Aloha,

Why don't I want TMT built?
As a keiki o ka 'āina I know that when the rivers are flowing that means we get wai on the top of our mauna. If they build this TMT, all the toxins from all the materials they going use going go in our wai and if you never know, WATER IS WEALTH. And where they are planning on building this TMT is kapu space which contains a whole lot of wai ! And just for them thinking of building this telescope over there is disrespectful in so many ways !! We kanaka maoli gotta malama our mauna cause our mauna malamas us, REAL WELL! We are Mauna Kea ! Mauna Kea is what makes us who we are! Building not just another telescope but one that happens to be the largest ever, is not malamaing what we hawaiians have left as ours ! Already get 13 other telescopes, knock em down and build em over there, or in fact knock em all down cause it's taking up space where poliahu should be !! Go build one high building somewhere else and put your TMT's on dat!! We kanaka maoli are blessed to have Mauna Kea, not only for its beauty but for it's natrual blessings. Poliahu who continues to bless us with her beauty adding a glow to our mauna and wai to our kai; the thick healthy rain forests that continue to capture the wai that falls from the heavens while adding such beautiful scenery; and the joy and happiness that the Mauna itself brings not only to the kanaka but the keiki. The keiki of the future ! They need Mauna Kea, cause for them understand who they are, Mauna Kea holds a lot of answers! Not the telescopes, the mauna !! Mauna Kea is special to me because when I choose to huaka'i I choose to go there, for be away from the city, for reconnect, for just be happy. When I drive from Hilo to Kona I choose to go saddle so I can catch a glimpse of what makes Hawai'i, Hawai'i. When I see the mauna whether it's getting blessed with the mists of the clouds, or getting it's shine on by the clearest skies and brightest sunlight I cannot help but smile and just stare for as long as I can. With the mana that Mauna Kea holds, I know I ain't the only one who feels this way, and to me, the telescopes is only weakening the smile ! So please, 'A'OLE TMT !!! PROTECT MAUNA KEA !!!

Mahalo!!

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