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November 15, 2010

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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Mailcode PJ – 12.1  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject:** Kahawai Power 2, LLC Application for Preliminary Permit

Dear Secretary Bose:

Kahawai Power 2, LLC, enclosed please find a completed application for a preliminary permit pursuant to Section 4.30 of the Commission's regulations for the **Makaweli River Water Power Project**.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramya Swaminathan", written in a cursive style.

Ramya Swaminathan  
Kahawai Power 2, LLC

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY PERMIT**

**Makaweli River Hydroelectric Project**



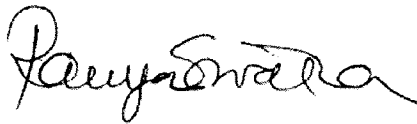
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### VERIFICATION STATEMENT

This application for a preliminary permit for the Makaweli River Hydroelectric Project is executed in the State of Massachusetts, Essex County.

Ramya Swaminathan, Chief Operating Officer of Free Flow Power Corporation, the Managing Member of Kahawai Power 2, LLC, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the contents of this Preliminary Permit Application are true to the best of her knowledge or belief. The undersigned Applicant has signed the application on this 15 of November, 2010.

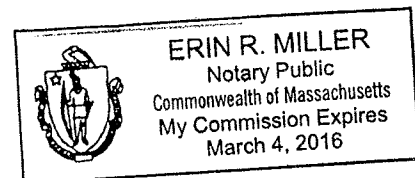


By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramya Swaminathan, Chief Operating Officer  
Free Flow Power Corporation

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public of the State of Massachusetts this 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010.

My commission expires on March 4, 2016

By: Erin Miller



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**I. Statement of Application**

Kahawai Power 2, LLC applies to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a preliminary permit for the proposed Makaweli River Hydroelectric Project, as described in the attached exhibits. This application is made in order that the applicant may secure and maintain priority of licensing for the project under Part 1 of the Federal Power Act while obtaining the data and performing the acts required to determine the feasibility of the project and to support an application for license.

**2. The location of the proposed project is:**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| State:         | Hawaii  |
| County:        | Kauai County                                      |
| Nearby Town:   | Waimea, HI  |
| Body of Water: | Makaweli River, Kahana Stream, and Makuone Stream |

**3. The exact name, business address, and telephone number of the applicant is:**

Kahawai Power 2, LLC  
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Gloucester, MA 01930  
978.283.2822

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**4. Preference under Section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act**

Kahawai Power 2, LLC is a domestic limited liability company, and is not claiming preference under the section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act.

**5. Term of Permit**

The proposed term of the requested permit is 36 months.

**6. Existing Dams or Other Project Facilities**

There are no existing dams or other existing project facilities that will be used by the project.

## **SECTION 4.32(a)**

- 1. Identify every person, citizen, association of citizens, domestic corporation, municipality, or state that has or intends to obtain and will maintain any proprietary right necessary to construct, operate, or maintain the project;**

Kahawai Power 2, LLC is the only entity that has or intends to obtain and will maintain any proprietary rights necessary to construct, operate, or maintain the proposed property.

- 2. Identify:**

**(i) Every county in which any part of the project, and any Federal facilities that would be used by the project, would be located:**

The proposed project is located in the following County:

Kauai, Hawaii

Kauai County Clerk  
4396 Rice Street, #206  
Lihue, HI 96766

**(ii) Every city, town, or similar local political subdivision:**

**(A) In which any part of the project, and any Federal facilities that would be used by the project, would be located:**

A portion of the proposed project is located in Alakai Wilderness Preserve, managed by Department of Land and Natural Resources Reserve, Division of Forestry and Wildlife:

Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Kauai Branch  
3060 Elwa Street, Room 306  
Lihue, HI 96766-1875

**(B) That has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the project dam:**

Lihue, HI

Mayor's Office  
4444 Rice Street, #235  
Lihue, HI 96766

Kapaa, HI

Mayor's Office  
4444 Rice Street, #235  
Lihue, HI 96766

**(iii) Every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision:**

No irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision has been identified in association with the proposed project.

