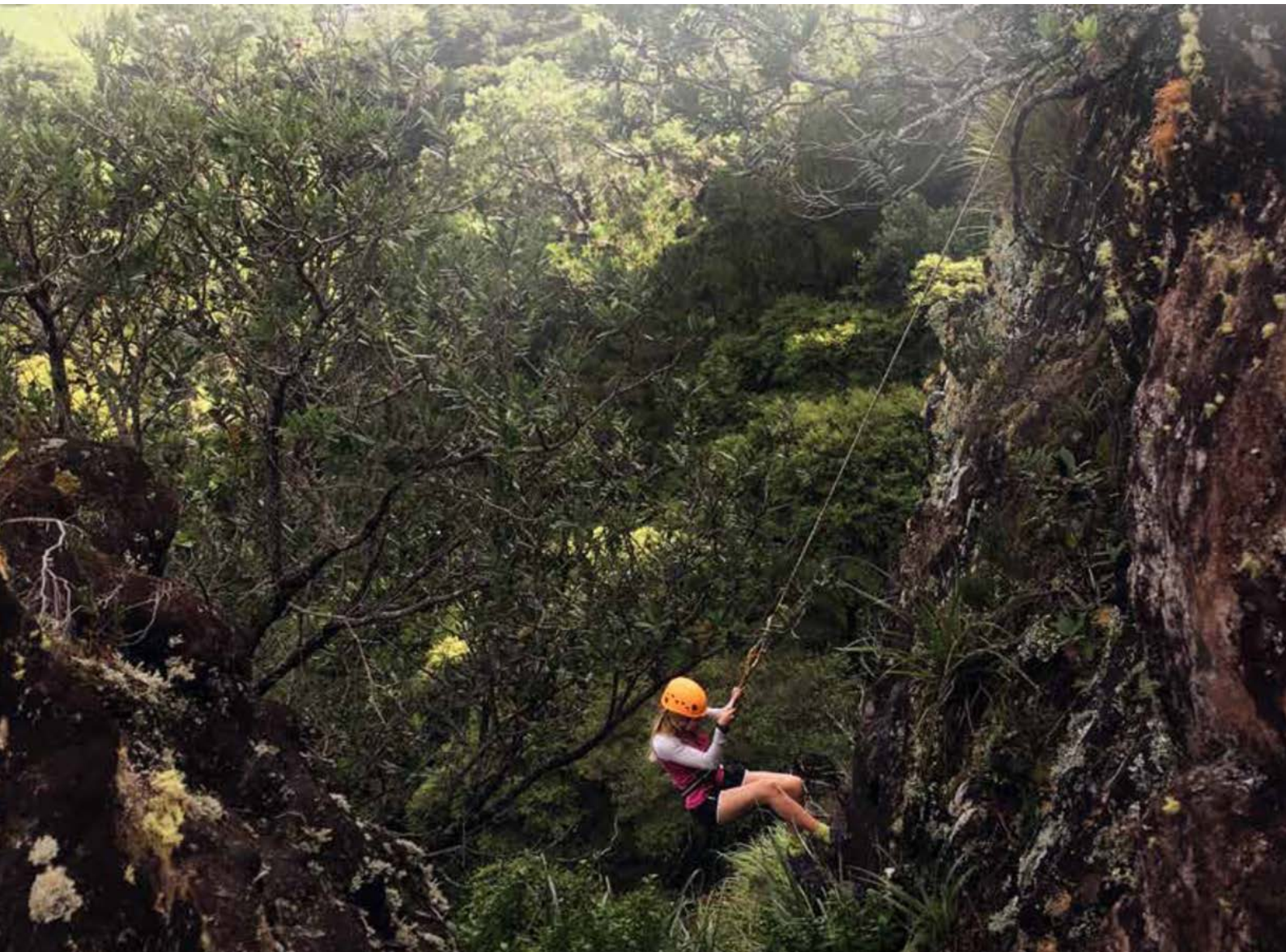


Concession Application

Sir Edmund Hillary

Outdoors Education Trust



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1 SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust (Hillary Outdoors) is applying for a concession to continue to operate its outdoor education activities on Public Conservation Land within the Taupō/Tongariro, Whanganui and Taranaki management areas.

This application is being made under Part 3B of the Conservation Act 1987 (the Act).

