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Ranger (Biodiversity)

Location	Twizel, Te Manahuna/Mackenzie District
Dates of Employment	November 2026 to April 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Biodiversity Ranger based in Twizel within the Biodiversity work group, this role supports possum and stoat control and rabbit fence maintenance across the Te Manahuna/Mackenzie District. The position focuses on delivering biodiversity outcomes through trapline and rabbit fence maintenance, species monitoring, and supporting threatened species programmes in remote backcountry environments. You will undertake possum and stoat control within the Ōhau Forest Valleys and maintain rabbit-proof fences throughout the district, contributing to the protection of native species including mistletoe and *Pittosporum patulum*, and threatened dryland and braided river ecosystems.

Key Tasks

- Check and maintain traplines as part of possum and predator control programmes
- Check and maintain the Te Manahuna/Mackenzie Basin Public Conservation Land rabbit fence network
- Support mistletoe and *Pittosporum patulum* monitoring
- Collect and record field data
- Work across remote backcountry sites, including extended stays

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Experience with biodiversity monitoring and predator control programmes
- Good understanding of conservation and New Zealand's natural and cultural heritage
- Strong communication skills and ability to work with a range of people
- High level of backcountry experience, including off-track navigation in steep terrain
- Ability to work independently in isolated environments for extended periods
- High level of physical fitness for demanding fieldwork
- Experience with river crossings and remote travel (on foot and via four-wheel driving)

- Ability to work flexible hours, including early mornings, evenings
- Confidence working in and around helicopters
- Strong health and safety awareness
- Full New Zealand driver's licence
- 4WD unit standards

Desirable:

- Controlled Substances Licence (CSL)
- Practical skills including chainsaw and scrub bar use
- Light Utility Vehicle (LUV) operation experience and unit standards
- Fencing experience
- Current First Aid certificate

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The Twizel Biodiversity Threats team includes a Principal Ranger and ranger staff, supported by seasonal workers. Many team members are based in Twizel, where this role is also located.

The possum and predator control aspect of the role operates across the Hopkins, Huxley, and Temple Valleys within Ruataniwha Conservation Park and surrounding conservation areas. The fence maintenance is throughout Te Manahuna/the Mackenzie Basin from Burkes Pass to Lindis Pass. These areas are home to some of Aotearoa/New Zealand's most spectacular braided river valleys, with rare floral and faunal communities present that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Additional Information

Roster: Flexibility required to cover staff leave and peak periods

Accommodation: None provided

Number of positions: 1

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