**(iv) Every other political subdivision in the general area of the project that there is a reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by, the application;**

Hawaii 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono  
5-104 Prince Kuhio Building  
300 Ala Moana Boulevard  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Senator Dan Inouye  
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 7-212  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka  
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-106  
Box 50144  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

**(v) All Indian Tribes that may be affected by the project;**

The applicant has identified the following Indian Tribes that may potentially have an interest or be affected by the project using the National Park Service's Native American Consultation Database:

Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei, Hawaii

Mr. Kunani Nihipali  
Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawaii Nei  
P.O. Box 967  
Kailua, HI 96734

Kauai/Niihau Island Burial Council

Mrs. LaFrance Kapaka-Arboleda  
Kauai/Niihau Island Burial Council  
P.O. Box 585  
Anahola, HI 96703

Office Of Hawaiian Affairs

Mr. Clyde Namuo  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
711 Kapi'olani Blvd., Suite 500  
Honolulu, HI 96813-5249



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**EXHIBIT 1 – GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

**Section 4.81(b)**

**1. General Configuration & Information**

The proposed Makaweli River Hydroelectric Project is located on the Island of Kauai, Hawaii, approximately 4 miles northeast of Waimea and 6.5 miles northwest of Hanapepe.

The project site is located at:

|                     |           |                  |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| <u>Coordinates:</u> | Latitude: | 22° 00' 08.60"N  |
|                     | Longitude | 159° 37' 45.57"W |

The Makaweli River joins the Waimea River on the northeast edge of the town of Waimea and then drains directly into the Pacific ocean between the town of Waimea and the Russian Fort Elizabeth State Historical Park.

The proposed development of the site involves the construction of a new 6.6 MW hydropower facility on two tributaries of the Makaweli River, Mokuone Stream and Kahana Stream. The project will consist of the following major elements:

Kahana Diversion – A 6 foot high and 40 foot long reinforced concrete diversion weir and intake structure will be constructed on the Kahana Stream. The diversion structure will contain a coanda type intake and a low level outlet gate. The weir will be of ogee section to permit passage of excess stream flow without obstruction and will maintain a normal water surface elevation of 2,200 feet msl.

Mokuone Diversion – A 8 foot high and 40 foot long reinforced concrete diversion weir and intake structure will be constructed on the Mokuone Stream. The diversion structure will contain a coanda type intake and a low level outlet gate. The weir will be of ogee section to permit passage of excess stream flow without obstruction and will maintain a normal water surface elevation of 2,200 feet msl.

Kahana Penstock – The primary project penstock, a new 31,000 foot long, steel penstock, with both buried and above ground portions, will convey water from the Kahana Diversion Structure to the powerhouse. The first 23,000 feet of the Kahana Penstock will be 48 inches in diameter. Approximately 23,000 feet from the powerhouse, the Kahana Penstock will intersect with the Mokuone Feeder Penstock and after this point a 36 inch diameter pipe will continue approximately 8,000 feet to the Kahana Diversion.

Mokuone Feeder Tunnel – A 1500 foot long, 48” diameter, underground tunnel will convey water from the Mokuone Diversion to the Mokuone Feeder Penstock. The tunnel joins the Mokuone Feeder Penstock at approximately 2,180 feet msl.

Mokuone Feeder Penstock – Additional flows collected at the Mokuone Diversion Structure will flow through a new 1,750 foot long, 36” diameter steel feeder penstock, with both buried and above ground portions. The Mokuone Feeder Penstock will intersect with the main penstock approximately 23,000 feet from the powerhouse.

Powerhouse – The powerhouse will be a reinforced concrete structure 70 feet long and 40 feet wide with a machinery floor elevation of approximately 230 feet msl. The new powerhouse will contain the turbine/generators, control system, and auxiliary equipment.

Tailrace – A new 90 foot long tailrace will be constructed to return water from the turbine discharge to the river at an elevation of approximately 220 feet msl. The tailrace will be a 15 foot wide rip rap lined open channel blending with the river bank.

Substation – An 8 MVA 4.16/69kV three phase step-up transformer will be located in a substation about 50 feet from the powerhouse. The substation will also contain high side and low side disconnects and will be surrounded by a containment dike and a security fence.

Access Roads – The project will utilize existing roads and one new road. Road construction will involve a new gravel roadway approximately 1 mile in length extending from an existing old jeep road for powerhouse and substation access.

## **2. Reservoir**

Both the Kahana Diversion and the Mokuone Diversion will each create a new pool with a negligible surface area of < 0.15 acres of water and a volume of < 0.15 acre-feet.

## **3. Proposed Transmission Line**

A new transmission line will connect the project substation to the local utility distribution system owned by the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. The interconnection features and characteristics, including the final transmission line design, voltage, and route, are dependent upon the results of studies to be carried out during the term of permit.

