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Aloha and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou,

With it being a brand new year, and with a change in our management team, we felt that it would be a great time to reconnect with you all. We are in the process of reviewing the SKYWARN Spotter Network to make sure we have current information to get the quickest and most reliable weather reports, as well as provide you with all necessary information and materials to keep your reports coming in to us.

First and foremost, we have had a change in our office staff. Our previous Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM), Tom Heffner, has retired and we have welcomed Nezette Rydell from San Antonio, Texas to fill his position. Helping her with the program update is Meteorologist Intern Lisa Reed.

In order for us to best utilize your weather spotting skills, we need to make sure we have all of your updated information. A form to update your information is included with this letter. If you have internet access, you can update online at www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/skywarn, or you may send updates, questions, ideas, or requests by email to W-HFO.Spotters@noaa.gov.

We thank you for your time, cooperation and patience while we update and improve our program. We appreciate the invaluable service you provide to the National Weather Service. You are a key player in helping us to effectively serve our mission, of providing "weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the United States, its territories, adjacent waters and ocean areas, for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy".

Mahalo,

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