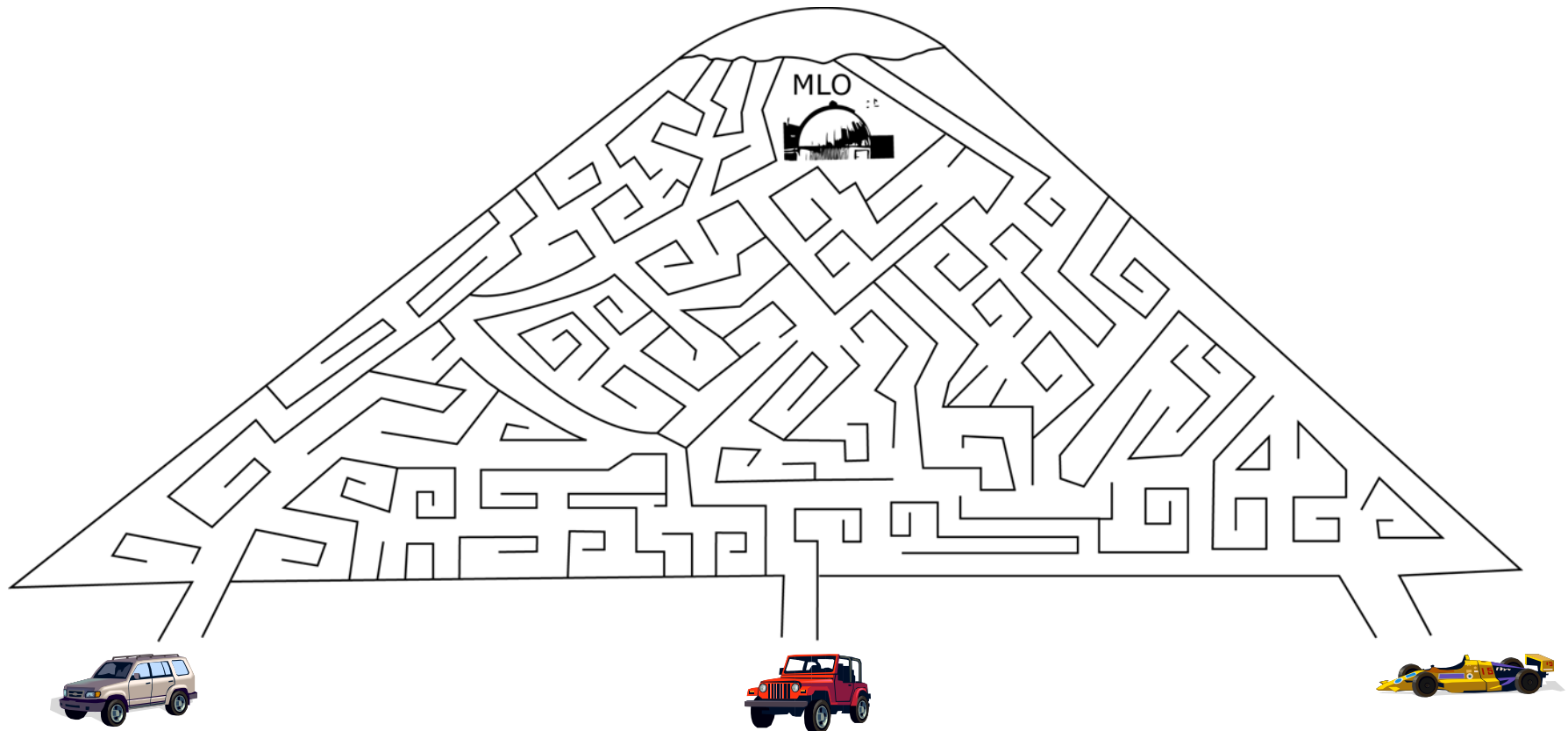


HELP THE MLO STAFF REACH THE OBSERVATORY!



The Mauna Loa Road begins between mile marker 27 and 28 on the Saddle Road that passes between Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa Volcanoes. The MLO staff travels 18 miles on this poorly paved, winding single-lane road through a somewhat barren lava field occasionally scattered with ohelo berry shrubs.