

Attendance: John Beech FMC MTSC, Janet Wilson RWP PNTMC, Jean Garmen MTSC, Ian Patterson NZDA LNIRDF, Anthony Behrens, Fioana Burleigh, Mike Charlton R NZDA, Vince Payne R NZDA, John Montgomerie HTC, Dave Mulinder HTC R NZDA, Matt Shaort HBRC.

## Welcome & introductions

### 1. Apologies:

### 2. Minutes from previous meetings & actions arising

- a. **Action DOC:** John and Shaun to catch up over Stewardship Land Status. **Complete.**
- b. **Action DOC:** Smith Stream water tank alert status. **This is no longer in action and has been remedied by DOC Dec 19.**

### 3. Huts and Shelters – work undertaken and planned

#### a. DOC managed

##### i. Completed

- Pohangina Base electrical upgrade, New Woodshed, Vehicle barrier and Front gate.
- Sunrise, Rangiwahia and Longview huts had monthly checks. Summer booking system is about to become live after Labor Weekend.
- Iron Gate Hut. Currently close to 50% completion. Due for 16<sup>th</sup> Nov completion date.
- Hut services completed at Ellis and Sentry Box.
- Barlow Hut. New door installed, New skylight installed, Chimney flashing fixed, and hut serviced. Needs some tidy up paint.
- Parks Peak had a new flashing installed and the tap/plumbing fixed. Hut serviced.

##### ii. Planned next 3-4 Months

- Complete Iron Gate hut.
- Continue Serviced Hut visits.
- Complete work at Shutes, Waterfall, Top Maropea, and Smiths Stream.
- Intending to Paint Longview and/or Sunrise.
- Complete the Inspection Program for the RFP.

#### b. Community managed

##### i. Completed

- Cherry Peeti-Tapurau has signed up for Maintenance of A Frame Hut.
- Rob Brown is planning to lead a team to recondition Toka and Sparrowhawk Bivvies.
- John asked if he could have info on Gold Creek and Poutaki Huts to formulate a bid to the BCT. PNMTC may be going in on a planned trip.

#### 4. Tracks and roads

##### b. DOC managed

##### i. Completed

- Rangiwahia access road had road works completed at site.
- Alice Nash Track to Campsite The bridge to campsite track has been tidied up and new water tabling established. The main track to the bridge from the roadend has also be re-visited.
- Kashmir Road received a grade in June.
- Manawatu Gorge Loop Track received a track re-surface.
- Maintaining front country track vegetation.

##### iii. Planned next 3-4 Months,

- Establish 2019/20 Track cutting program is in Draft form.
- Completed Kashmir Road.
- Have No Mans Road work scoped and ready for delivery.

##### c. Community managed

- Rubbish at the old rifle range kindly gathered by Graeme. This was flown out by the DOC Team while flying Iron Gate Supplies.

#### 5. Access

- a. Mokai Te Matea station situation is yet to be resolved.
- b. Parks Peak Station access no longer requires calling the landowner. Signed access will be established in November. Please park in area provided in the map.

#### 6. Biodiversity

Northern Ruahine Tiakina Nga Manu operation set to go ahead. Just waiting for the DOC consent.

Pest data for August - 74% rats 64% mice

Pete saw lots of Whio and some ducklings

What is the TNM boundaries.

Permission has been given by the Aorangi Awarua Trust to include Awarua Ohinemanu Block in the operation.

Lots of questions about 1080, deer repellent, length of time before hunting is safe, how long are baits toxic.

Is there a different bait when you target deer?

DOC does not target deer with these operations primarily target rats with very good kills of possums and secondary kills on mustelids. Bait used is cereal bait 6 gram.

Talked about deer repellent. Ruahine operation was not identified by NZDA as a significant herd requiring the use of deer repellent.

Darwins barberry work has just been done in the Ruahine Forest Park, sites are true left of Makaroro River opposite the old mill site at Wakarara Road and behind the old Craigs Hut site near Dutch Creek. All this is behind the southern end of Gwavas Forest.

Coming up there will be feral goat control around Tamaki River and Makawakawa stram south to Wharite in the south and Nomans Road, Mangleton and Ngaruroro faces in the north. Numbers remain low. Work will be done by contractors.

Pinus Contorta focused on No Mans, Tararua Ridge Longview Kashmir Road. Timing December- March.

## **7. Other Items**

**8. Next meeting date:** 24 Feb 2020