

APPENDIX 4 – WARO RECOMMENDED ACCESS STATUS FOR NEW AREAS OF CONSERVATION LAND & CHANGES TO EXISTING ACCESS

1. WARO access recommendations for new public conservation coming under DOC administration since the 2015 -2018 national WARO concession.

(Note; new land comprising less than 20 ha has been left off this list as these 'new' areas have arisen due to boundary adjustments from improved mapping technology or are too small to be considered for WARO access in their own right. These < 20 ha areas have automatically been given the WARO status of the adjoining or nearest conservation land).

2. Recommended changes to the 2015 -2018 WARO access over existing public conservation land.
3. Locations where regions do not wish to accept WARO review panel recommendations and require further consideration by the decision-maker.

Locations where land recommendations have changed since the June/July consultation are highlighted in yellow. The draft land access status for WARO, as consulted in June/July, is written in (brackets). The new, revised recommendations are written immediately below the draft recommendations for each location.

1. RECOMMENDED WARO ACCESS FOR NEW PUBLIC CONSERVATION LAND

North Island

Lower North Island

District	Land addition (ha)	Location name	WARO access	Justification for recommended WARO access
Chatham Island	29.54	Harold Peirce Memorial Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	1236.11	Taia Historic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	70.45	Cannon - Peirce Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	611.95	Canister Cove Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	1347.52	Waipaua Conservation Area	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	21.86	Chudleigh Conservation Area	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	29.85	J M Barker (Hapupu) Historic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	176.48	Henga Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	403.92	Thomas Mohi Tuuta (Rangaika) Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	35.92	Rangiauria Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	830.43	Ocean Mail Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	36.06	Taia Bush Historic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	705.75	Waipaua Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
	51.79	Te Awatea Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	No helicopters and no deer on the Chatham Islands
Hawkes Bay	64.47	Kaweka Forest Conservation Area	(Permitted) Restricted	Dates are set to be consistent with proposed changes to the adjacent Kaweka Forest Park WARO access

Hauraki-Waikato-Taranaki

Hauraki	28.13	Conservation Area - Miranda	Not Permitted	WARO access is inconsistent with current land use.
King Country	678.98	Scenic Reserve - Puaroa Forest	Permitted	No reason to be closed for WARO.
Taranaki	178.89	Tangarakau Scenic Reserve	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjacent WARO access

Central North Island

Tauranga	102.84	Onaia Ecological Area	Not permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Tauranga	25.46	Tukorehe Scenic Reserve	Not permitted	WARO access is inconsistent with current land use
Turangi	35.02	Rangataua Scenic Reserve	Not permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Whakatane	27.57	Scenic Reserve - Matea Road	Not permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access

Auckland

	31.82	Mangere Mountain - Historic Reserve	Not Permitted	WARO access is inconsistent with current land use
	43.50	Historic reserve (known as the Matukuturua Stonefields Historic Reserve)	Not Permitted	WARO access is inconsistent with current land use

Northern North Island

Bay of Islands	33.54	Pukewhau Ecological Area	Not Permitted	No wild animals present
Kauri Coast	297.94	Scenic reserve (adjoining the Wairoa and Manganui Rivers - east of Dargaville)	Not Permitted	WARO access is inconsistent with current land use

