



Akatarawa Forest Weekly Event Calendar Friday 27th November 2015

Date	Organisation	Contact	Vehicles	Activities	Areas to be used
1. Sunday 1 st November 2015 – Monday 30 th November 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. Friday 27 th November 2015	Master Drive Services	Keith Bridgeman	4 x 4WD	4WD training for GWRC	Valley View Road, Airstrip Drive
3. Sunday 29 th November 2015	Wellington Family 4x4 Club	Dave De Martin	x 4WD	4WD Trip	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
4. Sunday 29 th November 2015	Abbotts Creek	Jason Small	3-6 x 4WD	4WD Trip	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
5. Sunday 29 th November 2015	Farm Forestry	Dave Gratton	4-5 4WD	Pruning & Releasing Redwoods at Stratton Park	Valley View Road
6. Saturday 5 th December 2015	Featherston Family 4x4 Club	Alistair Mullis	12 x 4WD	4Wheel Drive Trip	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
7. Sunday 6 th December 2015	WATRC	Liz Antunovic	1x 4WD	Horse Riding Event	Blow Fly, Curtis Flat, Dicks Yard, Puketiro Rd

8. Sunday 6 th December 2015 (to be approved)	CCVC	G Millard	20 x 4WD	Family Trip	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
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Note:

**Slip and Slumping on Deadwood Ridge 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.**

Plantation Forestry

Valley View Forest

- There is a slip blocking Kilometre Road. Machinery will be clearing the slip in the next week along with other earthworks in this area. **Kilometre Road is closed for the time being.**
- Roadside spraying along Valley View Road, Airstrip Drive and Lindsays Road
- Firepond Maintenance along Lindsays Road
- Thinning operations will soon start in the Long Spur area (left turn at 5.75km Valley View Rd) This side road will be closed whilst roadside trees are felled.
- Harvesting continues in Beech Spur and Valley View. Beech Spur Road will be closed to public access for the duration of the logging operation.
- Aerial spraying in recently planted blocks (Lindsay's area from marker 1) will occur over the coming weeks, subject to weather. Expect road closures when this happens. Roadway spraying in Valley View, Kilometre, Karapoti and Lindsays Road.
- Road maintenance as follows;
 - Tractor mounted sprayer controlling roadside weeds in the Rallywoods, Beech Spur, Lindsays and Valley View roads
 - Grading of Valley View, Rallywoods and Lindsays Roads
 - Signage installation Gate installation, Rallywoods/Airstrip Drive

Hukinga Forest

Puketiro Forest

- Harvesting operations are underway in Drapers Block adjacent to Puketiro Rd. **Puketiro Road will be closed for extended periods** between the 14.5km and 16.5km marks whilst tree felling and harvesting occurs. This may last several months. Access to Cleary's Road may be possible following radio communication with the logging crew.
- Roadside spraying along Puketiro Road and Rallywoods Road.
- Aerial spraying to occur on next available spray day weather permitting. Areas affected include Cooks Ridge road area and Yards Road/Puketiro/Blowfly area. Expect road closures when this happens
- Harvesting along Rallywoods Road between the Rallywoods gate and marker 11, Road control in place and delays possible between 8:00am and after 4:00pm.
- **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)

