



Akatarawa Forest Weekly Event Calendar

Friday 16th October 2015

Date	Organisation	Contact	Vehicles	Activities	Areas to be used
1. Thursday 1 st October 2015 – Saturday 31 st October 2015	ARAC	Marcus Steeneken	5 x 4WD	ARAC related activities Continued work on Orange Hut BBQ project, including concrete block fill, paths wood shed, repairs and maintenance.	Valley View Rd, Clarkes Creek, Airstrip Dr, Woolshed Rd, McGhies Br, Deadwood Ridge, Titi Rd, Perhams Rd, Whakatikei Rd, Hydro Valley, Hydro Rd, Rimu Rd, Pram Track, ToiToi Rd, Clearys Rd, Puketiro Rd
2. Saturday 24 th October – Monday 26 th October-2015	CCVC	Graeme Millard	15 x 4WD	4WD Tour	Valley View Rd, Clarkes Creek, Airstrip Dr, Woolshed Rd, McGhies Br, Deadwood Ridge, Titi Rd, Perhams Rd, Whakatikei Rd, Hydro Valley, Hydro Rd, Rimu Rd, Pram Track, ToiToi Rd, Clearys Rd, Puketiro Rd

**Following the recent wet weather, extra caution is required when driving on all the forests roads.
Hazards including fallen trees, washouts and slips are likely.**

Note:

Slip on lower Hukinga Road, proceed with care.

Scouring and slip on Hydro Road above Wainui Stream proceed with care.

Extra care needed when using all ford crossings.

Whakatikei causeway closed until further notice.

Wash outs on Whakatikei Road and Titi Road proceed pass with care.

Plantation Forestry

Valley View Forest

- Logging and earthworks are continuing in Lindsays Block. No public access beyond Ragwort Hill please (10km Ragwort Hill)
- Logging to re-commence in the macrocarpa at the bottom of Woolshed Road in the next few weeks/month. **Woolshed Road will be closed** whilst logging is carried out.
- Road maintenance will be ongoing in the Lindsays, Valley View and Rallywoods area. Excavators and mowers will be working in these areas over the next few weeks. Operational signage will be in place. Take caution when driving on these roads.
- Thinning operations are underway in the Beech Spur area. Beech spur Road maybe closed whilst roadside trees are felled.
- Aerial spraying in recently planted blocks (Lindsay's area) will occur over the next fortnight subject to weather. Expect road closures when this happens

Pakuratahi Forest

- Maintenance to a culvert on Station Drive will occur in the next week. It is likely a section of Station Drive will be closed due to machinery and truck movements

Puketiro Forest

- Logging operations are underway based on the edge of the Chesterfield property. **Puketiro Road may still be closed for extended periods** whilst roadside trees are harvested. Do not proceed past operational signage without making radio contact with the logging crew. .
- Logging operations have started in Drapers area (turnoff at the 16.5km Puketiro Rd). Logging equipment is being transported and set up in the Drapers 1 Road. **No public access to the Drapers Roads area please.**
- Tree felling has begun in the trees adjacent Puketiro Road near the Cleary's Rd intersection . **Puketiro Road will be closed for extended periods** between the Chesterfield access and Drapers Roads (14.5km and 16.5km Puketiro Rd). Road Closures at this point will be ongoing for several months.
- Aerial spraying in recently planted blocks will occur over the next fortnight subject to weather. Expect road closures when this happens
- Thinning is ongoing in the block between Road 9 and 19km Puketiro Road. Please avoid access to the side roads in this area. Expect closures whilst roadside trees are felled.
- **Logging traffic along Puketiro, Rallywoods, Airstrip, Valley View, Lindsays and Ragworts roads between 4am and 5pm weekdays. Radio communication on these roads at all times.**
- **Following the recent wet weather, extra caution is required when driving on all the forests roads. Hazards including fallen trees, and debris, washouts and slips are likely. Drive to the conditions.**
- **The logging radio frequency will change on the 11th of May. The current frequency will not be usable in the forest from this date. Contact Richard Beamish-White (029 770 6223) or Chris Gibbons (027 478 8106) for more details.**