1. RECOMMENDED WARO ACCESS FOR NEW PUBLIC CONSERVATION LAND

South Island

District	Land addition (ha)	Location name	WARO access	Justification for recommended WARO access
<u>Southern South Island</u>				
Central Otago	382.85	Kakaunui Conservation Area	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with nearby WARO access.
Central Otago	330.14	Scenic Reserve - Flat Top Hill	Not Permitted	High use recreation area (MTB) close to urban area.
Central Otago	2010.37	Rock and Pillar Conservation Area	(Not Permitted) Restricted	New land recommended to be restricted (WARO excluded 23 March – 20 April plus Easter) as land is held for conservation purposes & no sound justification for total WARO exclusion
Central Otago	1948.84	Kopuwai Conservation Area	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Central Otago	49.72	Scenic Reserve – Ben Nevis	Not Permitted	Small area (46ha) close to historic sites and isolated from other PCL.
Central Otago	58.58	Conservation Area – Grandview Creek	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with nearby WARO access.
Central Otago	116.8	Conservation Area – Blue Nose	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with nearby WARO access
Central Otago	352.15	Conservation Area – Hospital Creek Catchment	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with nearby WARO access
Central Otago/Wakatipu	10567.02	Remarkables Conservation Area	(not permitted) Restricted	New land recommended to be restricted (WARO excluded 23 March – 20 April plus Easter) as land is held for conservation purposes & no sound justification for total WARO exclusion
Central Otago/Wakatipu	1021.69	Potters Creek Conservation Area	Not Permitted	WARO is inconsistent with other land uses (grazing permit)
Central Otago	151.98	Young Australian Historic Reserve	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with nearby WARO access.
Murihiku	184.72	Mataura Range Scenic Reserve	(Not Permitted) Restricted	New land recommended to be restricted in line with recommendations for adjacent land (WARO excluded 23 March – 20 April plus Easter) - land is held for conservation purposes & no sound justification for total WARO exclusion
Murihiku	124.63	Catlins Conservation Park – CA	Restricted	Restricted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
<u>Eastern South Island</u>				
Coastal Otago	118.14	Silverpeaks Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access & CMS.
Coastal Otago	379.02	Waianakarua Scenic Reserve Addition	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access & CMS

Coastal Otago	22.50	Taieri River Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access & CMS
Coastal Otago	361.30	Aramoana Conservation Area	Not Permitted	No wild animals present, salt marsh in Otago Harbour
Geraldine	26.98	Earthquakes 'Scientific' Reserve	Not Permitted	Small reserve with high visitor use (part of Alps to Ocean cycleway).
Geraldine	5311.95	Conservation Area – Hakatere Conservation Park (Proposed Addition)	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with nearby WARO access, no justification to exclude WARO
Geraldine	609.65	Conservation Area – “Chetwynd”	Not Permitted	WARO would be inconsistent with expected visitor use. Has stock traffic easement across land. Reassessment recommended as part of wider review of all public conservation land
Geraldine	2744.00	Conservation Area – Blue Mountain	(Not Permitted) Permitted	Land is held for conservation purposes, no sound justification to exclude WARO.
Mahaanui	27.70	Boggy Creek Wildlife Management Reserve	Not Permitted	This is a small reserve located around Te Waihora, there are no known deer in this area
Mahaanui	87.74	Palm Gully Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with nearby WARO access
Mahaanui	34.38	Ataahua Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	High year round public use – Little River cycle trail
Mahaanui	104.95	Carews Peak Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
North Canterbury	89.29	Corner Knob And Goldney Hill Government Purpose Reserve	Not Permitted	WARO access is inconsistent with current land use and CMS policy for Place.
North Canterbury	195.87	Conservation Area – Cass Valley	(Restricted) Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
North Canterbury	43.00	Lottery Bush Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access.
North Canterbury	428.29	Conservation Area – Mt Horrible	Not Permitted	Activity not consistent with CMS outcomes for place.
North Canterbury	296.18	The Poplars Conservation Area	(Restricted) Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access.
Twizel	8795.75	Ruataniwha Conservation Area	Permitted	Land is held for conservation purposes, no sound justification to exclude WARO
Twizel	187.39	Ruataniwha Conservation Park (new addition)	Permitted	Land is held for conservation purposes, no sound justification to exclude WARO
Twizel	760.17	Conservation Area – Oteake Conservation Park (Proposed Addition)	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Twizel	754.19	Conservation Area – The Island	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access.

Twizel	995.70	Conservation Area – Mt Gerald	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Twizel	2431.54	Ahuriri Conservation Park	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Twizel	81.18	Scenic Reserve – Otamatapaio	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Twizel	2608.00	Conservation Area – Irishman Creek	Not Permitted	Grazing concession over land, no wild animals present
Twizel	30.54	Ribbonwood Conservation Area	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Twizel	461.67	Glentanner Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	High public use and flight path to National Park
Twizel	48.56	Protected Area – Hunter Hills Scenic Reserve	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Twizel	86.18	“Tara Hills Scientific” Reserve	Not Permitted	WARO access is inconsistent with current land use
Twizel	39.35	Lake Middleton Recreation Reserve	Not Permitted	High public use – camping area
Twizel	22.95	Conservation Area Lower Hakataramea Riverbed	Not Permitted	High year-round public use
Twizel	4099.08	Conservation Area – Maryburn	Not Permitted	No wild animals present and not permitted is consistent with surrounding WARO access
Twizel	2961.33	Kirkliston Range Conservation Area	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Twizel	1355.47	Scenic Reserve – Irishman Creek	Not Permitted	Grazing concession over land, no wild animals present
Twizel	26.64	Te Kahui Kaupeka Conservation Park	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access

