

National WARO Land Schedule Review - Nov-Jan 2018-19 Submissions

Number	Document ID	Name	Email	Group Representing	WARO Operator	NZ Hunting Guides / NZDA	Concession Holder	Recreational Hunter	Member of the WCDA	Closure Periods / Christmas	Area Specific Location Feedback	other	Threats Comments provided beginning July 2022	
1				Ruahine Helicopters	✓		✓			Hunting time: The current 1st May to 31st November permits are just too restrictive. The tussock country is out for about 4 months of the 7 months available due to being under snow and the deer move into the warmer, bush covered lower ground. It should at least be open till 20 December. Then could be closed until Mid-Jan. Closing again mid-March to 1st May for the roar. This extended period, even just for a few years, would help to get the deer population back under control.	Ruahine State Forest Park: Deer numbers are now at record levels. Only approximately 30% of the Ruahine Forest Park that we are able to shoot and recover the deer for export. Due to the 2km buffer zone in from the park perimeters due to possible poisons and RHA's.	Buffer Zones: If DOC could have any influence over MPI concerning the 2k buffer zones and use of brodifacoum poison on farms bordering the forest parks, that would help immensely. Consulation: DOC needs to consult more with helicopter operators in regard to 1080 drops etc so we can continue a profitable operation and both work together at controlling deer populations. Economics: At present there is no viable market for feral venison in the north island due to low demand for feral venison worldwide. With the only two fulltime north island operators at the moment not working, myself and McNicholas, due to this. It is paramount that Doc should still be trying to get as many deer culled out of the park as possible in those times when there are markets available. As operators we can't continue to do the culls if there is no profit.	Extend closure periods. Reject Ruahine decisions. WARO operators can apply for changes outside the bulk offer. 2km buffer is food safety role Reject. Improved consultation about planned 1080 operations Noted	
2										Regarding North Canterbury - As the roar is occurring later, the restricted period should be 20 March - 20 April plus Easter and the Xmas holidays	Blue Mountain Conservation Area: Should remain as Not permitted, the country is easy for ground hunters and deer numbers are low. Tapuae O Uenuku Scenic Reserve Addition: Should remain as not permitted, this area is not allowed to be hunted by recreational ground hunters, WARO is being favoured here. Tararua Forest Park: Support the restricted season on WARO, popular area for recreational ground hunters. Kaweka Forest Park/Kaweka Forest Conservation Area: Should remain as not permitted, popular area for recreational ground hunters. Part Ruahine Forest Park: Support the restricted season on WARO, popular area for recreational hunters. Mt Aurum: Would like this area to be not permitted but could live with a restricted season with no WARO over the roar and Xmas holidays. St James Conservation Area: Should remain as not permitted, public paid for this land and should not be for private WARO gain, deer numbers are low and can be controlled by hunters due to the accessibility. Castle Hill Conservation Area: Should remain not permitted. Closure period is too short. Westland National Park: Should be restricted with no WARO over the roar.		Change closure period. Need standardisation - Reject. Blue Mountain - not a RHA or HOSI - Rreject. Tapuae O Uenuku. Not a RHA or Hosi. Consistency with surrounding land - Reject. Tararua - outside scope. Noted. Tararua buffer areas no change. noted. Kaweka has high deer numbers (mostly Sika deer which are little interest to WARO) RHA is out of scope. - See earlier justification. Part Ruahine Forest Park - Consistent with Ruahine decision. Accept. Mt Aurum, Out of scope. St James, Extended closure period consistent with CMS. Reject. Castle Hill CA, Agree with justification - Reject. Westland National Park, out of scope for whole of Park. The 1046ha area to be managed consistently with rest of the park. - Reject.	