The applicant anticipates the transmission line will be approximately 4.25 miles in length and have a voltage of 69kV.

#### **4. Proposed Generating Equipment**

- Two 2 jet Pelton turbines will be installed at the project. Each unit will have a flow range of 3-25 cfs and a rated capacity of 3.3 MW.
- The total installed nameplate capacity of the turbine-generator units will be 6.6 MW.
- The estimated average annual energy production is 23.9 GWh.
- The hydraulic head used for estimating capacity and energy output is 1970 feet.
- The turbines and generators will be newly manufactured for the project.

#### **5. Lands of the United States**

There is no federally owned land within the project boundary.

#### **6. Utilization of Water Resources**

The proposed project would develop, conserve, and utilize the water resources of the region in the public interest. Further, the project will operate in accordance with terms and conditions of any new license issued by the Commission to protect and enhance non-power resources, and will further increase domestic renewable green energy generation.

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**EXHIBIT 2 – DESCRIPTION OF STUDIES**

Upon the issuance of a preliminary permit, more detailed studies will be conducted to determine the ultimate feasibility of the project and potentially support the preparation of an application for license, as detailed below.

**1. General Description of Proposed Studies**

The following studies are planned:

**1. Description of proposed studies**

- a) Information Review: Publicly available general information will be compiled and reviewed. This will include Department of Land and Natural Resources management plans, local survey data, utility distribution and transmission information, as well as previous hydroelectric feasibility analyses.
- b) Hydrologic Studies: Publicly available gaging station record data and field data will be used to develop detailed daily stream flow forecasts for the river at the project site. Field data will be gathered and used to refine data for the proposed diversion locations.
- c) Geological Studies: Studies will be performed to support design and cost estimating for the new diversions, tunnel, penstock alignment, and powerhouse. Test borings, as required, will be made with a small portable machine to ensure minimal environmental impact. Each boring site will be restored to its original state.
- d) Develop and Review Alternatives: Alternatives will be developed and reviewed in project layout and sizing to maximize the power generated, minimize environmental impact, and otherwise select the optimal project to ensure the best possible use of the resource.
- e) Preliminary Engineering and Design: The information generated in the preceding studies will be incorporated into an optimized design suitable for a definitive estimate of project cost and feasibility.

- f) Energy Generation and Cost Estimates: The flow and head data created in Task (b) coupled with the selected project design alternatives from Tasks (c) and (d) will allow energy generation to be modeled for the project. Daily forecast energy generation will be determined and typical, wet, and dry year generation estimated will be made. Initial budgetary development and construction costs will be developed. A tentative permitting and construction schedule will be defined.
- g) Feasibility Analysis: The previous work will be compiled into a final feasibility analysis along with data gathered on then-current and forecast wholesale power prices, financing costs, and O&M costs to determine the economic feasibility of the project.

If the result of the feasibility analysis is positive, the following activities are envisioned to take place during the remaining preliminary permit term to support licensing and development of the project.

- h) Informal Stakeholder Consultation and Discussions
- i) Develop Notice of Intent (NOI)
- j) Develop Pre-Application Document (PAD)
- k) Begin Scoping Activities

\*It is anticipated that tasks (a) through (g) will be completed within 12 months of the permit issuance. Tasks (h) through (k), if undertaken, will be performed during the remaining permit term.

## **2. New Road Construction**

Access for all field surveys will be via existing roads. No new roads are required for the purpose of conducting studies for the proposed project.

## **3. New Dam Construction**

The project will involve the construction of two small intake diversions, as specified in Exhibit 1 above.

While the project will involve construction of new diversion structures, the only field surveys or studies which are planned for the proposed project are as follows:

**a) Test Borings:**

As required, test borings will be made at the proposed locations for the new diversions, tunnel, intakes, penstock alignments, and powerhouse. The test boring sites will be impacted, but only in the smallest possible area that will accommodate two men and a small boring machine which can be carried into place by hand. The sites will immediately be returned to their natural state.

**b) Gaging Stations:**

At the diversion and powerhouse sites on the river, gaging stations will be installed at locations which allow the utilization of natural streambed contours and provide dimensionally stable transects, thereby eliminating the need for measurement weirs and minimizing impact to the waterway and shorelines.

**4. Waiver**

The applicant does not request the Commission to waive the field study requirement.

