

How will the Lahar Affect Me?



Fishing the Tongariro River

Please heed warning signs and exit the river immediately if a sudden river level rise occurs.

State Highway 1

Expect the highway between Rangipo and Waiouru to be closed for two hours or more. Obey the warning lights and stop signs.

Walking eastern Mt Ruapehu

Crossing the Whangaehu River will not be possible. Footbridge may be damaged or destroyed. Keep well clear of the river course.

State Highway 49:

The road between Ohakune and Waiouru may be closed. Obey the warning signs and lights.

Living in Whangaehu Valley:

You will be advised by phone or pager when lahar has occurred. Keep away from river course until advised otherwise.

Alternative routes

Just as during periods of road closure due to snow alternative routes north and south will exist via State Highways 4 and 47 between Wanganui and Taupo, Hamilton and Auckland.

What should I do when the lahar happens?

- Obey instructions given by police or emergency personnel.
- Stop on SH1 or SH49 where lights and signs indicate you should.
- Wait for the all clear from police or emergency personnel
- Keep away from the course of Whangaehu River.
- Listen to your radio or TV