dirt to lessen the chance of introducing any non-native plants or soil animals. Should an infestation develop attributable to the permittee, the permittee is responsible for eradication by methods specified by the department
- 4) Once approved, the permit is not transferable
- 5) Once approved, the permit does not exempt the permittee from complying with any other applicable rule or statute
- 6) The State of Hawaii shall be released and held harmless from any and all liability for injuries or death, or damage or loss of property however occurring during any activity related to the permit