Western South Island

Buller	23.31	Conservation Area – Okari Lagoon	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access, narrow estuary.
Buller	45.39	Conservation Area – Paparoa Range South	(Not permitted) Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Greymouth	129.83	Conservation Area – Rough River	(Not permitted) Permitted	Permitted is consistent with surrounding WARO access
Greymouth	142.80	Paparoa National Park	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Hokitika	47.39	Conservation Area – Bennett Creek	Not Permitted	Small area indistinguishable from surrounding forested areas under different ownership
Hokitika	598.33	Conservation Area – Kokatahi / Hokitika Riverbed	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with surrounding WARO access
Hokitika	29.36	Conservation Area – Taramakau River / Otira River	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with surrounding WARO access
Hokitika	116.78	Conservation Area – Toaroha Riverbed	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with surrounding WARO access

Hokitika	21.23	Historic reserve (located near Donoghues Road, Ross – West Coast)	Not Permitted	High public use and includes historic cemetery
South Westland	55.87	Scenic Reserve – Okuru – Waiatoto	Restricted	Restricted is consistent with adjoining WARO access (WARO is excluded from last Sunday in March to the last Saturday in April (inclusive) annually.
<u>Northern South Island</u>				
Golden Bay	122.85	East Takaka Scenic Reserve (adj. Rameka Track)	Not Permitted	High visitor use site, not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access
Golden Bay	162.77	Scenic Reserve – Upper Rosser Block	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access and management plans
Golden Bay	35.03	Wildlife Management Reserve (Whanganui Inlet)	Not Permitted	Wetland area and proposed Ramsar site
Motueka	281.31	Mount Richmond Forest Park	Permitted	No sound justification to exclude WARO. Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access.
Motueka	55.51	Scenic Reserve – Otuwhero- Nell Reed Block	Not Permitted	High visitor use, not permitted is consistent with surrounding WARO access
Sounds	336.68	D’Urville Island Scenic Reserve	Not Permitted	Not permitted is consistent with surrounding WARO access
South Marlborough	3014.14	Tapuae O Uenuku “Scenic” Reserve Addition	Permitted	Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access

2. RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE 2015 -2018 WARO ACCESS OVER EXISTING PUBLIC CONSERVATION LAND

Explanatory note – 2018 draft recommended status identified by (brackets) and revised recommendation is recorded below this

North Island

District	Area (ha)	Location	2015-20108 WARO status	Recommended 2018 WARO status	Justification
Lower North Island					
Wairarapa	548	Tora Bush Scenic Reserve	Permitted*	Not permitted	Small reserve, popular rec hunting, tight canopy with no heli-shooting opportunities
	413	Rocky Hills Sanctuary Area	Permitted*	Not permitted	Small reserve, popular rec hunting, tight canopy with no heli-shooting opportunities
	1288	Rewa Bush Conservation Area	Permitted*	Not permitted	Small reserve, popular rec hunting, tight canopy with no heli-shooting opportunities
	688	Red River Scenic Reserve	Permitted	Not permitted	Small reserve, Treaty settlement overlay, popular rec hunting, tight canopy with no heli-shooting opportunities
	176	Tauweru Conservation Area	Permitted*	Not permitted	Small reserve, tight canopy with no heli-shooting opportunities
	121	Mokiri Bush Scenic Reserve	Permitted*	Not permitted	Small reserve, tight canopy with no heli-shooting opportunities
	86	Coonor Conservation Area	Permitted*	Not permitted	Very narrow reserve with farmland on either side, risk of shooting farmed deer by mistake.
	160	Makuri Gorge Scenic Reserve	Permitted*	Not permitted	Very narrow reserve, with no heli-shooting opportunities
	1781	Puketoi Conservation Area – Wasn't in initial recommendations but LNI made recommendation to close following feedback during consultation meeting	Permitted	Not permitted	No change was proposed for this area prior to consultation, however, following consultation it was recommended by the local office to become not permitted due to its tight canopy & narrow shape making it unsuitable for heli-shooting. National panel consider it should remain permitted as there is insufficient justification to close (up to WARO operators to decide if suitable or not for WARO)
	1098	Waewaepa Scenic Reserve	Permitted	(Not Permitted) Permitted	Retain status quo – insufficient justification to change current WARO status to not permitted
<p>*These areas were consulted over on the basis they were permitted (as shown on the DOC website 2015 WARO concession location maps). Further clarification of status of these particular areas identified that post the 2015 Ruahine decision review, these areas became not permitted, and the regional recommendation is for them to remain so for the new concession. Review panel recommendation is that they remain not permitted but should be reconsidered as part of the wider review of all public conservation land. As the recommendations are now the same as they were post the Ruahine decision review, no further feedback is sought at this time.</p>					
		Tararua Forest Park roadends – Tauherenikau, Waiohine, Mikimiki, Kiriwhakapapa, Putara, Mangaone,	Permitted	(Not permitted) Permitted	No change to current WARO status is proposed. WARO concessions allow operators to offload carcasses to chiller trucks at formed road ends, this ability is an essential