The following table summarises the application details. A table showing the full schedule of proposed activities, their locations, expected trip frequency and group numbers can be found in Appendix 4.

Applicant	Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust (Hillary Outdoors)
Concession term sought	20 years, with one right of renewal after 10 years so that the concession timeframe is 10+10 years
Location	Proposed Activities Include (see Appendix 4)
Taupō Whakaipo Bay Kawakawa Bay Great Lake Trails – Orakau, Kawakawa, W2K and Waihaha Kinloch Waikato River Lake Taupō – Kuratau, Motuoapa Tokaanu Stream Manganui o te Ao River	Transport Sea kayaking Canoeing Watercraft journey Mountain biking Tramping (on track) Abseiling Rock climbing Tube float
Whakapapa Tongariro Forest Lake Otamangakau Iwikau/Ruapehu maunga Pukehinau Stream	Transport Tramping (off track) Tramping (on track) Tube float Abseiling

Okupata Caves Pukehinau Caves Tongariro River Kaimanawa Forest Park Tongariro National Park - Mts Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, Ruapehu/Iwikau, Pukekaikiore, Mangatepopo Valley, Whakapapanui crag, Taranaki Falls, Tama Lakes track, Lake Rotopounamu track, Round the Mountain track, Tongariro Northern Circuit track, Tukino	Rock climbing Tyrolean traverse Camping Kayaking Canoeing Watercraft journey Rafting Mountaineering Snow caving Ski/snowboard touring Caving Gorging Orienteering Mountain biking Trapline
Taranaki Taranaki Maunga	Transport Tramping (on track) Hut stays Mountaineering
Whanganui Whanganui River	Transport Hut stays Kayaking Canoeing Watercraft journey Camping

The concession is necessary for Hillary Outdoors to continue to undertake its important activities that benefit hundreds of thousands of rangatahi from throughout Aotearoa.

The proposed activities are largely an extension of those which have been carried out since Hillary Outdoors was established in 1972. These activities are consistent with those undertaken by other users of the Public Conservation Estate. They will be undertaken in a controlled manner using highly trained and experience staff. These activities will also be carried out in a manner that is highly conscious and respectful of the significant conservation

and cultural values of the places where they will occur. To date, there has been no physical impacts on the environment from these activities, nor any known conflict with other users.

The continuation of these activities will mean that the known benefits of Hillary Outdoors programmes will be able to continue, including:

- Providing life-changing and positive experiences for students that are proven to increase key life skills such as resilience, self-confidence, empathy, and cultural and environmental awareness.
- Continuation of the environmental programmes established by Hillary Outdoors.
- Continuation of Hillary Outdoors involvement in alpine search and rescue in the central North Island.



2 REPORT STRUCTURE

This report has been developed to accompany the Hillary Outdoors application document to ensure that the Department has all the information required to make an informed decision on the concession application.

To assist the Department, this report is structured as follows:

Section 3 is an introduction to the application and Hillary Outdoors.

Section 4 contains key information about the Applicant's ability to undertake the activities in a manner that is consistent with the expectations of the Department. It also sets out how Hillary Outdoors has engaged with others in preparing this application and outlines the organisation's approach to health and safety.

Section 5 sets out the details and status of the activities to be covered by the concession, with reference to comprehensive activity and land tables contained in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5.

Section 6 includes information on the engagement undertaken with iwi and other parties in relation to this application.

Section 7 sets out Health and Safety matters including the Applicant's contribution to search and rescue.

Section 8 lists the relevant requirements of the Conservation Act 1987 that the application must meet and sets out how the application meets these requirements.

Section 9 sets out the relevant Department of Conservation documents that are used to determine the appropriateness of the proposed activities. For each document there is a statement summarising the status of the application against that document. Where required, there is a detailed assessment of the activities against specific elements of the relevant document. Section 7 refers to a comprehensive document by document assessment which is contained in Appendix 7.

Section 10 is a summary assessment of effects and **Section 11** includes information on previous offences.

Section 12 is a declaration by the Applicant.

3 SIR EDMUND HILLARY OUTDOORS EDUCATION TRUST

Since 1972 the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust (Hillary Outdoors) has been offering world-leading outdoor programmes to the young people of New Zealand. Over 150,000 rangatahi from a wide variety of backgrounds have experienced the benefits of these life-changing programmes. The Hillary Outdoors ‘learning through adventure’ model develops vital skills such as confidence, resilience and empathy.



