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Aloha pumehana,

We sincerely appreciate your interest to volunteer at Auwahi to help restore one of Maui’s last sanctuary dry forests.

However, before confirming your participation as a volunteer, we want to make sure you understand the potential risks of working in a remote area like Auwahi and ask for confirmation of your good health.

Because of both the nature of the volunteer work we do and the remote location where this work is conducted, it is critical we understand any medical vulnerability, condition, or problem or any other conditions that could affect your or others’ safety.

Regarding medical issues; Auwahi forest is located in an extremely remote location on Maui (45 minutes one way back to Ranch headquarters on extremely bumpy roads) with no defined trails, and steep, unsteady terrain. The weather can also be variable, from windy, wet and cold to hot and humid.

The volunteer work we do involves walking to sites within the forest areas up to one mile across extremely irregular terrain, often with very rugged and unsteady lava rock. We often carry loads of plants, tools, and supplies up to 30 pounds to these sites. As there are no defined trails in the areas in which we work, overhanging branches and brush fill much of the forest restoration area, further complicating travel by foot.

Because of Auwahi’s remote location and adverse field conditions, please advise us of any medical conditions you have that may conflict with safely volunteering at Auwahi (i.e. asthma, allergies, heart conditions, vision or balance issues, diabetes, pregnancy, injuries to hips, knees, ankles and back, as well as any other serious, pre-existing injuries).

Please be honest and forthright here as your safety and enjoyment and potentially the safety and enjoyment of others are dependent upon it.

Please be aware that the Auwahi project has no responsibility regarding medical advice, medications or inoculations that you or your doctor deem necessary for your safe participation. Hospital facilities for serious problems are often unavailable, and evacuation can be prolonged, difficult and expensive. By signing this Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement, you acknowledge that the Auwahi project assumes no liability regarding injuries, provision of medical care, emergency evacuation and emergency medical care.

Before volunteering at Auwahi, please confirm that you have read and understand these risks, and acknowledged your responsibility to be in good health with no conflicting medical conditions that would compromise you in performing the type of volunteer work described here.

Mahalo again for your interest in helping Auwahi forest.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature

Date