3				Huntsman Helicopters	✓		✓			Agree with moving South Island standard WARO closure dates to 23 March - 15 April (plus Easter when it falls outside these dates). Regarding Rock and Pillar Conservation Area: I suggest that both new and existing areas be restricted, having no WARO 23 March - 20 April and consider implementing a WEEKEND CLOSURE.	Agree with all changes to permitted new public conservation areas except for: St James Conservation Area: Retain status quo or possibly longer closure period to the most accessible areas only. Part Mokihinui Forks Ecological Area - Lyell Range Radient Range Conservation Area: Agree but perhaps consider having WARO allowed until an allocated time in the morning e.g. 0800 - this would allow some aerial hunting during summer. Remarkables Conservation Area: Agree with panel suggestion of a review of WARO land access for this and adjacent areas. Needs to be carried out asap. Disagree with regional justification of low deer numbers in this area. Have seen large mobs (20+ deer) from the air in these areas and these areas are well known in ground hunting circles as having high deer numbers. If the regional team believes that FPI monitoring is inaccurate in these areas I suggest an aerial survey (animal count) be undertaken by an independent party with an agreement to allow WARO if a certain threshold of deer per ha is observed. Rock and Pillar Conservation Area: Agree with panel suggestion of a review of WARO land access for this and adjacent areas. Needs to be carried out asap. Disagree with regional justification of low deer numbers in this area. I have been party to WARO operations undertaken on adjacent private land where deer numbers are incredibly high (mobs of 50+ deer are not unusual), these animals must be spilling over onto the conservation land in question.		Closure periods. Need consistency. WARO operators can apply for different periods outside bulk offer process. Reject. Mokihinui and Lyell, WARO operators can apply outside bulk WARO offer. Remarkables adjacent area out of scope. WARO operators can apply for adjacent areas outside bulk offer process. Rock and Pillar, adjacent land closed and out of scope. WARO operators can apply for adjacent areas outside bulk offer process.	
4								✓		He just resent his original email - not applicable	He just resent his original email - not applicable			
5				President. West Coast Deerstalkers Assn				✓		Recreational hunters reduce deer numbers more than WARO nationwide, so a week or 2 extra break before the proposed roar period would help also.	Suggested Whitcombe/Rakaia catchments hind only areas, this area has possible the best quality red deer in the country. By taking of hinds only, the stags are left to mature and produce the magnificent antlers they are world renowned for. WARO operators targets stags, they weigh much more, so are the first to get shot, leaving hinds to breed. The deer population in a hinds only area will be much lower, which is better for the plants		Need consistency around closure periods, Reject. Area is not a RHA or HOSI, Reject	
6								✓		Agree with South Island Roar dates, but Christmas break should come into line with the North Island and be from 22 December to 15 January		Buffer zone should be increased to 4km to give recreational hunters a fair chance to harvest animals. WARO concessions should be for a max of 3 years	Need consistency around closure periods, Reject. 4KM buffer is a food safety role, outside scope. WARO permit length is for 3 years, noted	
7								✓		Having a restricted area or not permitted during the roar or rut, although helps, it doesn't reduce the impact for recreational hunting	Mt Buster Area in Oteake Conservation Park and the Waikaka Forest Conservation Area are now culled out by helicopters.	Any recreational hunting areas should be banned from WARO allowing deerstalkers and other groups to control the animals	Need consistency around closure periods, Reject. Mt. Buster, noted. Waro in RHA is not normally permitted .	
8				Southern lakes deer stalkers association member		✓		✓			The areas of Nevis Conservation Area on map 15, Bendigo, Pisa Range, Lauder Basin and others nearby should not be allowed to be WARO, closed areas that land based hunters can access. Submit that the Nevis Conservation Block is to be added with the surrounding Remarkables Conservation Blocks as NO WARO operations.		Areas are not RHA's or HOSI. Nevis?	
9								✓				Like to see no Helicopter shooting on all front country, a days walk from any road and and no shooting over the roar period.	Reject. Note many areas of front country are effectively closed by the Food Safety buffer. There is already a Roar closure.	
10								✓		The Nevis Conservation Area should be a No WARO area and be coloured red along with the surrounding Remarkables Conservation Area. The Lauder basin, Bendigo, Pisa, The Stack, Mt Alta and Hawea conservation areas are all areas that do not need to be open to WARO operators. Very low numbers of deer in these areas, accessible to local recreational hunters	A huge amount of WARO taken deer are from local farms that allow a "clean up": A lot of the numbers that WARO claim to have taken over the course of the season which DOC use as a number to say how well these guys operate	Areas are not RHA's or HOSI. Nevis?	Didn't submit in June/July	
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12								✓		I see WARO have stated that they need to be able to shoot deer all year round as excuse to keep shooting deer in the fawning period.	Disappointed with the changes to the Leatham Branch Area, as this area would be the most hunted area by four hunters in the top of the south.	Mentions DOC letting WARO shoot hinds with fawns at foot multiple times.	Area are not RHA's or HOSI.	