Hillary Outdoors was founded in 1972 by Sir Graeme Dingle at the age of 26, with the support of his friend and mentor Sir Edmund Hillary. Dingle was driven to open the first Outdoor Pursuits Centre after seeing many children struggling in the New Zealand schooling system. He believed that by offering an alternative education of challenge in the

outdoors, these rangatahi would develop the skills and confidence they needed to succeed in life.

“Ed Hillary’s symbolic footprints are still out there. Not just on the summit of Mt Everest or on the dusty footpaths winding between the schools, hospitals and villages of the Mt Everest area. His footsteps are there for all of us to follow, a lasting aspiration to try harder and to go further. That is really what Hillary Outdoors is all about – giving young people the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can become.”

Peter Hillary, 20th July 2019 (Sir Edmund Hillary’s 100th Birthday)

Dingle’s ground-breaking approach went on to shape the professional outdoor education industry in New Zealand today. Hillary Outdoors is now the leading outdoor youth development provider in Aotearoa.

There is a large and significant need in New Zealand’s community for the outcomes that are achieved by Hillary Outdoors. Mental health issues, physical inactivity and disconnection from the natural environment are having a dramatic and pervasive impact on New Zealand society.

The Hillary Outdoors programmes are proven¹ to increase key life-skills such as resilience, self-confidence, empathy, and cultural and environmental awareness.

Hillary Outdoors is the only organisation in New Zealand offering such a unique experience to young people. Their programmes maximise the opportunity to teach key life skills by offering the widest range of outdoor activities of any outdoor education provider, and these are undertaken in the unique environment and relative wilderness of the central North Island. Activities range from snow caving and mountaineering to rock climbing and abseiling on unique volcanic rock formations, multi-night journeys and whitewater activities on many and varying waterways within remote wilderness areas.



The programmes Hillary Outdoors offers require young people to engage with each other, to unplug from technology and to make real and meaningful connections through conversation, games and activities and supporting each other through challenges. These experiences set young people up to succeed in life, in their studies and in their workplaces.

Hillary Outdoors has a proven track record of creating positive outcomes for its participants. Participating in a Hillary Outdoors programme is often a life-changing experience that has

¹ Auckland University of Technology Independent Research May 2019

positive social impacts enduring well beyond courses. These impacts include students developing leadership and teamwork skills, independence and self-management, resilience, perseverance and self-efficacy.

The thing I liked most was the high ropes because it was challenging at times but I pushed through it. Will – Wellesley College

Thank you for making our week not just fun but also a great learning experience. Kirralee – Ngunguru School

My favourite activity on camp was the overnighter. Although it was pouring down with rain, and we were miles away from civilisation you made it look so fun. I really liked being in the outdoors for 24 hours that day, you inspired me to embrace what is around me more often.

George – Wellesley College

Further and more comprehensive information regarding the positive outcomes and opportunities Hillary Outdoors programmes create is contained in Section 4.6.2.

Additional feedback letters from participating schools can be found in Appendix 2.

3.1 WHY ARE HILLARY OUTDOORS SEEKING TO RENEW THEIR CONCESSION?

Public conservation lands in the Central North Island provide Hillary Outdoors with the perfect environment to achieve positive results and make a difference to the lives of young New Zealanders. For the last eight years Hillary Outdoors has been doing this under a concession, however this is due to expire in December 2021 and needs to be renewed.

Hillary Outdoors is seeking to renew their concession to carry on delivering high quality outdoor education services to schools, tertiary institutions, other organisations and individuals on Public Conservation Land for a further 20 years.

Hillary Outdoors undertakes a wide range of outdoor education activities on public conservation lands in the North Island of New Zealand. These activities are carried out under their existing concession TT-16854-GUI(a), which was issued on 17 December 2011. The concession was for a period of five years but with an additional five year right of renewal. Hillary Outdoors was successful in securing that right of renewal.

While the current concession is not due to expire till 16 December 2021, it is important for Hillary Outdoors to secure their concession soon to ensure certainty of business for the

foreseeable future. Failure to obtain the concession will place significant constraints on the ability of the organisation to continue to function and is seen as a key risk for Hillary Outdoors.