**5. Statement of Cost and Financing**

**a) Estimated Costs:**

The total cost for completing tasks (a) through (g) as outlined above is estimated to be \$100,000. If task (h) through (k) are undertaken the total cost is estimated to not exceed \$500,000.

**b) Expected Sources of Financing:**

The studies will be financed by the applicant.

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**EXHIBIT 3 – MAPS**

**1. General Location of Proposed Project**

Attached are maps showing the location, the project layout, and the project boundary for the proposed project. The location of the project is shown on two maps, Map 1 – Vicinity and Map 2 – Location.

**2. Project Layout**

The probable locations of the primary project features are shown on Map 3 - Layout.

**3. Proposed Boundary**

The proposed project boundary is shown on Map 4 – Boundary.

**4. National Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems**

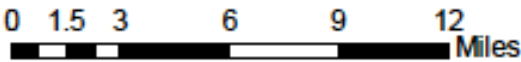
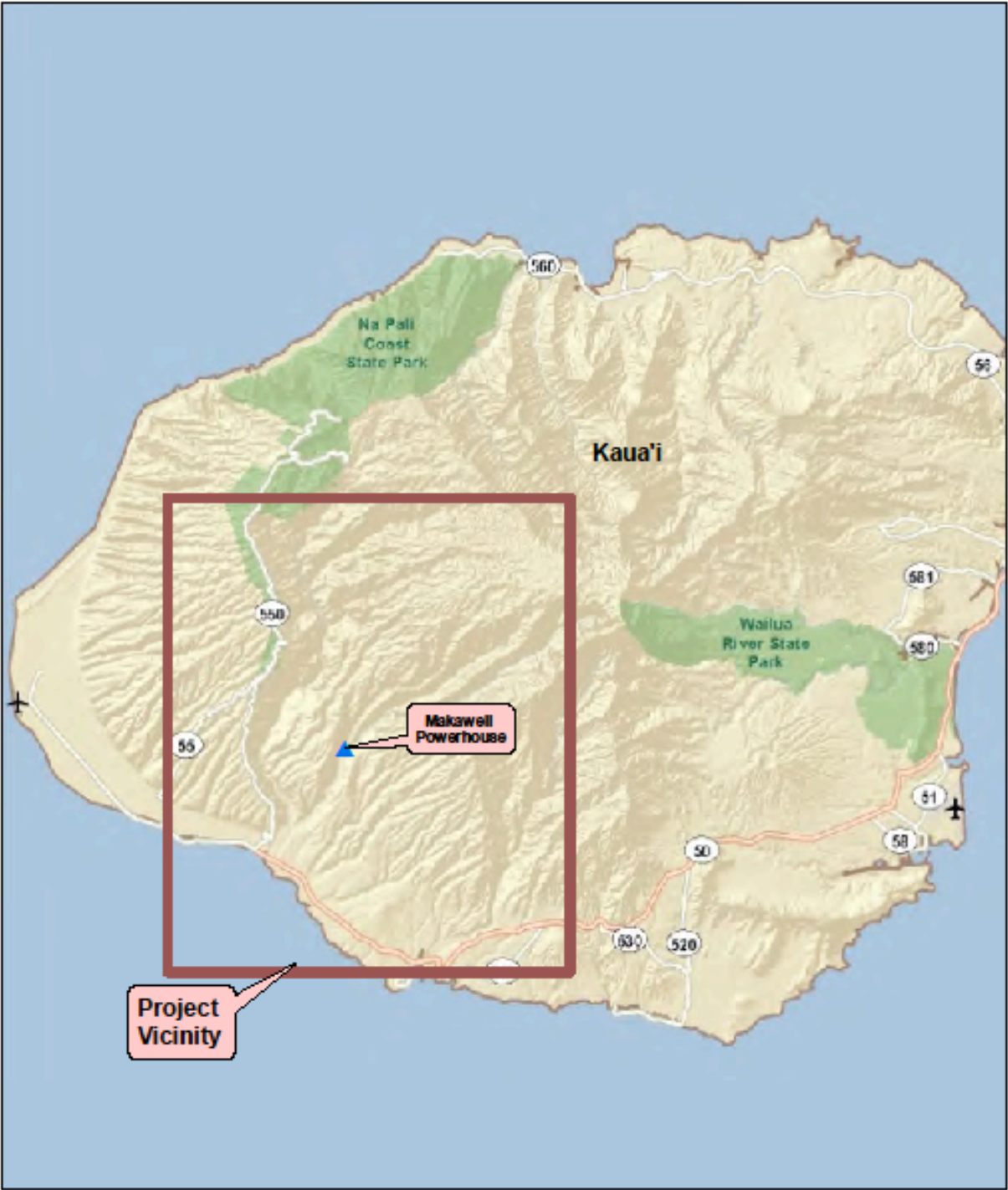
No areas in the project vicinity are included (or are known to have been designated for study for inclusion) in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

**5. Designated Wilderness Areas**

No areas within the project boundary have been designated as wilderness area. No areas within the project boundary are known to be recommended for designation as wilderness area or designated as wilderness study area.