13								✓				Wishes for DOC to utilise hunters more in wild animal control and focus WARO activity on remote areas that are not hunted by tens of thousands of New Zealanders. Favoured commercial enterprise over recreational use of the public estate.	Noted	
14								✓			Object to WARO operations being permitted in the Nevis Conservation Block. It is easily accessed. It would be more logical to provide WARO permits in the less accessible areas where recreational hunting is more challenging.		Area are not RHA's or HOSI. Nevis?	
15								✓			Would like to see DOC only allocate blocks 3 or 4 ranges back from the front land where hunters can't drive or walk those areas.	Comment on access, much useable DOC land is blocked by private land, would like to see a thorough review of this.	noted	he just resent his original email
16								✓		Restricted period should be 20 March to 20 April plus Easter to better reflect roar period. Current period of approx 2.5 weeks is far too short.	Blue Mountain Conservation Area - should be not permitted, low deer numbers, area is primarily easy open tussock country. Tapuae O Uenuku Scenic Reserve Addition - should be not permitted, area is shown as prohibited for hunting on DOC maps, based on this, how can WARO be allowed? Mt Aurum Recreation Reserve and Whakaari Conservation Area - prefer this area to be not permitted and support roar restrictions. St James Conservation Area - this area should be not permitted as it is easily accessible country of Tophouse Rd, high public use, easily controlled by recreational hunters. Castle Hill Conservation Area - should remain as not permitted, near to State Highway and Lake Lyndon, public safety, very high public use, low animal numbers, very accessible to Christchurch.		Areas are not RHA's or HOSI. Areas are not very high use compared to other areas of high use closed to the activity. Tapuae O Uenuku ?	
17								✓		Would like to see an extension of closure periods over the summer school holidays and the roar		The length of WARO permits to be reduced to 2 years. Hinds only policy, continued protection of closed areas, protection of herds of special interest.	Noted. Out of scope	Didn't submit in June/July
18								✓		I see WARO have stated that they need to be able to shoot deer all year round as excuse to keep shooting deer in the fawning period.	Disappointed with the changes to the Leatham Branch Area, as this area would be the most hunted area by four hunters in the top of the south.	Mentions DOC letting WARO shoot hinds with fawns at foot multiple times.	See previous comment	this person seems to be added twice with same comment

19		Upper Clutha NZDA	✓				Recommendation: That Schedule 4 Roar Closure Period be fixed nationally from 15 March until 30 April each year.	Remarkables Conservation Area, Rock and Pillar Conservation Area and Scenic Reserve; wish to see these areas as not permitted. Animals are few, recreational hunting is popular and relatively successful, public access is good and the terrain is predominantly open tussock. Adjacent land is classed as not permitted and a restricted area smack in the middle of not permitted area defies common sense. Regional DOC endorses the exclusion of WARO from these areas.	Welcome the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive review within 5 years time. We are concerned at the imbalance and bias exhibited during the consultation progress thus far, against recreation in favour of conservation.	Areas are not RHA's or HOSI.	
20					✓			Wanting Puketoi Conservation Area to become Not Permitted due to Highest per capita land area hunting permits for any conservation area in lower north island. Almost entirely forested with closed canopy. Surrounded by farmland, where boundaries are no fenced forested and unclear. The reserve is mostly 1-2km wide and brodifacoum and feratox are being used on the boundaries by some farms.	The Wapiti Model is fine example of what can be achieved, yet the bias in DOC and pressure from WARO industry are significant barriers.	Area is not an RHA or HOSI. Unlikely to be used by WARO operators for the reasons outlined in the submission, but if a concessions was applied for it would likely be issued.	
21					✓			Matura Range Scenic Reserve (Besides the health of ecosystem peoples health needs considered when these decisions are made. Recreation needs to be given a greater priority in the use of all public land. This land is not there for private commercial advantage.)	Additional questions to DOC not relevant to the submission.	Area is not an RHA or HOSI.	
