



Forest Lands Weekly Event Calendar Friday 18th June 2021

Akatarawa Forest

At Covid alert level 1, 4WD trips, concessions and permitted organised groups need to keep contact tracing calendars and details. This can be done by downloading the NZ government Covid tracer app and signing in by using the QR codes located at forest entrances and Orange Hut. One member of the group/trip needs to keep a record of attendance for that group/trip. These may need to be produced if the Covid virus appears locally. GWRC no longer need these to be sent in after a trip or event.

Hand hygiene should still be adhered to handling gates and locks. Sanitise hands before and after using gates and locks. If unwell stay home.

**Active logging areas remain off limits to all recreation. Adhere to signage.
Clearys road from Wainui stream to Cooks Ridge junction closed to all vehicles**

Current:

- **Slips on McGhies road please use caution**
- **Any incidents resulting in fire or potential for fire are to be reported immediately Call 111**
- **Rock Garden experienced 4WD drivers only due to difficult terrain**
- **Steep slopes above Puketiro Road from the 14km to 17km markers have had some old harvesting wastes (root balls and dead spars) loosened by recent weather conditions. Please do not stop on this section of road and be vigilant while passing through, as there is potential for woody material to move down slope towards you.**

- **Caution is required when driving on all the forests roads. Hazards may include fallen trees, washouts debris and slips.**
- **Speed Limit on Forest Roads 30km/h**
- **Devils Staircase/Rock Garden route difficult terrain experienced trail/quad riders only**
- **Extra care needed when using all ford crossing**

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Akatarawa Forest Block

- Greater Wellington Regional Council Rangers will be on Duty throughout the Forest.
- **Whakatikei wetland closed to all motorised recreation users.**

Notice of possum control using 1080 baits applied by helicopter.

There is a need for predator control within the Akatarawa Forest to protect our vulnerable ecosystems and the forest will be closed to all visitors while this operation is being undertaken.

The planning for this operation has now been completed and the prefeed application was applied on 27th May. We expect to apply the 1080 baits at the next opportunity when weather conditions are suitable after Queens Birthday weekend.

- 1080 baits are a cereal based pellet, approximately 30mm long, 20mm diameter and dyed green.

For the operation to go ahead we need a nice fine day with minimal wind so that the helicopters can accurately undertake their task, then we need at two fine nights so that possums will move about and feed upon the baits.

On the day of the 1080 bait application, there will be no public access into the Akatarawa Forest Park. In addition, there will be no public access for two days following the 1080 application. The park will be closed to allow time for staff to check tracks and remove any baits found. During these closures, access to the Park will not be possible for vehicles travelling via Bulls Run Road, Goat Hill Road, Airstrip Drive and Valley View Road to reach Upper Hutt.

The Akatarawa Forest Park will be closed for four months to all pig and deer hunting from the 11 May. Hunters will be notified when they can re-enter the park under permit conditions.

Once the operation has been undertaken visitors are requested to take extra care for up to six months or longer if necessary.

We will be providing notification when normal use of the Forest can resume, this will occur when 1080 baits have become non-toxic and possum carcasses have decomposed.

A fact sheet that includes a map of the operational area can be found online at www.gw.govt.nz/1080ops/ and information regarding the use of 1080 can be found at www.1080facts.co.nz/

Precautions:

Toxic baits and possum carcasses are dangerous, particularly to children and dogs.

- Children should be kept under strict supervision in the operational area.
- Dogs should be kept under strict control at all times and not have access to, or be taken into the operational area as they are particularly susceptible to 1080 and poisoned carcasses.
- The taking of feral game (pigs and deer) for consumption is to be avoided until further notice.

Please follow instructions on the poison warning signs, which will be erected at all points of public access. It is an offence to remove any of these signs.

Metro Plantation Forestry Akatarawa

Fire Danger

There are to be no fires lit and no cigarette smoking within the exotic forest estate. Any fires need to be reported to the Forest360 forest manager immediately after calling 111

Puketiro Forest

- Please note the radio frequency in this forest. All users must have FOMS1 for
- Comvita now have Hives throughout Puketiro Forest
- Transpower are undertaking tree felling clearance work around the power lines
- Harvesting operations underway in Junction Hill block. Logging traffic using Cooks Ridge access.
- Cleary's Road from Cooks Ridge to the Wainui Stream will be blocked whilst harvesting operations are underway. Use Cooks Ridge access off Puketrito Road as an alternative.

