



Forest Lands Weekly Event Calendar Friday 30th April 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:

- 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. Sunday 2nd May 2021	Karapoti Classic	Michael Jacques	500 x Bikes	Karapoti Classic Forest Closed	Valley View, Hukinga, Deadwood Ridge, Pram Track, Titi Road, Devils Staircase, Whakatiki,
2. Saturday 8 th May 2021 – Sunday 9 th May 2021	CCVC	Phil Green	10 x 4WD	Club Trip	Bulls runs, pukekura Road clearys road cookridge rimu Road whakataki hydro Road hydro Valley Road fenceline pram track Clarks Creek McGees Road Valley View Totara Park

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.

We are currently planning to undertake the operation as follows (weather permitting):

- Apply prefeed baits from 11 May onwards. Prefeed baits are a cereal based pellet, approximately 20mm long, 16mm diameter and coloured brown.
- Apply 1080 baits from 18 May onwards. 1080 baits are a cereal based pellet, approximately 30mm long, 20mm diameter and dyed green.
 - Suitable weather conditions for both applications are required and if too much rain or wind is forecast, delays could occur.

On the days of prefeed and 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
- Earthworks operations likely within Junction Hill block this weekend
- Aerial spraying operations scheduled in the area of the Dude Ranch, Whakatikei Faces and Whoka block over the next 2 weeks weather permitting. Roads blocked in this area for half a day whilst spraying occurs.
- Transpower are undertaking tree felling clearance work around the power lines
- 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 Puketiro Road as an alternative.

Whakatikei Forest

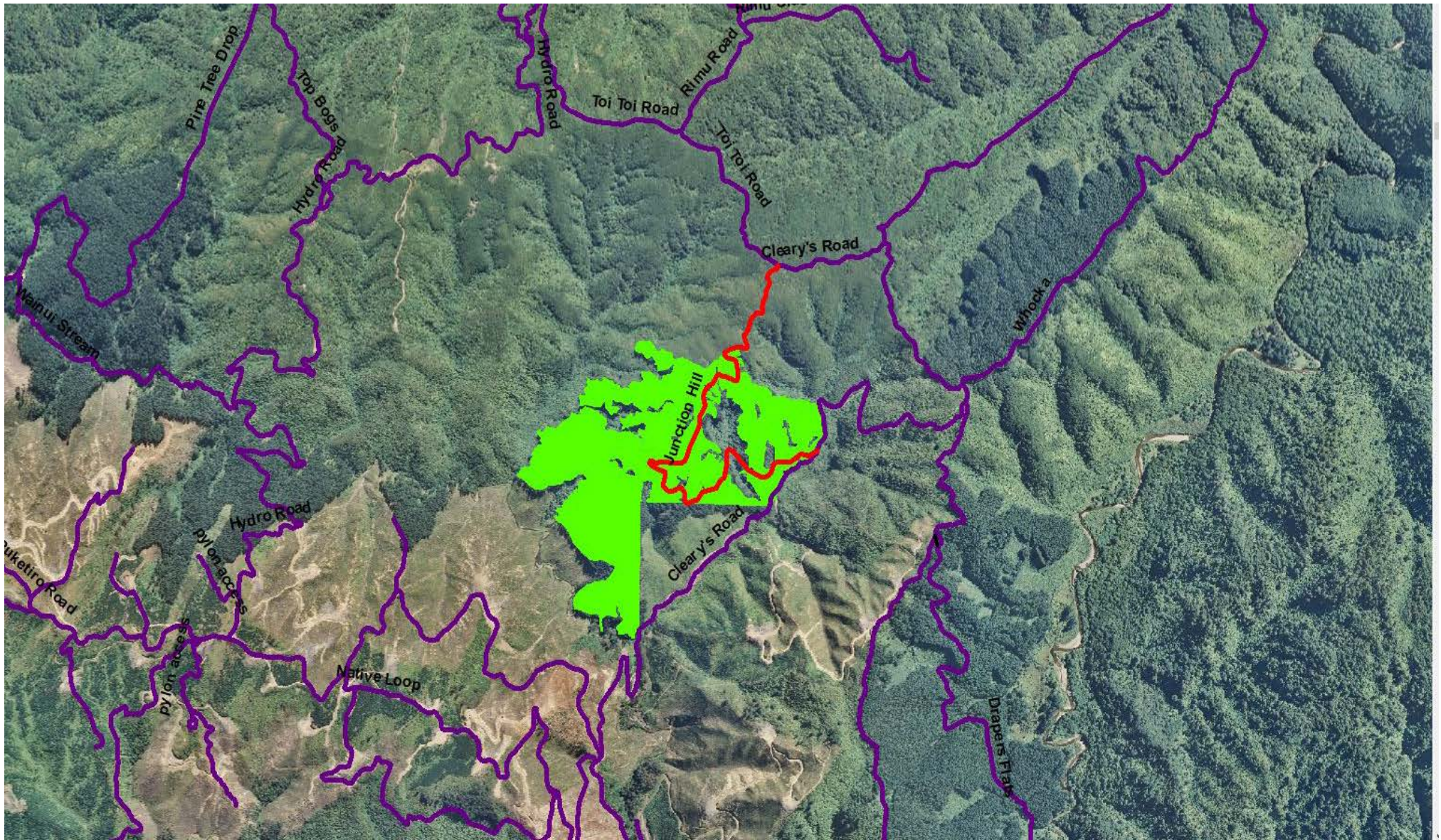
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Valley View Forest

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

- 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 30th April 2021

Date	Organisation	Contact	Vehicles	Activities	Areas to be used
1. Monday 3 rd May 2021 – Tuesday 4 th May 2021	Forest 360	Chris Gibbons	5 x Vehicles	Felling dangerous trees 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

- 14th - 20th May 2021