Whakatikei Forest

Hukinga Forest

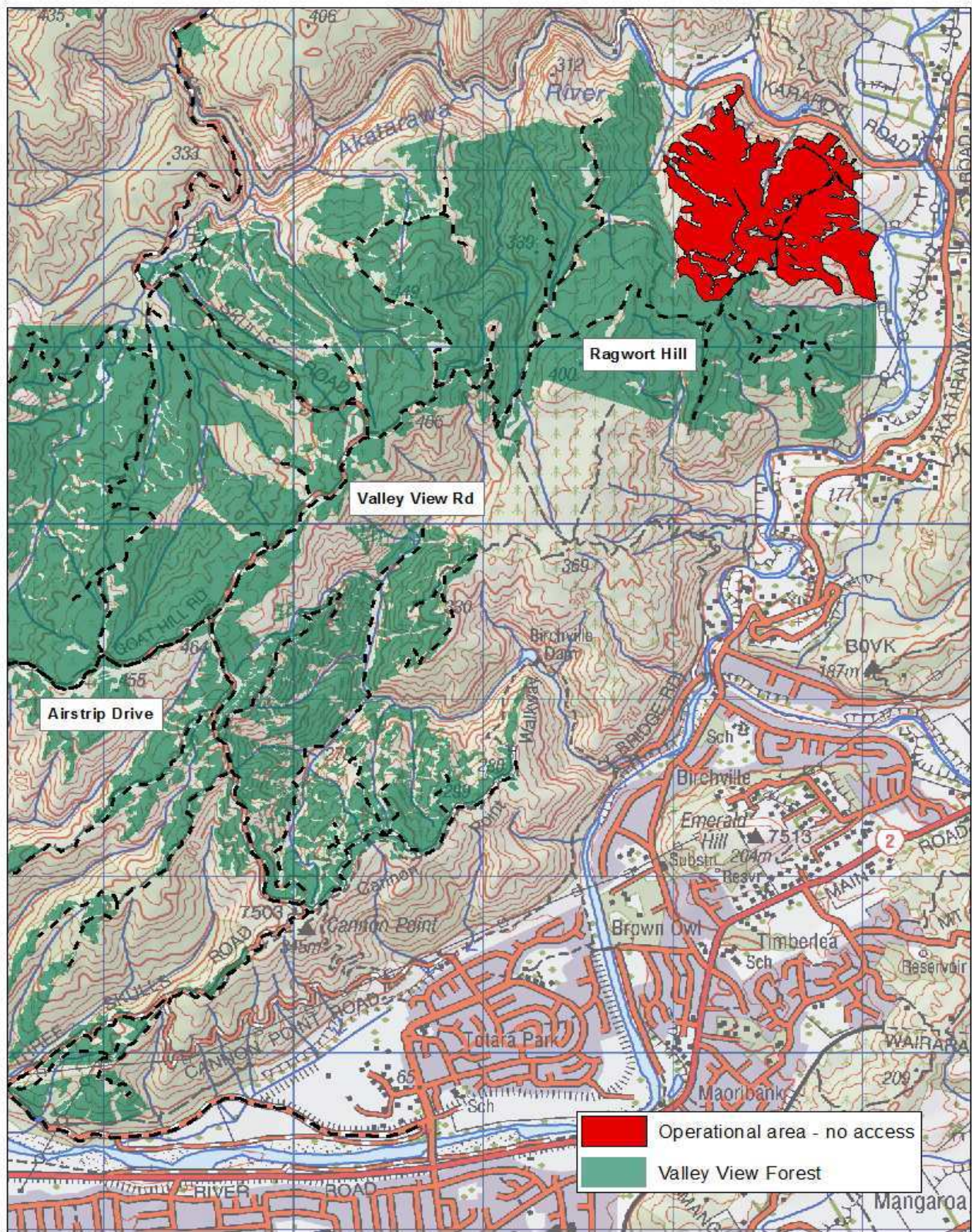
- Thinning operations are underway near Hukinga Road north of the Pram Track crossing (towards Cederholm Creek). Closures on Hukinga Road will be in place whilst roadside trees are felled.

