Remapping Hawai‘i
Volcanoes National Park

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This presentation is given on the ancestral homelands of the Arapahoe, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples.
On an island in the sea,
A great shield volcano rises majestically,
Its slopes gentle and broad,
Its summit shrouded in clouds.

But how to capture its shape?
How to make a map that won’t escape
The nuances of its form,
The ridges, valleys, and storms?

For a shield volcano is not like a peak,
With a sharp summit and slopes steep,
It is a mountain of gentle flow,
Born of lava that moves slow.

Its slopes are smooth and wide,
Its outline difficult to decide,
For the volcano is not a cone,
But a shape that seems to have grown.

And so, to make a map of a shield volcano,
Is a task that proves hard to follow,
For its form is not easily defined,
Its outline hard to confine.

Yet still we try, with tools in hand,
To capture the shape of this great land,
To understand its every curve and bend,
And to share its beauty with all our friends.
Visitors confused by 3D perspective
Park wanted to show relation to rest of Island (namely Hilo and Kailua Kona)
I like the vertical exaggeration
Perspective of park favors this view (Chain of Craters road)
More detail (dates of lava flows)
Fast turn around time! Have to map fast!
Everything is always erupting and changing