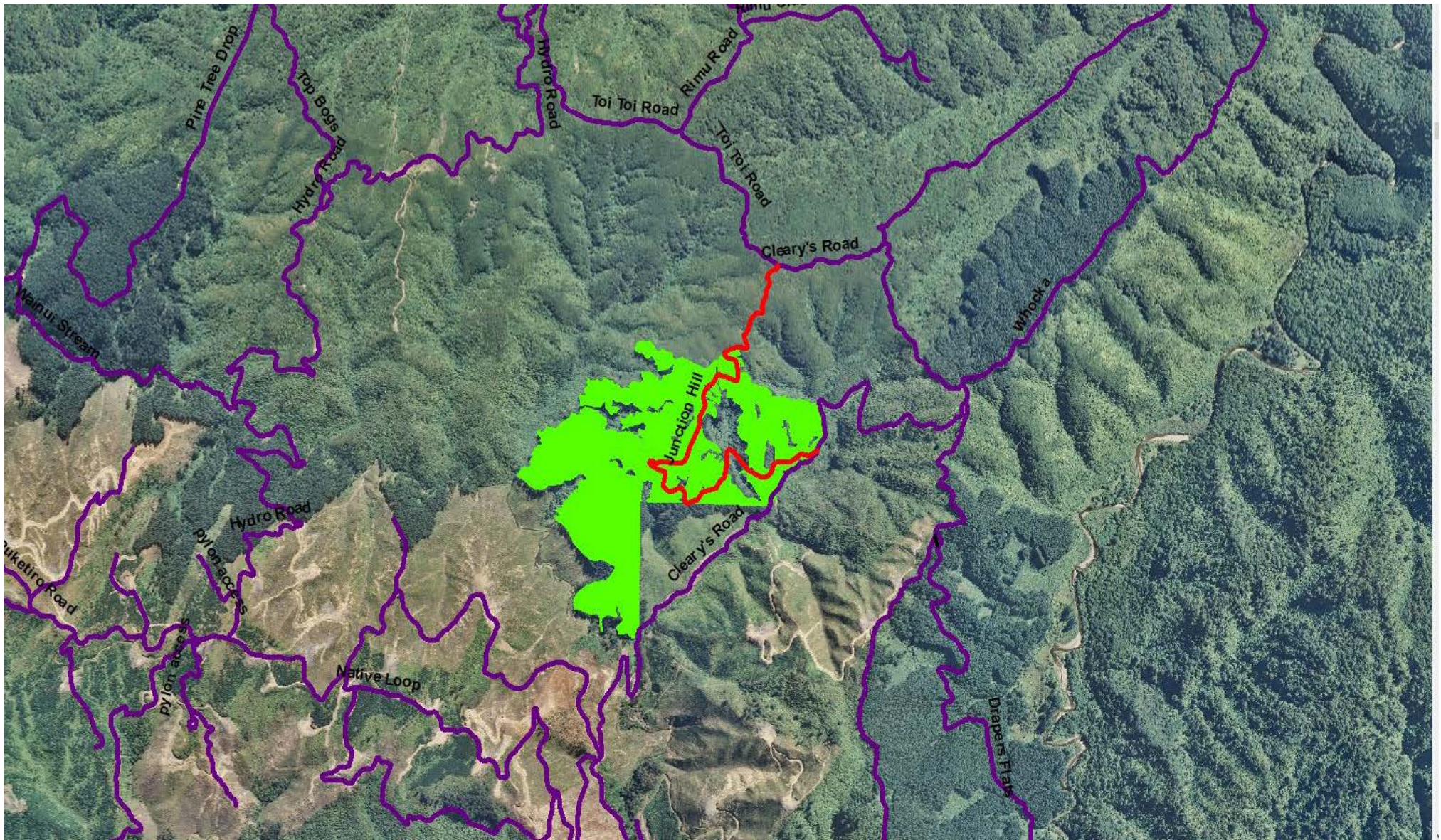
Whakatikei Forest

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Valley View Forest

Please note the radio frequency change in this forest. All users must now have FOMS1 for communicating.

Radio communication on these roads at all times



Junction Hill

Metro Plantation Forestry Pakuratahi

Fire Danger

There are to be no fires lit and no cigarette smoking within the exotic forest estate. Any fires need to be reported to the PF Olsen forest manager immediately after calling 111

Mangaroa Forest

- Earthworks operations underway in Mangaroa Forest in the area of Colletts Stream. Operational signage in place.

Maymorn Forest

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**The speed limit in the Forests is 30kph
Please ensure that you obey this limit.
Not all vehicles are equipped with radios –
Drive to stop in half the clear distance ahead
All vehicles must have headlights on in forest**

**BEWARE OF MOUNTAIN BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS ADJACENT TO
LOGGING ROADS**

All vehicles MUST give way to loaded logging trucks



**Pakuratahi Forest Weekly Calendar
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Pakuratahi Forest

- Greater Wellington Regional Council Rangers will be on Duty throughout the Forest.

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KNE Feral Ungulate Hunting Schedule Akatarawa and Pakuratahi Forests

Akatarawa Forest Block

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Pakuratahi Forest

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