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MEMO TO: Contributors and Working Conference Participants
FROM: N. P. Kefferd
Interim Dean and Director, HITAHR *N. P. Kefferd*
SUBJECT: Revised Pages of Analysis and Work Plan for Forestry and Related
Natural Resources of Hawaii (Enclosed)

Thank you for your written and telephone responses following transmittal on February 6 of the Analysis and Work Plan revised to include consensus opinions of Work Groups on priorities of bottlenecks and Plenary Session consensus priorities on Subject Areas.

All suggestions concerning Status of Knowledge writeups in the Analysis are included in the enclosed revised pages. Also included are the changes in descriptions of bottlenecks, actions required, and impact statements based on excellent suggestions. These clarified a number of statements. Improvements of statements in the Action Plan were also made possible by these suggestions. In addition, some updating of FTE required or allocated were received. These are included in the enclosed replacement sheets for the Action Plan.

I hope you won't mind removing the old sheets and replacing them with the revised ones. This will bring your documents up-to-date.

We received one criticism of the priority order of Subject Areas. A letter was written in response to the comments made and explanation of the procedures was given. Two different approaches were used. These were reviewed by staff in the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, the Institute of Pacific Island Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and finally with a systems analysis specialist with the University. All agreed that the differences in the two approaches were insignificant and the consensus priority approach was more in keeping with the manner in which participants perceived the objectives of the Working Conference.

The Analysis and Work Plan were presented to the Governor's Agriculture Coordinating Committee on February 25. Nine contributors and participants were present. Dr. Wayne Gagne and Mr. David Rinell, Chairmen of Work Groups 4 and 5, were co-presentors of the 17 Subject Areas and 61 Bottlenecks. They did an excellent job. Those of you who shared in the Conference effort were well represented.

If you have been reading about State Legislative activities in the papers recently, you probably noticed that control of banana poka is back in the Legislature. The action of the Conference on this issue should be strongly supportive of this legislation. Concern expressed by the Working Conference about safety of recreationists and fish and game law enforcement may be an important factor in determining the direction and substance of proposed legislation now in the hopper. Recent forest fires allegedly started by youths underline Conference members' concerns about an adequate forest fire prevention program. There soon may be a positive cooperative effort underway to help reduce the incidence of fires caused by people. There will be other areas that will receive attention and support.

Much of this is due to your participation and your good help in raising the visibility of forestry and related natural resources of Hawaii. For this, I again thank you.

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