



Pōhakuloa Training Area: Timeline to Date

Aug. 15, 1964	The state and the federal government execute seven, 65-year leases covering an area of 117,000 acres. Executive Order 11166 signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson included 65-year leases for 22,386 acres of land at the Pōhakuloa Training Area and for 1,515 acres in Makua Valley.
Aug.-Sept. 1981	Big Island environmental groups protest training exercises, alleging that the exercises jeopardize endangered birds and plants. The Army agrees to follow guidelines set up by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
2005-2015	The Army begins using PTA to train its Stryker Brigade Combat teams. But after investing \$1.5 billion in the venture here, the Army transfers its Stryker teams to the continental U.S.
April 28, 2014	Two Native Hawaiians sue the state over the military's use of PTA for live-fire exercises. A Circuit judge ruled that the state failed to adequately take care of the land and ordered it to develop a detailed monitoring plan. The ruling is upheld by the Hawai'i Supreme Court.
April 3, 2025	Army releases final environmental impact statement for the Army training land retention at the training area.
May 9, 2025	The Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) rejects the Army's Final EIS for PTA.
July 22, 2025	U.S. Army Secretary Dan Driscoll meets with Governor Josh Green, M.D., to discuss future lease arrangements for PTA.
July 31, 2025	The Army releases its Record of Decision (ROD) for PTA.
Aug. 20, 2025	Secretary Driscoll issues a letter to Gov. Green outlining the Army's need to reach a new framework on military land leases in Hawai'i by the end of this year.
Aug. 16, 2029	The Army's lease expires for its use of state-owned lands at the Pōhakuloa Training Area