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## MAP 1 - VICINITY

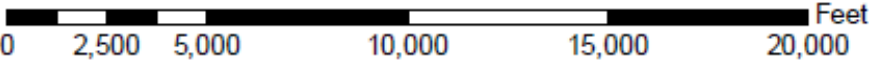
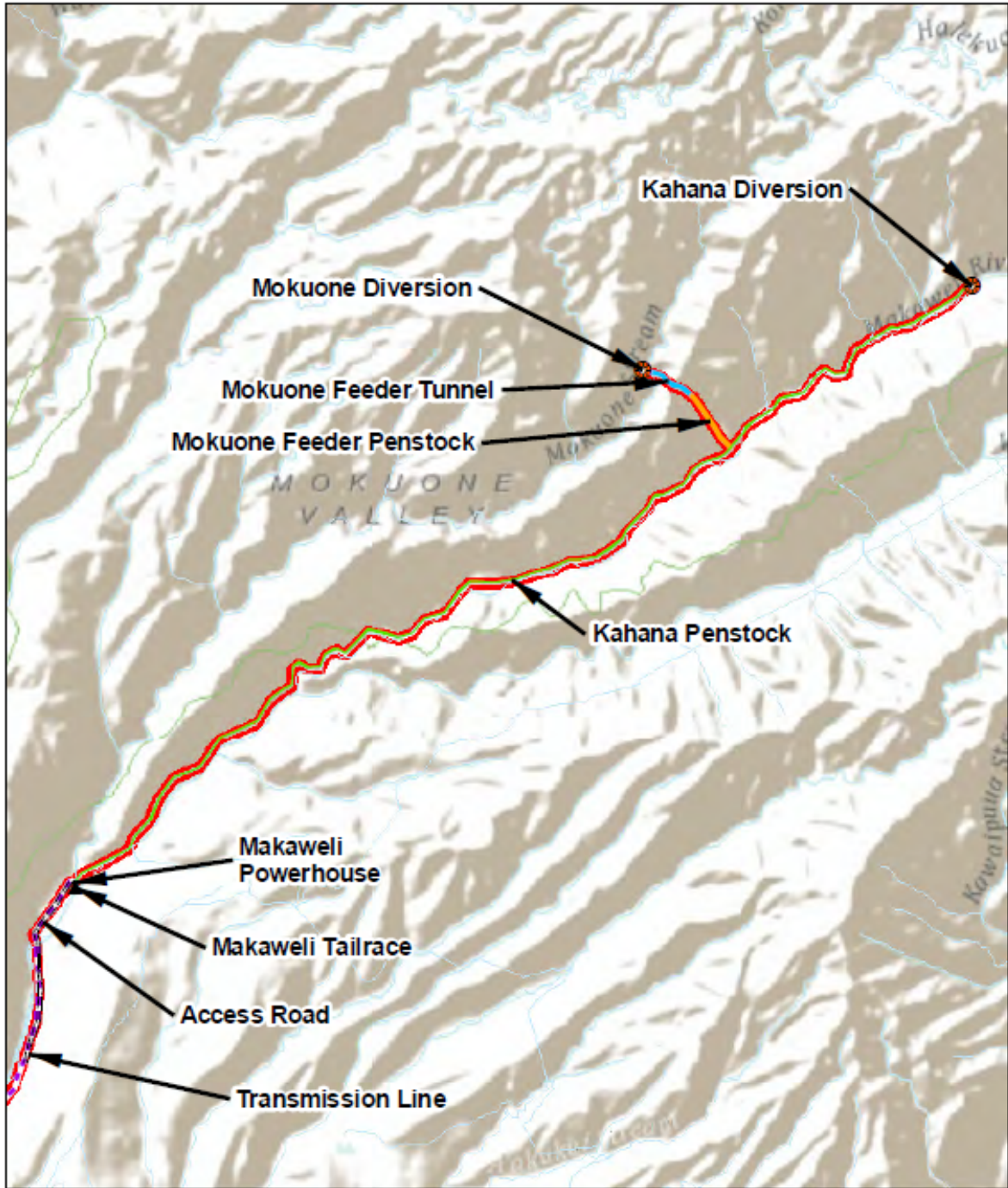