		Mangahao, North Manukau, Waikawa, Kapakapanui			component of the activity & would not change if road ends were to become not permitted.
		Tararua Forest Park – buffer areas around Powell/Jumbo Loop, Totara Flats	Restricted	(Not permitted) Restricted	No change to current WARO status proposed as not a Great Walk etc (currently WARO is excluded annually from 1 October – 30 April) – insufficient justification for year-round WARO exclusion
	~300	Remutaka Forest Park – Corner Creek to Orongorongo exclusion area	Permitted	(Not permitted) Permitted	Retain status quo – popular camping/fishing/cycling area does not seem sufficient justification for year round closure – review again as part of the wider reconsideration of all public conservation land
Gisborne	301	Onepoto Conservation Area	Permitted	Not permitted	High public use area alongside village
	953	Wharekopae Conservation Area	Permitted	Not permitted	Small Reserve surrounded by farmland. Recommended WARO status is consistent with other small areas
	2650	Matawai Conservation Area	Permitted	(Not Permitted) Permitted	Insufficient justification to change current WARO status to not permitted
	184	Whakaroa Scenic Reserve	Permitted	Not permitted	Very Small Reserve, tight canopy with no heli-shooting opportunities. Recommended WARO status is consistent with other small areas
	196	Tutamoe Conservation Area	Permitted	Not permitted	Small Reserve surrounded by farmland. Recommended WARO status is consistent with other small areas
	274	Teritua Conservation Area	Not Permitted	Permitted	Adjacent to Raukumara Forest Park so opening to WARO is consistent with adjoining land status
Hawkes Bay		Kaweka Forest Park/Kaweka Forest Conservation Area	Not permitted	(Not permitted currently) Restricted/Not permitted	Not consulted on but change recommended in consideration of high deer numbers and deer control policy requirements. Dates for restriction- WARO allowed 1 June – 31 October, consistent with nearby Kaimanawa Forest Park. Only applies to land outside gazetted recreational hunting area (RHA). RHA to remain closed to WARO.
Manawatu	~67,886	Part Ruahine Forest Park, Awarua Conservation Area, Ruahine Forest (East) & (West) Conservation Areas	Restricted post 2015 Ruahine decision review	Restricted	No change to current status – part not permitted, part restricted – open to WARO 1 May – 30 November annually. Open for feedback because the June/July consultation website maps showed mapping according to the pre-Ruahine review decision.
Hauraki/Waikato/Taranaki					
District	Area (ha)	Location	2015-2018 WARO status	Recommended 2018 WARO status	Justification

