

while scaling work is being done.

ILLEGAL CAMPSITES, a chronic problem, have grown worse, said Quinn.

Heaps of trash accumulate in the park from squatters.

« It's been a mess for far too long, » said Carpenter.

Even worse, illegal campers are removing rocks from centuries-old native Hawaiian sacred sites.

« In the most egregious instances, some take up residence in heiau (temple) sites, digging up the ground to create gardens and rearranging the stonework for cooking fires and dwellings, » said Carpenter. « Uncontrolled planting of a myriad of non-native food plants is damaging both the archaeological deposits and displacing native flora.

« It's so disheartening to see the abuse from illegal campers. »

Conservation enforcement officers issued 23 citations in June in Na Pali State Park and 27 citations from July to Friday. Twenty-nine citations were issued during a sweep in February.

An estimated \$70,000 will go toward the cleanup and enforcement as well as feral animal control and trail restoration. Work will be done by staff within the Department of Land and Natural Resources with the exception of the feral animal control, which will be done by hunters.

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