Whakatikei Forest

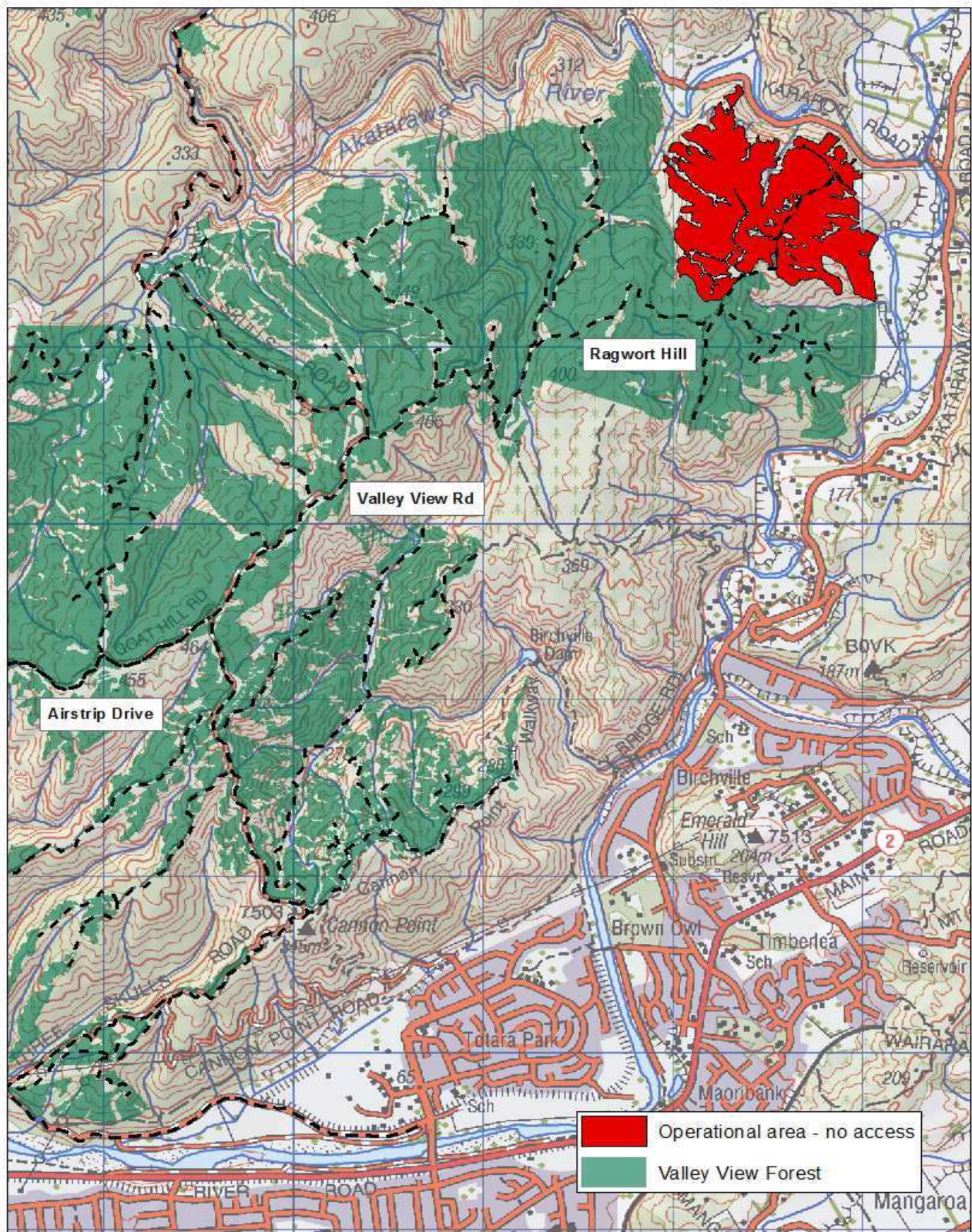
Pakuratahi Forest

**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**

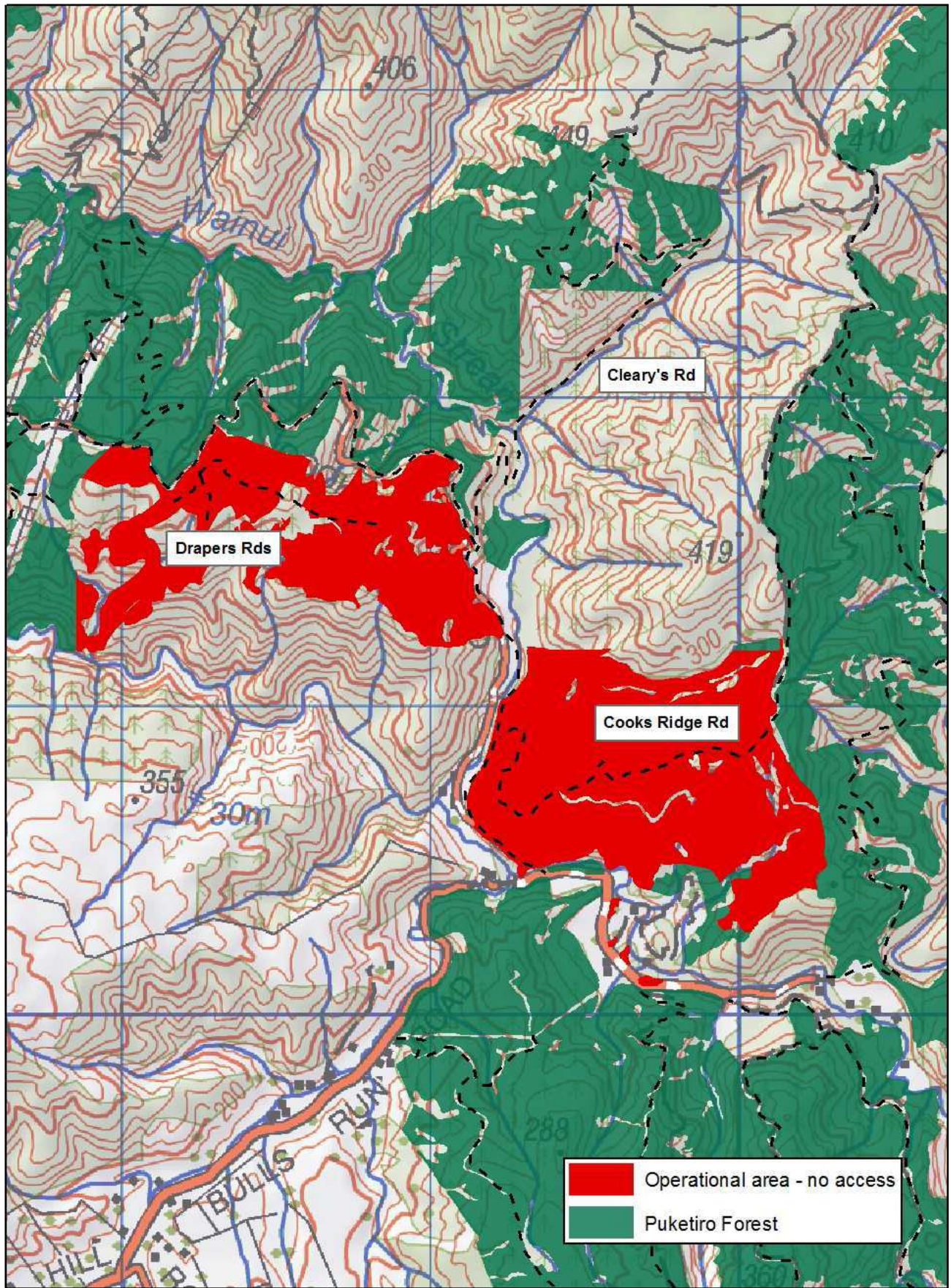
All vehicles MUST give way to loaded logging trucks

Logging Crew Location Map



Valley View Forest

0 187.5 375 750 1,125 1,500 Meters



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 further notice due to maintenance and settling process for track surface.**
- **Causeway Closed to vehicles due to wash out.**
 - **2/11 – 30/11 Programmed maintenance along Hukinga Road. Involves use of heavy machinery / excavator.**
- **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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