22					✓			Nevis area, wish the area to be closed to WARO for the following reasons: to maintain consistency with other adjoining PCL closed to WARO. Highly valued by rec hunters as it has good access. Commercial WARO hunting in these areas is inconsistent with the Otago CMS Section 3.20.1. The current regime of recreational hunter control is working for the protection of indigenous biodiversity from ungulates, so why introduce a further means (WARO) that conflicts with visitors particularly recreational hunters (noting Policy 3.20.1 of the CMS that requires DOC to take into account the effects on visitors when considering concession applications for wild animal control), (thinks that Department data for this area is skewed by sheep and deer numbers may be over-estimated)		Nevis ?	Didn't submit in June/July
23		Alpine Springs Helicopters	✓		✓			Area and recommendation as follows: St James Conservation Area Year round WARO access, Branch/Leatham Conservation Area Year round WARO access, Rakala Conservation Area Open to WARO access, Nelson Lakes National Park Year round WARO access, Rough River change to open, Chetwynd change to open. DOC's draft recommendations for WARO land assessments for the South Island: fail to promote the purpose of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977, namely the killing of wild animals; wrongly promote the sporting opportunities for recreational hunters, which are irrelevant as a matter of law; and appear to undermine the preservation obligations in National Parks and the conservation obligations in Conservation Areas.	Deer numbers are increasing and at their highest levels since the late 1970s. Recreational hunters can not scale up with an increasing deer population. Low deer numbers, it is a small parcel of land, neighbour are against WARO safety concerns etc are all unjustifiable reasons for restricting WARO.	St James: WARO operators can apply for open access outside the bulk offer process. Leatham is proposed to be permitted. Rakala is proposed to be permitted. Nelson Lakes, Rough River, and Chetwynd are outside scope.	
24					✓			Oppose any changing of the Remarkables Conservation Area from its current status of not permitted. Changing it to restricted is not in line with the Otago CMS Section 3.20.1. The RCA is a small, easily locally accessible area that a very high number of local recreational hunters visit. The panel justification for opening the RCA to restricted status is completely at odds with the DOC Deer Control Policy Statement on Deer Control (Feb 2001).		Not a RHA or HOSI. Check CMS.	
25					✓			I specifically reject the reclassification of the Remarkables Conservation area as being open to restricted WARO accessibility. This is a highly valued area for locals and is well managed by hunters who have fantastic access to the conservation area. The Remarkables Conservation area is close to populated towns like Cromwell and Queenstown with many local hunters frequenting the area most days of the year actively hunting and managing deer numbers. Allowing any form of WARO is not consistent with the Otago CMS Section 3.20.1 and would completely eradicate a highly valuable asset, and reestablish the Remarkables Conservation, Rock and Pillar CA, Matura Range Scenic Reserve Leitham Conservation Area area as a no WARO access zone.	Urge you to collaboratively work with your local communities to achieve conservation and recreational hunting goals. More examples of collaborative herd and conservation management which is observed with the Wapiti foundation, needs to be acknowledged by the Department of Conservation and adopted in the areas consulted on.	Not a RHA or HOSI. Check CMS Remarkables and Rock and Pillar. Matura Range - Consistent with adjoining Mid Dome. Is not a RHA or HOSI. Leitham is outside scope.	
26		South Westland Hunting Club (President)					The roar WARO closure period, submit this to be from 20 March to 15 April. That is when the Roar happens in South Westland.	Suggested revising the zoning from permitted to restricted in 2 areas, the Waikukupa South of SH 6 (Aircraft Safety, this being extremely high use for tourist flights. Uncontrolled WRO operations are a risk), and the lowland forests on the seaward side of SH 6 between the Okarito Road and Mikonui River. (High use by local hunters and the site get minimal WARO attention for NZFA reasons).	SWHC is considering making a proposal to DOC to do experimental control of the tahr in that area (Upper Waikukupa), and WARO might ruin chances of success.	Roar closure periods - need for consistency. Waikukupa. This is outside scope but we need to consider aircraft safety observation. Okarito/Mikonui are out of scope.	
27					✓			Specifically reject the reclassification of the Remarkables Conservation Area as being open to restricted WARO accessibility. Highly valued area for locals and is well managed by hunters. Allowing any form of WARO is not consistent with the Otago CMS Section 3.20.1 and would completely eradicate a highly valuable asset. Request that DOC reconsider this classification and reestablish the Remarkables Conservation Area, Rock and Pillar Conservation Area, Matura Range Scenic Reserve, Leitham Conservation Area as a no WARO access zones.	More examples of collaborative herd and conservation management which is observed with the Wapiti foundation, needs to be acknowledged by the Department of Conservation and adopted in the areas consulted on. Urge you to work with your local communities to achieve conservation and recreational hunting goals.	Not a RHA or HOSI. Check CMS Remarkables and Rock and Pillar. Matura Range - Consistent with adjoining Mid Dome. Is not a RHA or HOSI. Leitham is outside scope.	