Hauraki/Waikato/ Whitianga		All of Coromandel Peninsula from Waihi township (SH2) north & SH26 east to be closed for WARO – (Coromandel State Forest Park FPI 11.6 ± 4)	Permitted/ not permitted	Remove from the WARO land schedule	Sensitivity of Treaty negotiations and imminence of settlement legislation (expected June 2019). A specific Hauraki/ Coromandel WARO permit could be considered when all legislation is in place and DOC has a clearer idea of future consultation requirements
Waikato	1015	Te Kauri Park Scenic Reserve	Not permitted	Permitted	Reserve does not meet criteria for closing access to WARO.
Waikato		Part Pirongia Forest Park	Permitted	(Not permitted) Permitted	No change to current WARO status proposed
King Country		Tarere Conservation Area	Permitted	Permitted/part not permitted	Two significant waahi tapu sites where it is inappropriate for helicopter landing on these sites to process/butcher animals.
		Pureora Forest Park, Conservation Area – Pureora	Permitted	(Restricted) Permitted	No change to current WARO status proposed – no reason for restriction
		Cowan Wildlife Refuge	Permitted	(Restricted) Permitted	No change to current WARO status proposed – no reason for restriction
		Meyer Block Wildlife Refuge Reserve	Permitted	(Restricted) Permitted	No change to current WARO status proposed – no reason for restriction
		Ngaroma Scenic Reserve	Permitted	(Restricted) Permitted	No change to current WARO status proposed – no reason for restriction
King Country	139	Hangatiki Scenic Reserve	Permitted	Not permitted	Consistent with Waikato CMS
Central North Island					
District	Area (ha)	Location	2015-20108 WARO status	Recommended 2018 WARO status	Justification
Whanganui		Whanganui River trench	Restricted	Restricted	Whanganui Journey Great Walk – Continuation & realignment of 500 m buffer along Whanganui River from Pipiriki to Whakahoro to exclude WARO during Great Walk season (1 October – 30 April annually)
		Part Whanganui National Park Opatu Conservation Area Koiro Conservation Area Koiro Farms Conservation Area Paparoa Conservation Area Saddler Conservation Area	Permitted	(Not permitted) Restricted	Whanganui Journey Great Walk – Exclude WARO during Great Walk season (1 October – 30 April annually). High use area bordering river– year round closure is not consistent with other Great Walks
		Part Whanganui National Park (Pipiriki Village area)	Permitted	Not permitted	WARO is inconsistent with current land use – area around Pipiriki Village – culturally sensitive sites close to Marae

		Whanganui National Park: Part Whanganui National Park Haehaekupenga Scenic Reserve Te Tuhi Scenic Reserve	Permitted	Not Permitted	WARO is inconsistent with current land use –culturally sensitive sites close to Marae, areas are closed to ground hunting
		Mangatawai Conservation Area Part Taheke Conservation Area	Permitted	Part not Permitted	500 m buffer along cycle track with high year-round use

South Island

Southern South Island					
District	Area (ha)	Location name	2015 – 2018 WARO status	Recommended 2018 WARO status	Justification
Murihiku	~3664	Mid Dome: Mid Dome Scenic Reserve, Conservation Area – Cupola Mid Dome, Conservation Area – Blackhill Forest	Not Permitted	Restricted	Open to WARO 1 June – 30 September. Dates set to exclude Wilding Pine Trust active period
Murihiku Recommendation made following consultation	23,340	Mt Aurum: Mount Aurum Recreation Reserve (Skippers) (FPI 2) Whakaari Conservation Area (FPI 25.8)	Permitted	Restricted	Dates set to align with other Central Otago areas - WARO excluded 23 March – 20 April (+ Easter). Important & accessible area for recreational hunting during the roar, the increased number of deer that can potentially be taken during the roar period by recreational hunters.
Eastern South Island					
District	Area (ha)	Location name	2015 – 2018 WARO status	Recommended 2018 WARO status	Justification
North Canterbury	~42724	St James: St James Conservation Area (78,593 ha)	Not permitted / restricted	(Not permitted) Restricted	Align with Nelson Lakes National Park dates i.e. open to WARO 1 June – 31 October. St James is held for conservation purposes & was purchased “to protect its natural, physical and cultural values and open it up to outdoor recreation and tourism” CMS Policy 2.3.12 gives priority to rec hunters up to Malings Pass, however, this doesn't mean WARO should be excluded year-round
	~3233	Castle Hill Conservation Area (Torlesse Range NW face that is currently not permitted)	Not Permitted	(Restricted) Permitted	No sound justification for excluding or restricting WARO over this area. Permitted is consistent with adjacent WARO status
		All land in North Canterbury that is currently permitted (green)	Permitted	(Restricted – extended roar period)	Status quo – no sound justification to extend the standard roar period from 23 March – 9 April + Easter

				of 20 March – 20 April) Permitted	
Western South Island					
District	Area (ha)	Location name	2015 – 2018 WARO status	Recommended 2018 WARO status	Justification
Greymouth		Paparoa Track/Pike29 Memorial Track & hut sites: Conservation Area-Paparoa Range South Paparoa National Park Roaring Meg Ecological Area	Permitted	Not permitted buffer 500 m along Paparoa & Pike29 Memorial Tracks & huts & Memorial site	To create a buffer around the new Great Walk Track, Huts and Pike Memorial site
South Westland	~1046	Westland National Park (Omoeroa Bluff area)	Not permitted	Permitted	Not consulted on previously. Permitted makes these isolated parcels of land consistent with adjoining WARO access
Northern South Island					
District	Area (ha)	Location name	2015 – 2018 WARO status	Recommended 2018 WARO status	Justification
South Marlborough		Branch/ Leatham:			See section 3 below
		Mt Richmond Forest Park			See section 3 below

