

Factsheet – Tongariro Alpine Crossing (TAC) Bad Weather Advisory

This Summer – 2019/20, DOC will apply a ‘Not Recommended Today’ advisory to the Tongariro Alpine Crossing on bad weather days.

The advisory will be applied if any of the following parameters are exceeded at 12:00 or 18:00 for the MetService forecast at Red Crater, Tongariro National Park:

- Wind speed of 65 km per hour or greater between the time of 06:00am to 6:00pm
- Wind speed of 50 km per hour or greater and precipitation of 10mm or more between 06:00am and 12:00pm, or 12:00pm and 06:00pm
- Wind chill of minus 10 degrees Celsius or colder on a fine day
- Wind chill of 0 degrees Celsius or colder with any amount of precipitation
- Severe Weather Warning issued for Tongariro National Park

Application of the advisory:

The assessment to apply the advisory will be made at 06:00am every day by TAC Kaitiaki Rangers.

On advisory days, signage will be deployed at Mangatepōpō and Ketetahi Road ends and at the bottom of the ‘Devil’s Staircase’ at Soda Springs. Variable Message Signs will be used to share the advisory on highways at both Road ends.

DOC will conduct a weather assessment twice a week, on Monday and Thursday mornings, and communicate potential advisory days to concessionaires, i-Sites and other operators.



Operators are able to check if daily weather advisory parameters have been exceeded and advise their visitors accordingly.