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29		National President NZDA	✓				There is need for consistency between the North and South Island closed periods to avoid WARO conflicting with recreational hunting in the roar period. Better to have the two islands with the same dates to avoid confusion. WARO permits should prohibit shooting deer in velvet from 31 January to 15 March, and shooting stags bearing antlers until after the Roar. The Roar closures should be extended 2 weeks longer. A week to each end of the closure periods will be both safer and more equitable for recreational hunters while not significantly affecting the commercial viability of WARO.	Regarding the Nevis Conservation Area and Gientanner - there seems no good reason to open either of these areas to WARO. Both are valuable to recreational hunters.	Notes that the National WARO review panel effectively rejected or second-guessed numerous recommendations made by local DOC offices regarding WARO activities. It looks as though permitted WARO areas are being enlarged at DOC's own initiative. Strongly support a comprehensive review of WARO in the near future. The Deer Control Policy 2001 is outdated and unfit for purpose. Asking for WARO data to be open to the public.	This submission relates to wider Deer policy and WARO considerations. Outside the scope of this part of the consultation. Nevis? Ruatanwhia is proposed to be not permitted	Didn't submit in June/July
30					✓		The standard North Island And South Island summer closure period (for areas outside the Ruahines noting the existing Ruahine restrictions) should be increased to become 16 December to 31 January to align with the school holidays.	The affected area of the Tararua (18%) and the Remutakas (83%) should be returned to their normal legal status quo of closed to WARO. The Kawekas should be closed to WARO. We endorse on a national basis the proposed land closures including but not limited to Ruahine FP, Aorangi FP, and the Wairarapa Reserves. Also note the highly values closure of Lake Sumner RHA and the current control regime in the Fiordland Wapiti Area. Closures should be per the 2009 to 2014 WARO review outcome (all closed).	The Department has ignored many of its own regional area recommendations in the National Panels drive to open as much land as possible to WARO activity.	Need for standardisation of closure periods. Wider areas of Remutaka and Tararua are outside scope of this part of the consultation. Kawekas has high deer numbers (mostly Sika deer which are little interest to WARO) RHA is out of scope.	
31					✓		The standard North Island and South Island summer closure period (for areas outside the Ruahines noting the existing Ruahine restrictions) should be increased to become 16th December through to 31st January as a minimum and ideally the North island closure should become 1st Dec to 30th April.	The affected area of the Tararua (18%) and the Remutakas (83%) should be returned to their normal legal status quo of closed to WARO. The Kawekas should be closed to WARO. We endorse on a national basis the proposed land closures including but not limited to Ruahine FP, Aorangi FP, and the Wairarapa Reserves. Also note the highly values closure of Lake Sumner RHA and the current control regime in the Fiordland Wapiti Area. Closures should be per the 2009 to 2014 WARO review outcome (all closed).	The Department has ignored many of its own regional area recommendations in the National Panels drive to open as much land as possible to WARO activity.	Need for standardisation of closure periods. Wider areas of Remutaka and Tararua are outside scope of this part of the consultation. Kawekas has high deer numbers (mostly Sika deer which are little interest to WARO) RHA is out of scope.	