An extended concession term of 10+10 years is sought to give Hillary Outdoors the certainty it requires to provide these important services into the long term. Hillary Outdoors has \$20 million of assets and it is important that they are able to secure long term tenure of operation to secure long term funding to maintain these assets.

As an organisation with such significant infrastructure, Hillary Outdoors needs the assurance of a long-term concession to continue to operate at existing levels and grow the operation to cater for increasing demand in the future. Increasingly greater numbers of students are expected to attend programmes at Hillary Outdoors as schools and parents seek ways of countering the mental health issues, physical inactivity and disconnection from the natural environment that are having a widespread impact on New Zealand society.

Furthermore, Hillary Outdoors will need to invest in staff training and in employing more staff to cater for increasing student numbers in the future. This is a commitment affecting a large number of people that cannot be made without the certainty of a longer-term concession. There is also a significant cost in maintaining training and safety documentation that Hillary

Outdoors needs to commit to long term in order for these important systems to be the best they can be.

Hillary Outdoors's land lease tenure at the Tongariro Centre and the long-term concession need to be consistent. Hillary Outdoors cannot operate without both of these being in place - the organisation's future and its ability to plan ahead are dependent on the long-term certainty of their tenure and concession.



4 APPLICANT DETAILS

4.1 FULL NAME OF REGISTERED COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL

Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust

4.2 LEGAL STATUS OF APPLICANT – CHARITABLE TRUST

Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust - NZBN 94290428888666

Previously known as:

- The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand – 17 June 1992 to 22 September 2014
- Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand - 09 May 1974 to 17 June 1992

4.3 ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE

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4.6 WHO IS HILLARY OUTDOORS?

Hillary Outdoors is a charitable trust that provides outdoor and environmental youth development and employment readiness training for youth aged 9 – 25 at its centres in Tongariro National Park and on Great Barrier Island. Hillary Outdoors has been in operation since 1972 when, with the support of Sir Edmund Hillary, Sir Graeme Dingle opened the first outdoor centre at Tongariro National Park.

Hillary Outdoors is a value-based organisation. Their goal is not simply to introduce young people to the outdoors, but to sow the seed for change and growth through that introduction. Hillary Outdoors wants people to explore their values and consider what values and behaviours are important for a healthy society - values such as perseverance, integrity and compassion. All of these values can be clearly seen in their previous patrons; Sir Edmund Hillary, Lady June Hillary, Barbara Kendall, Dame Jenny Shipley, and now, their current patron Sir Graeme Dingle. Hillary Outdoors has a proven existing governance structure through an existing board of trustees (<http://www.hillaryoutdoors.co.nz/our-team/>).

2019 marked the 100th anniversary of Sir Edmund Hillary's birth and it is important to continue the significant legacy that he has left for all New Zealanders.

The other key to Hillary Outdoors's educational success is its purpose, which was introduced by their founder (and now patron) Sir Graeme Dingle. Sir Graeme believed that, in order for young people to thrive and achieve, they needed to be introduced to new experiences and skills in such a way that would encourage them to seek other similar experiences, thereby challenging themselves. For this reason, Sir Graeme believed in an instructional style that offered support and caring at an individual level, giving people the skills to succeed. This purpose was supported by Hillary Outdoors's original patron Sir Edmund Hillary who, when putting his name to the organisation, noted that Hillary Outdoors provided the best outdoor learning environment available – a truly unique combination of environment and education.

A recent Omnibus survey highlighted that Hillary Outdoors is inspirational, has integrity, is admired, has credibility, cares for the community and positively showcases New Zealand.

In addition to its core outdoor youth development programmes offered to secondary school students, they also offer outdoor and environmental education and employment readiness training programmes for secondary and post-secondary students. Annually, the two existing centres host close to 7,500 youth from over 200 schools in immersion-based programmes that range in duration from one to five weeks. Demand for these programmes has been increasing significantly in recent years due to the quality of the programmes and the huge positive social impact they deliver for participants.





4.6.1 Purpose

Hillary Outdoors holds a view that learning is more likely to have a lifelong impact if participants are part of it; if they experience it, connect to it and help create and shape it. This philosophy underlies all Hillary Outdoors programmes and is the basis of their 'Purpose' of *'People are empowered to do extraordinary things by achieving growth through adventure, and connection through participation'*.

