



## Forest Lands Weekly Event Calendar Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 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.**

## Current:

- Any incidents resulting in fire or potential for fire are to be reported immediately Call 111
  - Due to the closure of Campbell Mill Road, for logging operations on the neighbouring landowners property (3/4 of the way up), please take extra care on Perhams Road as there is likely to be more mountain bike, horse and walking traffic entering via this route.
  - Rock Garden closed to 4WD due to track subsidence
  - 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.
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- 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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| Date  | Organisation  | Contact         | Vehicles             | Event   | Areas to be used  |
|---|---|-----------------|----------------------|---|---|
| 1. Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March –<br>Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021      | Abbotts Creek 4x4 Club                                  | Scott Weddell   | 10 x 4WD             | Club Trip   | Hydro, Whakatikai Rd,<br>Norms Crossing, Rimu, Toi<br>Toi, Pram Track, Valley View,<br>Totara Park                                      |
| 2. Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March –<br>Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021      | Abbotts Creek 4x4 Club                                  | Barry Williams  | 10 x 4WD             | Club Trip   | Totara park valley view pram<br>track whakatiki rd perhams rd<br>and return   |
| 3. Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March  | Kapi Mana Club  | Murray Dick     | 2 x Motorcycles      | Trail ride final<br>clearance of tracks                         | Puketiro, cooks ridge, toi toi,<br>hydro road   |
| 4. Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April  | Kapiti Motorcycle Club<br>ID2421                        | Grant Simpson   | Motorbikes 4WD ,LUV. | Fundraiser trail ride<br><b>Route closed to<br/>other users</b> | Perhams rd, Whaklatikei rd,<br>Norms Crossing, Hydro valley<br>rd, Hydro rd-Orange hut,<br>Ruts, Slippery forest,<br>Fenceline, Titi rd |
| 5. Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2021<br>– Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 | Karapoti Classic  | Michael Jacques | 2 x 4WD              | Karapoti Classic Reccie   | Valley View, Hukinga,<br>Deadwood Ridge, Pram<br>Track, Titi Road, Devils<br>Staircase, Whakatiki,                                      |
| 6. Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  | Kapiti Motorcycle club<br>ID2421<br><b>Back up date</b> | Grant Simpson   |                      |   |   |
| 7. Sunday 2nd May 2021  | Karapoti Classic  | Michael Jacques | 500 x Bikes          | Karapoti Classic<br><b>Forest<br/>Closed</b>                    | Valley View, Hukinga,<br>Deadwood Ridge, Pram<br>Track, Titi Road, Devils<br>Staircase, Whakatiki,                                      |

## Akatarawa Forest Block

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

### Updated 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 proposed aerial 1080 operation which has previously been notified has not commenced during the months of February-March as expected.

We are currently working with an interested party in relation to this planned activity and will be able to give you further updates once this process is concluded. However, we are hoping that the operation will proceed mid-Autumn to winter 2021.

During the operation non-toxic, tan coloured 'pre-feed' pellets will be applied, then 7-10 days later, green pellets containing the biodegradable pesticide, 1080 will be applied. The operation is also weather dependant, so further delays may occur due to rain or wind.

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.

#### **Tips for staying safe once the 1080 baits have been applied.**

- Strictly supervise all children.
- Baits and carcasses are deadly to dogs - consider alternate areas for dog walking.
- Hunting is not permitted, feral animals may contain toxin and should not be eaten,

For further information please see [www.gw.govt.nz/1080ops/](http://www.gw.govt.nz/1080ops/)

## 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**
- Spraying is planned for April in the Whocka Block please adhere to all signage
- Thinning operations underway in the Dicks Yard and Road 9 areas. Road closures possible whilst roadside trees felled.
- Thinning operations to commence in the Dicks Yard area the week starting 22nd February. Temporary road closures whilst roadside trees are felled
- Earthworks operations likely in Junction Hill block this weekend
- Road grading for maintenance occurring over the next week. Operational signage in place. Grader may not hear radios due to cab noise. Take care on the roads.
- 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