32			✓		✓			Proposal for Nevis, Remarkables, Hawkduns, Pisa, Kōpuwai, Old Woman and others that can also be prone to high deer numbers is an agreed number of deer set for each reserve, deer are monitored annually and WARO is only used when numbers are in excess and they only remove an agreed amount.		Areas are not RHA's or HOSI. Most are outside scope. Check Remarkables/cms. Nevis?	Didn't submit in June/July
33					✓		The standard North Island and South Island summer closure period (for areas outside the Ruahines noting the existing Ruahine restrictions) should be increased to become 16th December through to 31st January as a minimum and ideally the North island closure should become 1st Dec to 30th April.	The affected area of the Tararua (18%) and the Remutakas (83%) should be returned to their normal legal status quo of closed to WARO. The Kawekas should be closed to WARO. We endorse on a national basis the proposed land closures including but not limited to Ruahine FP, Aorangi FP, and the Wairarapa Reserves. Also note the highly values closure of Lake Sumner RHA and the current control regime in the Fiordland Wapiti Area. Closures should be per the 2009 to 2014 WARO review outcome (all closed).	The Department has ignored many of its own regional area recommendations in the National Panels drive to open as much land as possible to WARO activity. New changes to land areas have been added during this second round of consultation, e.g. the Kaweka Forest Park. These were not consult on previously and hunters could reasonably have thought those areas were unaffected and not submitted. This round is however limited to those who submitted on the previous limited land review, i.e. despite now being of interest to people not previously thought affected or involved they will be denied a say.	Need for standardisation of closure periods. Kawekas has high deer numbers (mostly Sika deer which are little interest to WARO) RHA is out of scope. Wider areas of Remutaka and Tararua are outside scope of this part of the consultation. Other areas outside scope	Didn't submit in June/July
34					✓			Proposal for Nevis, Remarkables, Hawkduns, Pisa, Kōpuwai, Old Woman and others that can also be prone to high deer numbers is an agreed number of deer set for each reserve, deer are monitored annually and WARO is only used when numbers are in excess and they only remove an agreed amount.		Areas are not RHA's or HOSI. Most are outside scope. Check Remarkables/cms. Nevis?	
35					✓			Disappointed to see that the Nevis Block has been added to WARO, it is a good easy access hunting block.		Nevis is outside scope ?	Didn't submit in June/July

36								I've noticed that most of the areas me any my mates hunt are going to be open to WARO. The likes of Mount Cook area etc gets hammered by us hunters and the numbers are kept low. All that we are asking is that the areas that hunters like myself can get to is left.		Mt Cook is outside scope. Ruataniwhia is proposed to be not permitted		
37								Opposition to the proposal to allow WARO activity in the Nevis Recreation Area. The ease of access into the Nevis via both foot and vehicles means that deer numbers are in my opinion, constantly in check. WARO should be limited to areas that have significant access restrictions either due to topography reasons or land ownership/access reasons.		Nevis is outside scope	Didn't submit in June/July	
38								The Nevis, Mt Aurum, Eyre Mountains, these areas are easily accessible by foot and controlled by ground hunters. Having helicopters flying around during this time would be a huge disappointment after going to all the trouble of accessing these areas and dangerous.		Nevis and Eyre Mts. are outside scope. Mt Arrum is not an RHA or HOSI.	Didn't submit in June/July	
39			✓					Remarkables Conservation Area, Zone A (Nevis valley), feel that WARO should not be allowed to operate in this area or any any area that has easy access for recreational hunters.		Remarkables check cms	Didn't submit in June/July	
40								Restricted time over the roar periods the dates be changed from mid March to the end of April and that be a uniformed time period throughout New Zealand. Perhaps 1 March through to 30 April. Also the Xmas period from 15 December through to 15 January.	Small yellow areas as seen on map 15, submit that these areas made red for NO WARO operations. The green area of the Oteake conservation block we would like to see the entire block red for no WARO operations. Timaru Creek and Lauder Basin areas, would like to see these area red so no WARO operations. The new block which is to be part of the Ruataniwha conservation area, would like to see this block of land be connected to the adjoining Aoraki National Park which is red NO WARO operations.		Need for standarisarion of closure periods. Map 15 areas? Oteake, Timaru creek and Lauder basin are outside scope. 187ha of Ruataniwha is proposed to be not permitted	Resubmitted his original submission
41								The Remarkables Conservation Area, there is now an area open for restricted access. I think this should be reversed to no WARO, easily accessible, numbers are lower than other surrounding areas. The Eyre Mountains, this area is currently a green permitted area, this area should change to be disallowed or at least restricted at the very least, on foot access almost all of it is accessible. Mount Aurum and the surround Whakaari areas should not allow WARO operations, (DOC only allow 6 rifles per day into the area for safety reasons, therefore I cannot understand at all why the area permits WARO operations year round) if anything it should be opened up to more rifles.		Remarkables check CMS. Eyre Mts and Whakari are out of scope. Mt. Arrum is not a RHA or HOSI		
42								Don't believe the Nevis should be included in the WARO as it is one of the most accessible areas for recreational hunters to access and numbers in this area are well in control.		Nevis is outside scope	Didn't submit in June/July	
43								Voicing concern over new DOC land in the Nevis (near the Remarkables) being allowed for WARO. Easily accessible, open tussock country, allowing WARO would quickly decimate any deer population because it is so open		Nevis is outside scope	Didn't submit in June/July	
44	NZDA Nelson Branch		✓					Recommendation of No WARO during 23 March - 15 April.	Nelson Lakes National Park - support the restriction of WARO but suggest it be further limited between 1 June and 30 September. Cobb, Mt Arthur, Tablelands - we note this area is excluded from the list of proposed WARO areas but maintain that the area defined under the old RHA (prior to its absorption into the Kahurangi National Park) should not be permitted for WARO, unique "boutique herd" of fallow deer, not permitting WARO and hence preserving this small but valued fallow herd is consistent with the proposed use of deer repellent for the planned aerial 1080 drop over this area later in 2019. Mt Richmond Forest Park - Beeby's to Gordon's Knob - readily accessible, NZDA are pre-ignatated an RHA in the future. Branch/Leatham Conservation Area - NZDA propose this area should be a future RHA, very popular with hunters.	Joint NZDA/DOC opportunity arising from assigning Branch/Leatham area an RHA - policing unlawful night shooting and spotlighting which is rife in the lower valleys.	Need for standarisarion of closure periods. Branch Leatham is not a RHA.	
