



## ROCK ISLAND RIDERS

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Mr Roger Imoto  
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re: Permit to the Rock Island Riders to prepare for 2010 Mauna Kea 200

Dear Mr. Imoto,

I deeply regret to inform you that the Rock Island Riders have decided not to rescind our cancellation of the 2010 Mauna Kea 200 event. This was not an easy decision to make. Our group is very committed to the event as evidenced by the fact that our core members have been involved since the first event in 1976. The only other time that we can recall having an agenda item on cancelling was in 1984 when the Mauna Loa eruption was underway.

We have carefully considered your revised permit guidelines and discussed at length the meeting of January 10 between yourself and Irving Kawashima of DOFAW and myself, Dennis Vierra and Wayne Blyth of the Rock Island Riders. What was very evident from this meeting was that Mr. Kawashima appears to have a vendetta against the Rock Island Riders going back to 2004. It is also evident that, although signed by you, the original guidelines of January 8 were composed by Mr. Kawashima. We were quite astounded by his unprofessional behavior at the meeting. Given the late date, the revised permit guidelines that still need work, and the unabated micro-management tendencies of Mr. Kawashima, we feel it would be unwise to proceed with this year's event.

Please understand that we appreciate your attempt at mediating the differences between Mr. Kawashima and ourselves. Hopefully, with enough time, an agreement can be had with your office to allow the 2011 event to take place.

Sincerely,

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