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MAP 2 - LOCATION

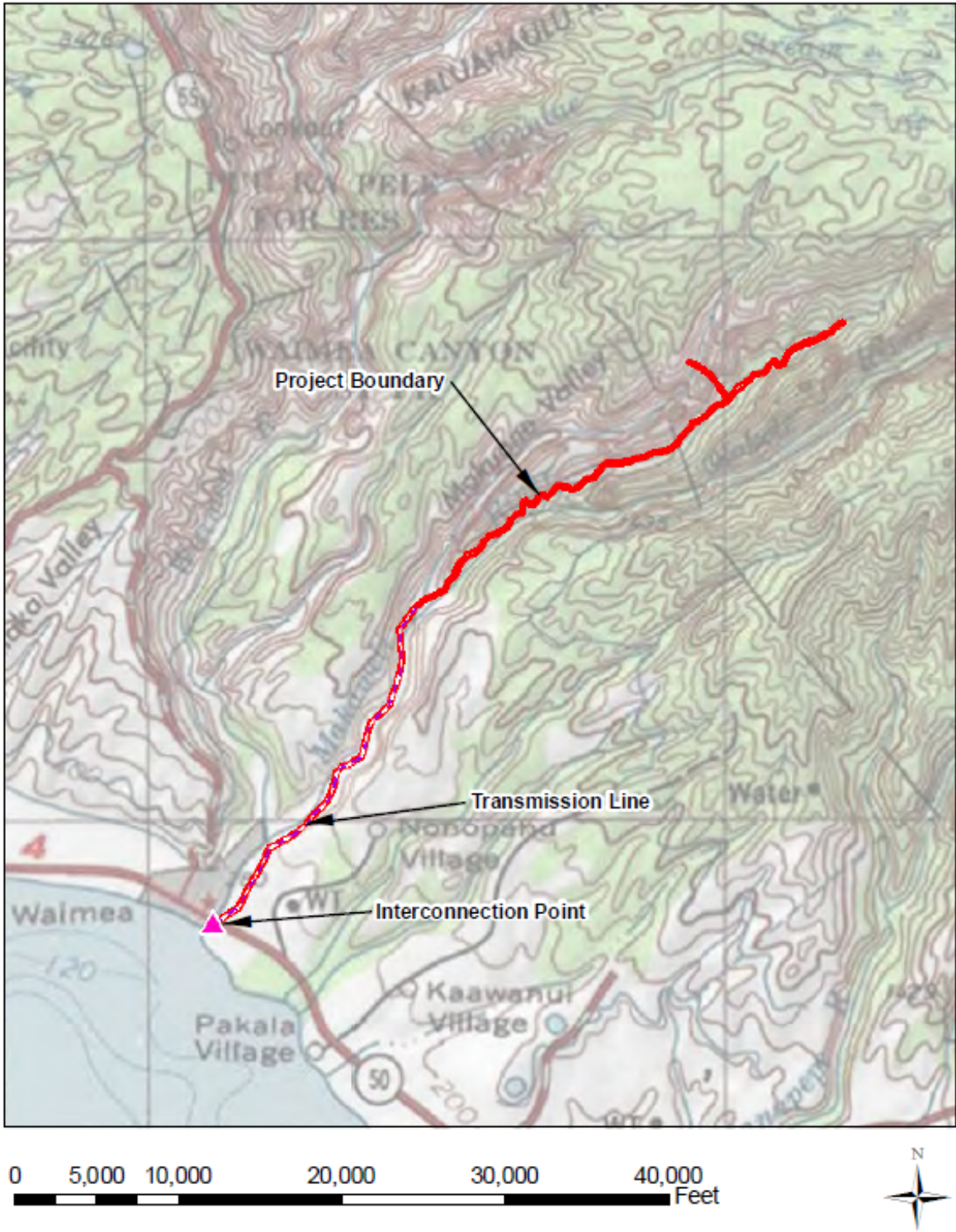


**Makaweli River Hydroelectric Project  
MAP 3 - LAYOUT**





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MAP 4 - BOUNDARY



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