45								The standard North Island and South Island summer closure period (for areas outside the Ruahines noting the existing Ruahine restrictions) should be increased to become 16 December through to 31 January as a minimum and ideally the North Island closure should become 1 December to 30 April.	The affected area of the Tararua (18%) the Remutakas (83%) should be returned to their normal legal status quo of closed to WARO. The Kawekas should be closed to WARO. We endorse on a national basis the proposed land closures including but not limited to Ruahine FP, Aorangi FP, and the Wairarapa Reserves. Also note the highly values closure of Lake Sumner RHA and the current control regime in the Fiordland Wapiti Area. Closures should be per the 2009 to 2014 WARO review outcome (all closed).	The Department has ignored many of its own regional area recommendations in the National Panels drive to open as much land as possible to WARO activity.	Need for standarisarion of closure periods. Kaweka has high deer numbers (mostly Sika deer which are little interest to WARO) RHA is out of scope. Other areas referred to are outside scope.	
46	South Island WARO Association	✓		✓				Moving regional roar dates to better align with seasonal differences when the roar is in full swing is supported but in the shorter time frame. Opposed to any suggestion that Christmas closure time should be increased beyond the statutory public holiday period.	St James Conservation Area - The purposes of the Wild Animal Control Act suggests year round WARO access in this area is necessary to control wild animals. It is therefore necessary to increase WARO access to year round in the St James Station to better manage pest levels in this area and to ensure DOC complies with its statutory obligations. Branch/Leatham Conservation Area - This area is currently open for WARO access. DOC has recommended restricting the access periods of WARO to 1 June - 31 October each year. Closing this area to WARO during the spring and summer months contradicts purposes of the Wild Animal Control Act. As deer are at their most active during the spring and summer, banning WARO during this period inhibits control efforts and will result in increasing deer numbers. Rakaia Forest Conservation Area - WARO access is currently prohibited on the basis of a herd of special interest said to exist in the area. There is no herd of special interest in the Canterbury area. The Gazette reveals this is still the case. It is suggested that DOC should open this area to WARO concessions to ensure wild animals are controlled. Nelson Lakes National Park - WARO access during the warmer months is necessary to promote the purposes of the Wild Animal Control Act. In summary recommendations: St James Conservation Area, Branch/Leatham Conservation Area, Nelson Lakes National Park - all year round WARO access. Rakaia Conservation Area - open to WARO access. We consider that DOC's recommendations in respect of the above areas fail to consider the relevant statutory obligations, and prioritise recreational hunting opportunities which are an irrelevant consideration.	Support the continuation of collecting waypoints in National Parks. Waypoints collected from hunting on all other DOC estate are not supported. Flight paths from WARO on all DOC estate is not supported. Recommend a review of the 2km buffer zone as it creates a default RHA.	Need for standarisarion of closure periods. The wider consideration of changing periods is outside the scope of this part of the consultation. Data/waypoints is outside the scope of this part of the consultation. Leatham area is proposed permitted (status quo remains). St James. WARO operators can apply for open access outside the bulk offer process. Rakaia is proposed to be permitted. Nelson Lakes is outside scope.	
