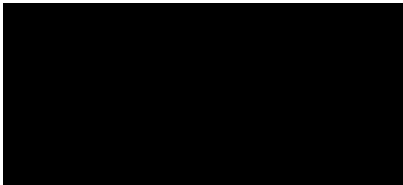



05 July 2022



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 03 June 2022 in which you asked for:

*“What pest control activity has DOC undertaken for the last 10 years on public conservation land from Pipiriki down (to Whanganui) including segments of the lower Whanganui National Park.”*

The pest control activities south of Pipiriki in the past 10 years have been limited. Based on information ascertained from our operational reporting tools, the pest control undertaken has been limited to goat control and weed control, as set out below.

#### **Goat control**

Goat control occurred within the Southern part of the Whanganui National Park, approximately 15km north of Jerusalem, in the vicinity of the area known as Te Puha. The activity was reported as ground control of goats.

- 2017/2018 financial year: 250 ha, from the awa to approximately 2km south of Pipiriki
- 2020/2021 financial year: 185 ha, from the awa to approximately 8km south of Pipiriki
- 2021/2022 financial year: 210 ha, from the awa to approximately 6km south of Pipiriki.

#### **Weed control**

The weed control activity undertaken was ground control of woody weeds (such as Blackberry, Poplar, Wattle, Japanese Honeysuckle, Japanese Walnut, Tutsan and Willow), which was completed in the 2020/21 financial year. This activity took place along the riverbanks of the awa as far as Otoutahi Stream, approximately 5km south of Pipiriki

Maps have been provided to identify the areas the work has been undertaken. The areas highlighted yellow are the sites referred to.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	June 2022	Maps Identifying Pest Control Activity	Released in full.



Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and the enclosed document may be published on the Department's website.

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