

# MAUNA KEA

## SACRED MOUNTAIN

### WHAT'S GOING ON?

Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) International Observatory LLC [partners: Canada, China, India, Japan, University of California & CalTech] is pushing ahead with construction of their proposed massive 18-story observatory that would cause irreparable harm to our sacred mountaintop despite vigorous public opposition and pending legal appeals.

#### IF BUILT, TMT WOULD:

- be 184' or 56m tall (over 18 stories), plus 20' or 6m below ground
- be the TALLEST building on Hawai'i Island
- excavate over 8 acres & 64,000 cubic yards of public lands
- destroy the natural beauty & open space on the northern plateau
- encroach upon hundreds of ancient Hawaiian shrines

### WHY PROTECT MAUNA KEA?

- Mauna Kea, also known as Mauna a Wākea, is a sacred mountain just like Mt. Fuji, Mt. Shasta, Mt. Sinai, and Mt. Kailash.
- To protect our ancestral lands from further destruction and desecration.
- To stand in solidarity with thousands of supporters throughout the world for the most sacred mountain in Hawai'i.
- It is our *kuleana*, responsibility to unify in the spirit of *Aloha 'Āina* - a deep reverence, love and respect for our lands, people and traditions for this and the next seven generations.
- To Mālama Honua (Care for our Earth) and protect our cultural and environmental resources for our children's future.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW?

- TMT Project can't meet 8 criteria of State law (HAR 13-5-30) to construct in a conservation district.
- State of Hawai'i continues to ignore its own laws and community voices to allow corporate and foreign interests to negatively impact public trust lands & the Hawaiian culture.
- Over 45 years of astronomy development & mismanagement by the State & University of Hawai'i has caused "substantial, significant and adverse" impact upon Mauna Kea's cultural and natural resources.
- State laws don't allow for this level of industrial development of telescope complexes in a conservation district.
- TMT = Too Many Telescopes ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Show your Aloha: Display your signs and share photos online.
- Share what you have learned with your family & friends.
- Citizens of Canada, China, India, Japan & California -- contact your government officials to halt further public funding of this destructive and desecrating TMT project.
- Donate to assist with legal costs and educational endeavors at the following links:

KAHEA:

<http://bit.ly/1GMjKsF>

MAUNA KEA OHANA:

[www.gofundme.com/maunakeaohana](http://www.gofundme.com/maunakeaohana)

### MAUNA KEA IS...

- a *Wao Akua*, a holy realm, a sacred *piko*
- an abode of Poli'ahu & other divine beings
- a *kupuna*, a revered and respected elder
- a landscape of Hawaiian cultural and spiritual practices
- a vital aquifer for Hawai'i Island
- a fragile environment with rare & endangered flora & fauna
- the tallest mountain on Earth from sea floor to summit



[www.oiwi.tv/maunakea](http://www.oiwi.tv/maunakea)  
[www.ProtectMaunaKea.org](http://www.ProtectMaunaKea.org)  
[www.maunaawakea.com](http://www.maunaawakea.com)  
[www.KAHEA.org](http://www.KAHEA.org)

Protect Mauna Kea  
 Stand for Mauna a Wakea  
 Na'au News Now

@ProtectMaunaKea  
 #WeAreMaunaKea  
 #ProtectMaunaKea  
 #AlohaAlna #aolemt

