



PROTECT MAUNA KEA

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WHAT IS THE THIRTY METER TELESCOPE (TMT)?

TMT is a proposed astronomical observatory with an extremely large telescope (ELT). The planned location is on Mauna Kea, a sacred mountain on the island of Hawaii. The telescope would be 18 stories tall with structures spanning 1.44 acres.

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WHY ARE PEOPLE RALLYING AGAINST TMT?

University of Hawai'i's decades of poor management of Hawai'i's natural resources and prioritizing economic interests ahead of community interests has resulted in the large opposition to TMT.

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WHY IS MAUNA KEA SACRED?

In the Native Hawaiian creation story, Kumulipo, the ancient chant tells the story of how the Hawaiian Islands and the Hawaiian people came to be. The volcano is considered kīno lau, the physical form of the gods. Mauna Kea is the son of Wākea, the sky father, and of Papahānaumoku, the Earth mother.

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WHAT ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL STAKES?

Cultural practitioners and environmentalists have numerous concerns about the impact the facility would have on natural resources. According to the final environmental impact statement, the facility would regularly store large amounts of domestic and chemical waste on site prior to removal.

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WHO CAN STAND WITH MAUNA KEA?

EVERYONE. Native and non-native peoples are encouraged to lift their voices; the #wearemaunakea is an inclusive movement.

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Key Terminology

ALOHA 'ĀINA

"Aloha 'aina simply means to love and respect the land, make it yours and claim stewardship for it.

KAPU ALOHA

Kapu aloha is an order of restraint placed by kahuna (Hawaiian priests) or other Hawaiian cultural practitioners, to act with only kindness, love and empathy toward others.

KIA'I

Kū kia'i mauna refers to the protectors of the mountain; NOT protestors.

It is highly encouraged for each individual to pursue more research and decide one's own opinions.