3. Locations where regions do not wish to accept WARO review panel recommendations

Location	Regional recommendation	Regional justification	Panel recommendation	Panel justification
<p>Remarkables Conservation Area (FPI 63.2 ± 44)</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Combined with nearby Ben Nevis Scenic Reserve - strong support from recreational hunters to allow these lands to be not permitted</p> <p>Consistent with other PCL closed to WARO adjacent.</p> <p>Highly valued by rec hunters</p> <p>It is considered that commercial WARO hunting in these areas is inconsistent with the Otago CMS Section 3.20.1</p> <p>The eastern most FPI site (recording of 52) is on the post 2015 lands, just on the southern side of the Doolans Left Branch but it is very close to the boundary with the Ben Nevis pastoral lands. Likewise, the very high FPI site (191) is indeed close to the Loch Linnhe boundary, albeit at a high elevation. Both these sites are likely to be skewed by sheep.</p> <p>By contrast the two other sites where very low FPI's are found (the 8 and the 0.2 to the north) are well away from the DOC boundary with pastoral lands.</p> <p>Our data is possibly not that accurate with respect to deer and goats for the two locations in the new lands, and we may be over-estimating numbers there.</p> <p>If that is true we would have perhaps a responsibility to have the new lands coloured red, on the basis that the current regime is working for the protection of indigenous biodiversity from ungulates, so why introduce a further means that conflicts with visitors</p>	<p>New land restricted no WARO 23 March – 20 April, existing areas status quo (not permitted) but to be reviewed as part of reassessment of all public conservation land</p>	<p>Not permitted is consistent with nearby PCL WARO status, however, the adjacent areas should be reassessed too as part of a wider WARO land review.</p> <p>Land is held for conservation purposes (S.2 Cons Act), no justification to be closed for WARO as anything to do with hunting for recreation is subject to protection as its primary purpose. Access restrictions could apply, if necessary, rather than full closure.</p> <p>CMS policy 3.20.1 doesn't exclude WARO and permit conditions manage effects of WARO on other land users.</p> <p>Within CMS Western Lakes and Mountains Place where WARO access is supported</p> <p>Provisions in CMS Table A6.1 apply here to allow consideration of WARO</p>

		(noting Policy 3.20.1 of the CMS that requires us to take into account the effects on visitors when considering concession applications for wild animal control).		
Decision: Either accept regional recommendations Y/N; or accept national panel recommendations Y/N				
Comments:				
Rock & Pillar CA (~9962 ha), Rock & Pillar Scenic Reserve (443 ha)	Not permitted	<p>Proximity of this area to rural development and/or the high recreational use through the core of the conservation area would be at conflict if wild animal recovery activities were permitted.</p> <p>Inconsistent with other uses of area.</p> <p>It is considered that commercial WARO hunting in these areas is inconsistent with the Otago CMS Section 3.20.1.</p> <p>In the absence of any deer monitoring at these particular two sites (and noting the closest other parcels of PCL – the Manorburn and Te Papanui have low to zero FPI counts) the conclusion that <i>'recreational hunting is not effective'</i> and therefore to extend WARO operations to these two sites in the east, beyond the western mountains of Otago, is not able to be robustly made. Indeed, a change made to allow for WARO for red deer here without that data may not be consistent with the Otago CMS.</p> <p>Information not made available in the initial regional assessment is that DOC staff familiar with the open country here in the course of their work are not observing deer numbers of any significance, further weakening the case that <i>'recreational hunting is not effective'</i> here.</p>	<p>New land restricted no WARO 23 March – 20 April, existing areas status quo (not permitted) but to be reviewed as part of reassessment of all public conservation land</p>	<p>Land is held for conservation purposes (S.2 Cons Act) and scenic reserve purposes (which requires extermination of exotic fauna where possible, s19(2)(a) RA), no justification to be closed for WARO as anything to do with hunting for recreation is subject to protection as its primary purpose. Access restrictions should apply, if necessary, rather than full closure to manage effects on recreational hunters & to coordinate with their hunting effort.</p> <p>Wild Animal Control Act and deer control policy position is that land should be open to WARO unless there is good justification for it not to be.</p> <p>Area is within CMS Central Otago Uplands Place (Rock and Pillar - Yellow & Green zones for aircraft access)</p> <p>No ungulate monitoring data available for this area</p> <p>None of the specific place sections or policies in the CMS restrict WARO to the western mountains in Otago. This statement is in Table A6.1, which is referred to in Objective 1.5.1.7 which requires that pest animals and wild animals be controlled. This</p>

