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Mid-to-Low Elevation Christmas Tree Demonstration Project Grower Meeting

What: Locally-grown Christmas Tree Grower Meeting

When: Friday, November 2, 2018
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Where: DLNR Division of Forestry Office
19 E Kawili Street
Hilo, HI 96720

Who: Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, Hawai'i Forest Institute, &
Hawai'i Agriculture Research Center

Topics: Hawai'i Department of Agriculture's Support for Locally-grown Christmas trees
Hawai'i County Research & Development "Mo' Better Buy Local"
Humu'ula Douglas Fir Plantings Update
"Production & Evaluation of Mid-to-Low Elevation Trees to Replace Imported Christmas Trees" Update
Attendees Share Experience Growing Christmas Trees
Self-guided tour of Division of Forestry & Wildlife Arboretum

RSVP: hfia@hawaiiforest.org by October 25, 2018
The meeting is free of charge with limited seating. Refreshments will be provided.

Project Funders: State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA)
County of Hawai'i Department of Research & Development
US Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Marketing Service

About the Production & Evaluation of Mid-to-Low Elevation Christmas Trees Project: The goal of this phase of the Christmas Tree Demonstration Project is to demonstrate that conifer species can be grown at mid-to-low elevations and identify the species and cultivars that produce acceptable Christmas trees – in pots and in the ground. Outplantings at different elevations is being done with collaborators.

About the 'Āina Mauna Christmas Tree Demonstration Project: This phase of the Christmas Tree Demonstration Project included importing and propagating seed and outplanting Douglas fir seedlings at Department of Hawaiian Home Lands site in Humu'ula. Our goal is to show that Douglas fir is suitable for Hawai'i production and to establish protocols and methods to create top quality Christmas trees that can compete with imported trees in local markets.

Why Are We Growing Local Christmas Trees?: According to HDOA, shipments of Christmas trees from the Pacific Northwest have been found to be widely infested with slugs and other pests. Once an invasive pest or disease becomes established in Hawai'i, it may have a devastating impact on Hawai'i agriculture. Providing Hawai'i with locally-grown Christmas trees will support import replacement and promote the "Buying Local, It Matters" message.

Christmas Tree Demonstration Project Partners: State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture; Aileen's Nursery; Hawai'i Forest Institute; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawai'i Agriculture Research Center; DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife; County of Hawai'i Department of Research & Development; College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Wade Lee, Háloa Áina; Kulani Correctional Facility, Hawaii Invasive Species Council; and USDA Forest Service.

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