To Hillary Outdoors, an 'adventure' is any action a person takes where they are not 100% sure what the outcome will be. This could be an activity such as rock climbing or kayaking, or something smaller but equally as intimidating, such as expressing an opinion or asking a question.

These steps into the unknown enable participants to develop confidence, resilience and empathy while discovering new passions and unearthing new skills.

4.6.2 Benefits to Students

Each Hillary Outdoors programme includes hundreds of adventures, big and small, which are carefully selected to provide meaningful and tangible learning experiences for each participant. The benefits of these adventures can then be transferred back by students into their everyday lives, environment and communities.

Hillary Outdoors recently commissioned the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) to undertake independent research on the social benefits received by participants in Hillary Outdoors outdoor youth development programmes. The results of this work clearly demonstrate that participating in Hillary Outdoors programmes is often a life-changing experience, allowing students to develop leadership skills, have self-improvement, develop a strong sense of belonging, learn through teamwork and have positive social impacts that endure well beyond the courses. Independent research proves that, following the courses, residual benefit for participants extends to families and communities. These benefits, proven through independent research, include:

- Leadership and teamwork
- Independence and self-management
- Resilience and perseverance
- Self-efficacy and goal setting

These benefits extend beyond the participants' school years and are carried into their working lives.

4.6.3 Hillary Outdoors Participants

The following sets out the range of participants who take part in Hillary Outdoors programmes.

Participants - Secondary Schools

Hillary Outdoors is an inclusive organisation that works to ensure everyone, regardless of financial circumstances, can enjoy the benefits of their outdoor and environmental youth development programmes. Hillary Outdoors works with over 200 secondary schools, many of which are low decile and from communities with high Māori and Pasifika populations. For many of the low decile schools that attend their programmes, the organisation allocates Hillary Step scholarships to offset the costs for attendees. The scholarships are made possible through the work Hillary Outdoors carries out with schools, trusts and other funding bodies to source grant funding.

School students are able to receive up to 13 NCEA credits for participation in courses and the courses are tailored to the needs of each school. In addition to NCEA, school students in the International Baccalaureate and Duke of Edinburgh programmes are able to receive credit for participation in the courses.

Participants – Tertiary Students

Hillary Outdoors offers tertiary qualifications with up to 30 EFTS p.a. for students interested in pursuing careers in outdoor education and environmental sustainability. These are the

Level 4 *Certificate in Outdoor Adventure Skills and Leadership*, and the Level 5 *National Diploma in Outdoor Recreation Instruction*. Many people working in the outdoor adventure and recreation fields throughout New Zealand are graduates of Hillary Outdoors programmes. Hillary Outdoors also offers scholarships for a place in these tertiary programmes to students identifying as Māori.

Participants – School Leavers

Hillary Outdoors is creating partnerships through a new employment readiness programme that focuses predominantly on Māori and Pasifika youth who are finishing secondary school but not intending to pursue tertiary education or a trade apprenticeship. The programme will help in workforce transition by providing personal development, bringing employment and education together for young people in an empowering context, moving young people into employment and holding them there.

Participants – Commercial

Hillary Outdoors also caters for individuals and businesses who want to gain specific outdoor skills and qualifications or who want corporate-based outcomes in an outdoor setting. These participants do not make up a large part of the programmes delivered but are key to funding the wider Hillary Outdoors programmes.

4.7 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Hillary Outdoors works to ensure its trips are undertaken in a manner that appropriately recognises the important environmental and cultural values of the land and waters where these trips are undertaken, and to treat those values with respect and care. Environmental responsibility is an important part of the Hillary Outdoors curriculum. The organisation ensures the environment is respected in all activities it undertakes, but also ensures students carry through this respect when they are in the great outdoors independently in the future. In addition to this, Hillary Outdoors lives and shares the Department's care codes (<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/care-codes/>) as part of their programmes.



Hillary Outdoors undertakes conservation work in the central North Island, including plant and animal pest control. They have trap lines which they regularly maintain and are removing weed species from areas around the Tongariro Centre, then revegetating with native species.

Hillary Outdoors has recently initiated an offset planting programme to ensure the use of vehicles for their trips does not contribute to climate change.

Hillary Outdoors has a kaupapa of trying to contribute to environmental enhancement and conservation work as they believe this is a key element of any form of outdoor experience.