		While the Otago CMS Policy 3.20.1 allows for consideration of WARO, it is subject to certain criteria including 3.20.1 (e) <i>effects on visitors</i> . The question should be asked, why in the absence of information supporting the need for additional control here to benefit indigenous biodiversity, would we introduce an activity that has a reported negative effect on visitors.		objective does not require that WARO (or other pest control activity) may only occur on the basis set out in the table. The table states where recreational hunting is not effective (shown by higher FPI counts) commercial aerial hunting could be considered. CMS policy 3.20.1 doesn't exclude WARO and permit conditions manage effects of WARO on other land users.
Decision: Either accept regional recommendations Y/N; or accept national panel recommendations Y/N				
Comments:				
Mataura Range Scenic Reserve & adjacent East Dome Scenic reserve (~15534 ha)	Not permitted (retain status quo & for new area too ~185 ha)	Neighbouring farmer would rather have a little more control through a one-off permit and a known operator. The 2 km buffer would mean there isn't a lot of the Mataura Range reserve left to hunt. Robust deer monitoring data is not available, anecdotal data only from outside the department The sites are small and narrow (generally less than 3km wide). Consequently, any 2km pesticide buffer requirement would have a significant effect here. There is a high volume of recreational users in this area all year round. It is recommended that until Tier One ungulate data is available, the panel's recommendation for the Mataura Range and East Dome is <u>not accepted at this time</u> . Should new data come to hand in the short to medium term then WARO activity could be authorised by way of a one-off permit.	Restricted Open to WARO from 1 June – 30 September consistent with Mid Dome	Note – this area was not raised as needing reassessment through the WARO land assessment process but came to light through a request for a one-off WARO - permit Deer numbers over this area are high – neighbouring farmer has contacted DOC re significant feral deer problem coming off Mataura Scenic Reserve and East Dome SR & requesting control be undertaken on PCL The area's shape and topography mean neighbouring landowner pesticide declarations will be required for WARO operations to occur over most of this land Legislation requires DOC to protect natural values Green aircraft access zoning and nothing else in CMS to restrict WARO at this place

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Leatham Conservation Area (~48,419 ha) FPI 23.2 ± 8 & adjacent Conservation Area – Leatham River (~5154 ha) (FPI 38.8 ±NA)	Change from Permitted to Restricted (Open to WARO 1 June – 31 October)	Very high recreational use area. The CMS is now so out of date that do not believe that we can use it to support a Status Quo stance to WARO being permitted as things have changed so much for us/hunters/WARO since the current CMS was written. Do not see why the adjacent Nelson Lakes National Park can have a restricted season for WARO and why the Branch/Leatham should be any different. Given that the National Parks act is very “hard” on introduced pest mammals is seems ridiculous that we would allow less animal control in NLNP than in an area of Stewardship land that is right alongside.	Permitted (status quo remains)	No sound justification to restrict WARO, land is held for conservation purposes. It is not a RHA, ballot block, Herd of Special Interest or restricted for WARO in CMS.
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Existing area in SW of Mt Richmond Forest Park (area affected = ~15,177 ha) FPI 129.6 ± 44 Change proposed following June consultation	Change from Permitted to Restricted (Open to WARO 1 June – 31 October)	High recreational use - recreational hunting and tramping. Easy access for tramping and hunting via tracks and 4WD road, Beeby’s & Gordon’s Knobs provide easy access for the very old & very young. Recreational hunting effort is assisting with managing impacts on biodiversity values (no threatened species currently at risk in this location). FPI plot data is patchy & needs careful interpretation	Permitted (status quo remains)	Recreational interests in conservation parks are legislatively secondary to protecting natural values (Land is held for conservation purposes S.2 and specially protected area, s19 Cons Act), no justification for additional WARO restrictions as anything to do with hunting for recreation is subject to protection of natural and historic resources as its primary purpose. No preference should be given to one hunting method over the other
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