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**ALOHA PETROLEUM DONATES \$1,000 TO
KAUAI FOREST BIRD RECOVERY PROJECT**

Honolulu, HI (February 2, 2015) – Aloha Petroleum, Ltd. recently donated \$1,000 to the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project. The money will be used to support the organization’s *Ae manu, a’ole i’ole* (Birds, not Rats!) campaign that protects endangered forest birds and their nests against non-native rats. “With the support of companies such as Aloha Petroleum, Ltd, and many individual donors, we can realize our objective of protecting our forest birds, and help reverse their declines,” asserted Dr. Lisa “Cali” Crampton of the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project.

The Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project works to conserve native forest birds by setting up humane traps for rats. In particular, the Project focuses on three federally endangered species found only on Kauai – Puaiohi, Akikiki (both with populations of fewer than 500 birds), and Akekee (population fewer than 1000 birds). While traditional methods of rat control are heavily labor extensive, the new self-resetting traps have proven to be more efficient and protect more birds. Aloha Petroleum’s donation will cover the cost of three to four new traps across 5 acres of bird territory. “To date, with three days left in the campaign, we have raised enough money to purchase 90 traps and protect more than 100 acres of forest bird habitat”, said Dr. Crampton. “The more traps we set, the more birds we can protect.”

“Aloha Petroleum is proud to support this important project that is helping to protect Kauai’s native forest birds, all of which are unique to Hawaii,” said President and CEO

Richard Parry. “In fact, Kauai is the only island where these birds are still to be found, which underscores the importance of the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project’s work.”

About Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project

Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project is a DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife program in collaboration with the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit of the University of Hawai'i and Garden Island Resource Conservation and Development, Inc (GIRCD), with funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and private and not-for-profit donors. Donations to this campaign will be managed by GIRCD, which is KFBRP's 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor for fundraising activities.

The mission of the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project is to promote knowledge, appreciation, and conservation of Kauai's native forest birds. The organization's efforts focus on three federally endangered species, with the goal of facilitating recovery of their populations in the wild through research, management, and outreach.

About Aloha Petroleum, Ltd.

Aloha Petroleum, Ltd. is a subsidiary of Sunoco LP and one of the largest gasoline marketers and convenience store operators in the state of Hawaii, with a history that dates back to the early 1900s. Aloha employs more than 550 Hawaii residents and markets through approximately 100 Shell, Aloha, and Mahalo branded fueling stations and 46 Aloha Island Mart convenience stores throughout the state. Aloha Petroleum was recently ranked 10th among Hawaii's Top 250 companies by Hawaii Business magazine. More information is available at alohagas.com.



Pictured from Left to Right: Cassandra Bui, Marketing Communications Manager, Aloha Petroleum; Lisa "Cali" Crampton, Project Leader, Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project; Kyle Pias, Field Supervisor, Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project; and Kayla Bonnette, Intern, Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project.

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