Hillary Outdoors follows its Sustainability Charter which is attached as Appendix 9.

4.8 INSURANCE

Hillary Outdoors is insured for broadform liability by NZI Liability for \$5,000,000 and in aggregate for Products. A copy of this insurance certificate can be found in Appendix 3.

5 APPLICATION DETAILS

5.1 TIMEFRAME

The applicant is seeking a concession for a period of 20 years with one right of renewal after 10 years, so that the concession time frame is 10+10 years.

5.2 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

As noted in Section 4.6, the Applicant is an outdoor education provider who offers a range of experiences to secondary school students, tertiary students and some adults. These activities take place in a variety of outdoor locations in the central North Island. Some of these activities are discrete adventures and others are part of wider journeys that give students a more expansive outdoor experience by combining a range of experiences.



These activities are undertaken both on formed tracks and off trail. Off trail activities are important as they provide experiences where students are taken further out of their comfort

zone and are required to express more self-reliance and resourcefulness in a more uncertain environment.

For this application, all specific activities to be undertaken by Hillary Outdoors on PCL have been listed in Appendix 4. The locations of these activities are shown on the maps in Appendix 6. The maps show the locations where Hillary Outdoors will be operating, including specific points of interest where more static activities (i.e. camping, climbing and abseiling etc) will take place. The maps show on and off-track routes to be used as part of the activities planned. It is important to note that some activities may not use the same route each time. On trail activities will be walking or mountain biking (where specified and permitted) and off trail activities will generally also be walking. In some cases off trail routes may be used for climbing or traversing in alpine areas. Those routes shown on awa or moana will be for waterborne activities.

Some maps show activities off PCL, this information has been included as it provides relevant context to the on PCL activities. Their inclusion do not imply that approval for the use of that land is being sought from the Department. Hillary Outdoors engage directly with private landowners for all parts of their business carried out off PCL.

Appendix 4 sets out key data for each activity, including the conservation areas affected, the number of participants and the associated management planning documents. The majority of the activities listed are carried out as part of the existing concession, however there are some new activities planned that would be covered by the new concession.

All the activities (existing and proposed) represent basic outdoor activities that can be undertaken by anyone as of right within PCL in New Zealand. This is a key element of the Hillary Outdoors experience in that it provides the skills to New Zealanders to get out and undertake activities in New Zealand's outdoors of their own initiative in the future.

Figure 1 shows the general location of the activities. Each activity will have differing group sizes and occur with different regularity throughout the year. The activities are proposed to take place on 53 conservation units in the following 14 locations:

1. Waikato Awa
2. Whangamata
3. Waihaha
4. Te Hapua
5. Waiotaka /Motuoapa
6. Tokaanu
7. Pihanga Tihia
8. Tongariro Awa
9. Otamangakau
10. Kaimanawa
11. Tongariro Forest
12. Tongariro National Park
13. Whanganui Awa
14. Taranaki Maunga

A list of the specific conservation units to be used can be found in Appendix 5. These units are within the Taupō / Tongariro, Whanganui and Taranaki management areas.