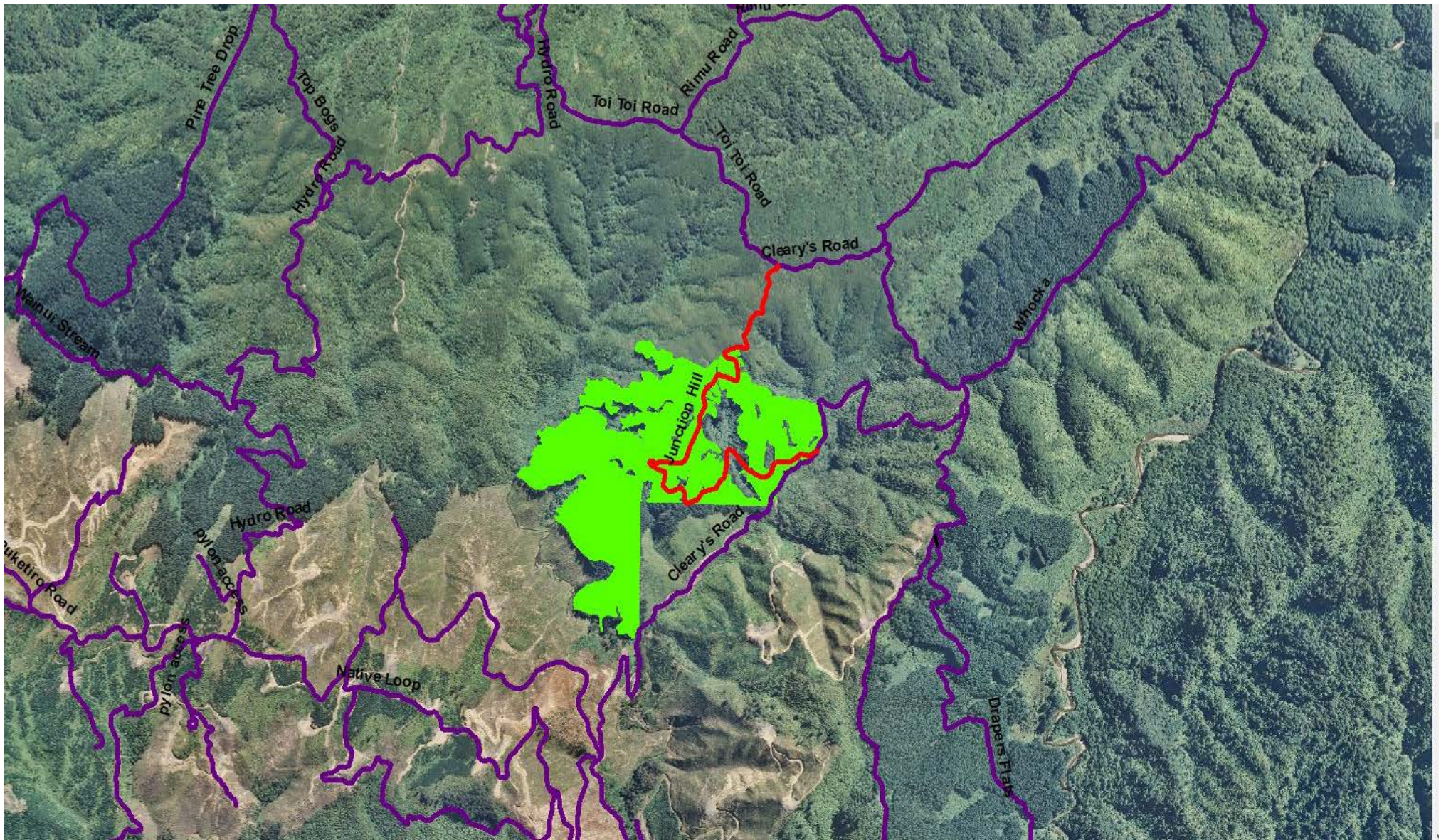
- Spraying is planned for April in the Whakatikei Forest please adhere to all signage and closures

## Valley View Forest

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

- Machinery will be working on Valley View Road between the Totara Park gate and 2.2km Valley View Road from 3rd March 2021. Work will be ongoing for 2-3 days. Signage in place.
- Road grading for maintenance occurring over the next week. Operational signage in place. Grader may not hear radios due to cab noise. Take care on the roads.

**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 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

| Date   | Organisation | Contact       | Vehicles     | Activities  | Areas to be used                       |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---|--|
| 1. Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021 –<br>Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 | Forest 360   | Chris Gibbons | 5 x Vehicles | Felling dangerous trees<br>Rail trail access restrictions | Remutaka rail trail main gate entrance |

## 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

- 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021