**Polihale Lineal Descendants Plead for Good Behaviors, Feb. 9, 2021**

**HD Video**

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**Video & B-Roll**

0:00-0:16 Wide shot of Polihale coast

0:17-1:04 Shots of waves from the coast

1:05-1:17 Wide shot of Polihale from beach

1:18-1:29 Shot of sand dune.

1:30-1:48 Shots of waves on the beach

1:49-2:13 Close-up of truck wheel and bumper

2:14-2:26 Trucks in parking lot

2:27-2:47 Vehicle driving on the beach.

2:48-3:04 Social media clips of people using a man-made water slide on the sand.

3:05-3:47 Social media clips of truck driving over Polihale sand dunes.

3:48-4:03 Shot of speed bump sign.

4:04-5:24 Shots of Polihale State Park sign

5:25-6:09 Shots of “No Driving on the Beach or Sand Dunes” sign

6:10-6:13 Shot of waves from sand dune.

6:14-6:40 Truck driving across the beach

6:41-7:07 Close-up shots of native plants on beach

7:08-7:17 Wide shot of native plant on sand dune

7:18-7:29 Polihale lineal descendant, Nohili Doria walking down path towards the beach.

7:30-7:53 Close shots of “No Driving on the Beach or Sand Dunes” sign

7:54-8:14 Shot of native plants on sand dune with ocean in the background.

8:15-8:24 Wide shot of Polihale beach

8:25-8:43 Patrons sitting on the beach.

8:44-9:06 Wide shot of beach coast

**Raylene “Sissy” Kahale (SOTs) Polihale Lineal Descendant**

9:06 Polihale is like our home. It's dead. You don't go to the bathroom at the same place you sleep or eat off. And this place is so sacred. I don't think people realize the mana that it brings and gives.

9:32 I think a lot has to do with education. Education of the area. You know, with Facebook and all these social media, they just show Polihale as a big beach, but it's actually just not a big beach. It's actually a home and resting place to a lot of our family members and it's still home. And what people don't realize is that every cove that we have on the west side here, house different fishes, different limo, different history to the streams, to the mountains. I think education is just like, you know, the endangered species. That's what it is actually Polihale, it's in an endangered species.

**Officer Armalin Richardson (SOTs) DOCARE Officer**

10:29 Since the closure we haven't seen a lot of that. And it's actually since camping itself, hasn't been reinstated and it's just day use, it's been primarily compliant and it actually it's been really mellow compared to it has been, you know, just in years past. So, we're happy with it. I think the community involvement had a lot to do with it as far as I think people realize how you know; how important it was to be on the best behavior in order to be able to keep using a place aa special as Polihale. So, that was what was good. So primarily, yeah, it's been really mellow. We haven't had to deal with a lot.

**Alan Carpenter (SOTs) State Parks Assistant Administrator**

11:11 We manage culture and recreation, and we invite recreation. It's one of our main missions. But we can't really have recreation that causes damage to cultural sites or cultural practices. And in many of our parks that has been the case. And Polihale is the prime example. We shut it down for a number of reasons, but predominantly because of the escalating numbers during the pandemic. But it's simply exacerbated issues that have been going on for years at Polihale due to lack of management. And that is the driving through the dunes where there are both burials and endangered plants. Just unfettered access to everywhere and sort of a sense of lawlessness, and that's not a hundred percent of the community's fault. We haven't done a proper job of managing. And so, we did add some new management measures, and this is part of the new messaging. We're getting out to people to try to flip the narrative on its head and basically say, “You know, recreation can be accommodated, but you have to understand the cultural importance and significance of a place so that you can recreate responsibly.”

12:13 So, we have a number of about 30 stewardship agreements. We call them curatorship throughout the state park systems. Due to our sort of lack of staff capacity, those are often some of the best managed and best taken care of places we have. I think it's an interesting conflict between what was happening at Polihale, pre-pandemic, and an early into it, and the opposite end of the coast at Hāʻena, where we've had a 20 yearlong stewardship agreement. And at Hāʻena, we have staff and a dedicated and hardworking stewardship group made up of a lot of families from the North Shore, including lineal descendants of the place, who have a true vested interest you know, even more so than even career bureaucrats like myself.