47								The standard North Island and South Island summer closure period (for areas outside the Ruahines noting the existing Ruahine restrictions) should be increased to become 16th December through to 31st January as a minimum and ideally the North Island closure should become 1st Dec to 30th April.	The affected area of the Tararua (18%) the Remutakas (83%) should be returned to their normal legal status quo of closed to WARO. The Kawekas should be closed to WARO. We endorse on a national basis the proposed land closures including but not limited to Ruahine FP, Aorangi FP, and the Wairarapa Reserves. Also note the highly values closure of Lake Sumner RHA and the current control regime in the Fiordland Wapiti Area. Closures should be per the 2009 to 2014 WARO review outcome (all closed).	The Department has ignored many of its own regional area recommendations in the National Panels drive to open as much land as possible to WARO activity. New changes to land areas have been added during this second round of consultation, e.g. the Kaweka Forest Park. These were not consult on previously and hunters could reasonably have thought those areas were unaffected and not submitted. This round is however limited to those who submitted on the previous limited land review, i.e. despite now being of interest to people not previously thought affected or involved they will be denied a say.	Need for standarisarion of closure periods. Tararua and Remutaka are outside scope. Only 64 ha of Kaweka being consulted on to be consistent with the surrounding land - therefore out of scope. Other areas are out of scope	Didn't submit in June/July
48			✓					Should extend the Roar closure period to include January and February.	Conservation Area - Blue Mountain, Conservation Area - Cass Valley, The Poplars Conservation Area, Conservation Area - Paparoa Range South, Conservation Area - Rough River, Scenic Reserve - Okuru - Waitototo, Tapuae O Uenuku "Scenic" Reserve Addition, Westland National Park (Omeoora Bluff area) should all remain unavailable as there is no monitoring of animal numbers to justify opening. Mt Aurum, Remarkables Conservation Area and St James Conservation Area should be Not Permitted due to importance to recreational hunters. Rock and Pillar area and Matura Scenic Range area should be Not Permitted as recommended. Agree that Leatham area Richmond Forest Park should change from Permitted due to no monitoring to justify remaining open.		Need for standarisarion of closure periods. Blue Mountain and Poplars are not RHAs or HOSI. Proposed change to Paparoa is to do with closure around high use tracks, wider area is out of scope. Other areas referred to are out of scope. Rough river is 129 ha new land and proposed permitted is consistent with surrounding access. Okuru is 56 ha of new land to be consistent with adjoining land. Adjoining land is out of scope. Tapuae O Uenuku? Omeoora WNP - Not a RHA or HOSI and consistent with surrounding land. Other areas - see previous comments. Mt Richmond is out of scope. Note Teir 1 monitoring shows an increase in ungulate populations and extent.	
49								Cass Valley, Rough River etc should be Not Permitted, as high access areas for recreational hunters and trampers and WARO takes away from the outdoor experience. No further WARO areas should be made accessible.		Cass valley is not a RHA or HOSI. Permitted is consistent with adjoining WARO access.		
50								Expressing strong opposition for the proposed change of Remarkable Conservation Area to Restricted. The area is the most accessible land available for hunting in the area with large numbers of users most users most of whom are recreational hunters. Surrounding areas are not permitted so this should be too. FPI result not robust.		Remarkables - check CMS planning advice		
51	Central Otago Recreational Users Forum							They propose that Remarkables area remain as an area for recreational hunting only and be a Not Permitted area. Propose that all areas that did not have a WARO restricted designation at the time of the first submission call, remain Not Permitted.	The default for new land to conservation should be aligned to neighbouring conservation land. Questions why the second round of submissions was open only to submitters from the first round as other parties could now be affected by the new proposed changes. Feel like they are submitting on how DOC will determine where WARO will operate rather than on whether WARO should be allowed on new concession lands since the last concession. Local DOC staff support not permitted in Remarkables Area and know what they are talking about. FPI result not robust.	Remarkables - check CMS planning advice		
52									Expresses frustration at the lack of weight and credence given to recreational hunters opinions and lack of recognition given to their efforts. Submits that it's in the interests of DOC, recreational hunters and other stakeholders a wide-ranging review of WARO that recreational hunters believe is justified.	Comments noted. WARO is assessed according to legislation, general policy, and deer policy statement.		