**The speed limit in the Forest 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**

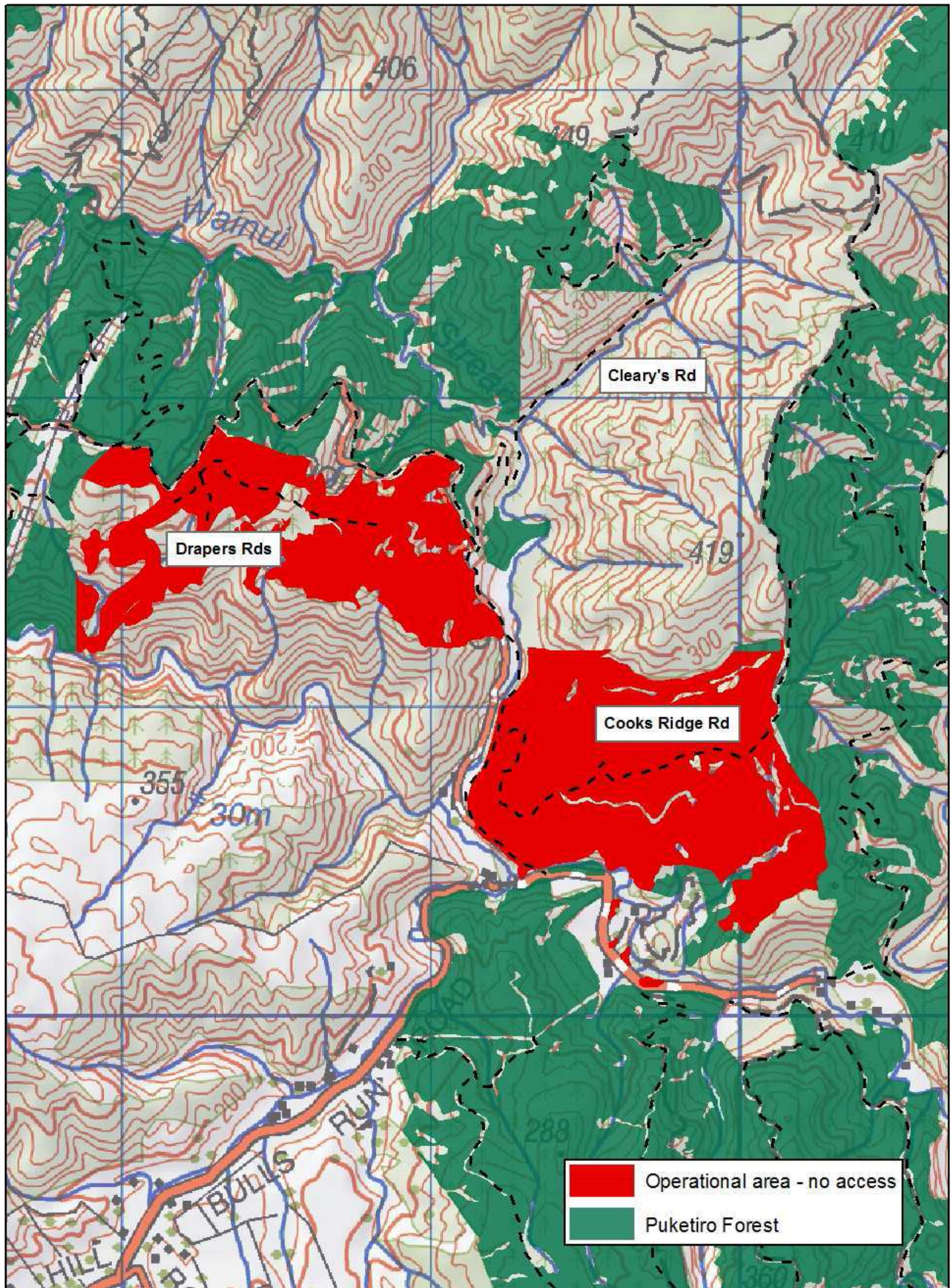
**BEWARE OF MOUNTAIN BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS ON & ADJACENT TO
LOGGING ROADS**

All vehicles MUST give way to loaded logging trucks

Logging Crew Location Map



Valley View Forest



Puketiro Forest



Akatarawa Forest Block

- **Greater Wellington Regional Council Rangers will be on Duty throughout the Forest**
- **Devil's Staircase route is CLOSED to ALL motorised vehicles until Labour weekend due to maintenance and settling process for track surface.**
- **Causeway Closed to vehicles due to wash out.**
 - **19/10 - 30/10 Heavy machinery / excavator in use on Devils Staircase , Titi Road and Hydro Valley Road.**
 - **21/10 – 30/10 Programmed maintenance along Hukinga road and Pram Track. Involves use of heavy machinery / excavator. Note; Pram track will be closed to vehicles**
- **Tobins Limited** – Pylon maintenance (blasting and painting) will be carried out during the year (weather dependant) by Tobin's Ltd. Vehicles and crew will be entering and exiting Maungakotukutuku gate
- **Electrix Limited** – is working in conjunction with United Group on the Pylons off Hydro Road
- **Transpower** – Pylon maintenance on going may involve heavy machinery on Hydro Road.
- **Police dog training school** – will be ongoing on the roads within the Valley View area, Valley View Forest



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Parks

- **Greater Wellington Regional Council Rangers will be on Duty throughout the Forest.**
- **Horse riding ongoing** – route through Maymorn, Tunnel Gully, Station Drive, Kaitoke Hill Track and Pylon Loop Track.
- **Police dog training school** – will be using the Maymorn forest for ongoing training entering and exiting via Gabities.
- **Deer Stalkers Rifle Range** – Associated clubs use Range most weekends.

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