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Hawai'i is Open for Business!

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Aloha,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority participated in a conference call today with the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency to get an update on the aftermath of the storm system that brought unusually heavy rainfall to the state over the past week.

To recap, Hurricane Lane was approaching Hawai'i last week until strong wind shear and trade winds steadily weakened it from a category 5 hurricane to a tropical storm over a three-day period before finally pushing it away from the islands last Friday.

Currently, Post-Tropical Cyclone Lane is continuing to move in a westward direction far away from the Hawaiian Islands and is no longer a threat to residents and visitors.

The remnants of the storm, however, brought excessive rainfall and flash flooding to localized areas around the state, most notably on the island of Hawai'i and Kaua'i.

Assessments are ongoing on each island to determine any recovery efforts that are still needed to address the impacts of this rare and abnormal weather system.

But, to be clear, the State of Hawai'i is fully open for business and travelers should not be dissuaded at all from making or planning trips to our beautiful island home.

All airports, resorts and hotels, activities, restaurants, retail operations, beaches and publicly accessible roadways are open, as well as most forest lands and state and county parks.

For the latest updates and information, please refer to the special Alert page on the home page of HTA's website or by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org/news/alerts/>

To prospective travelers and anyone interested in Hawaii, please know this. The weather is beautiful today, sunny, warm and inviting, exactly what everyone expects when being in the Hawaiian Islands.

With warmest aloha,

George D. Szigeti
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