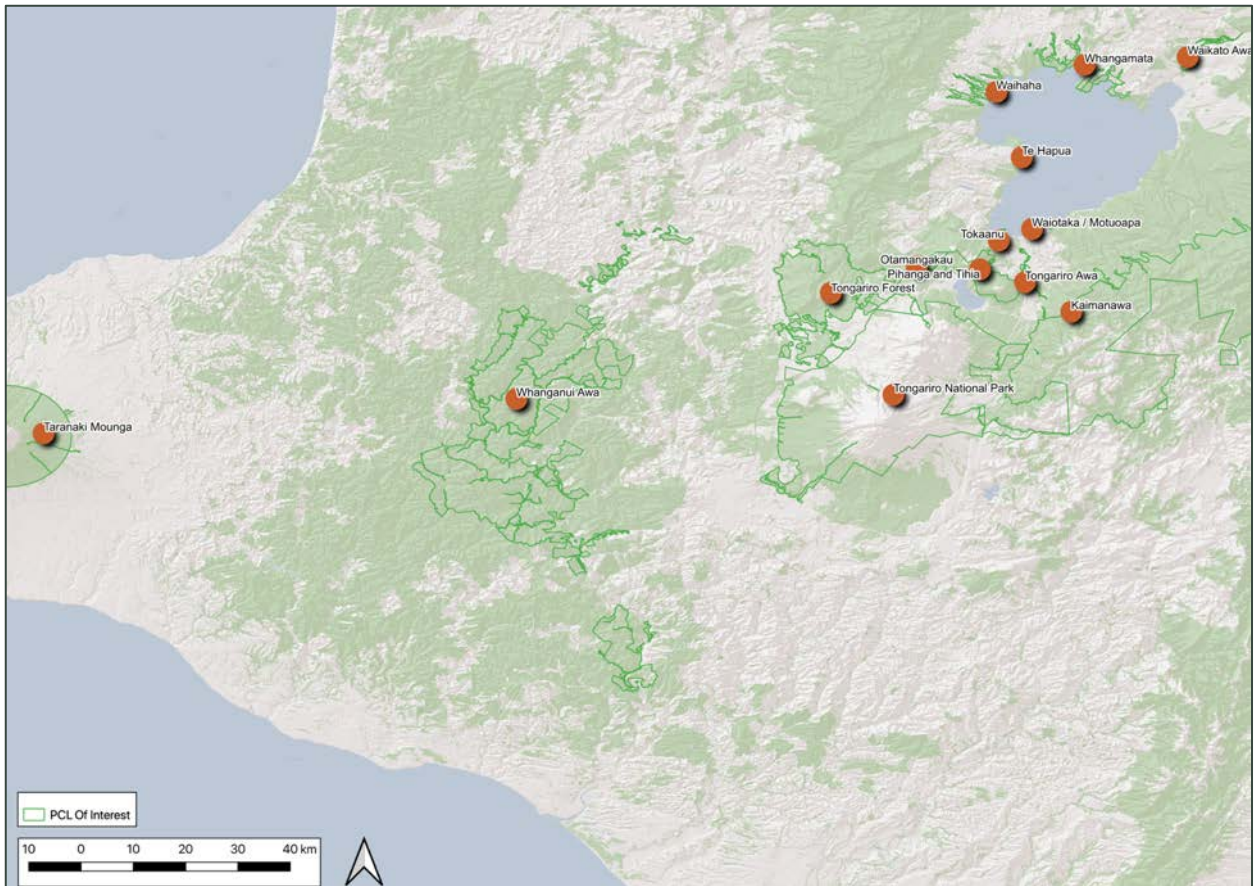


Figure 1 Locations of Hillary Outdoors Activities

5.3 STATUS OF ACTIVITIES

The Applicant’s activities are focused on the provision of outdoor education services to a range of clients. The majority of these services are to secondary schools, however they also include some tertiary and private training. This is important when considering the nature of the activities proposed and the associated fees. To assist, Table 1 shows the course types the Applicant provides and their associated categories.

TABLE 1 HILLARY OUTDOORS COURSE CATEGORY

Course Type	Category
Schools (Primary and Secondary)	Education
Adventure (events)	Education
Skills	Mixed education / commercial
Leadership	Mixed education / commercial
Management	Commercial

Contract	Mixed education / commercial
Instructor Only	Mixed education / commercial / education
Outdoor Educators	Education
Certificate	Education

It is important to note that some of the journeys and activities specified in Appendix 4 will be used for a number of different courses and associated categories, i.e. snow caving on the slopes of Ruapehu maunga could be done by secondary school students and those undertaking management courses. This will be set out in the associated returns process to ensure that the Department is clear on which activities undertaken will be within each category.

Date, Duration and Frequency of operation is not always able to be specified in the application. This is due to the nature of the Hillary Outdoor programmes, the weather and the types and capability of the groups which they have at any one time. Hillary Outdoors is not a guiding business which has set routes, instead they develop the programmes to fit to capability of their students and the weather etc. The activities listed in in Appendix 4 are those which will be utilised during any given year depending on the above factors. On the same basis, some activities may be combined (i.e. tramping and climbing activities) to be undertaken by students on a single day or over multiple days.

The individual group sizes specified in Appendix 4 represent the maximum number of people from Hillary Outdoors that will be present at that location at any one time. The exception of this is Meads Wall where there may be occasions where there are two groups located there at one time, i.e. a maximum of 28 people. Otherwise, it is anticipated that there could be up to 40 people active in the central north island in a day.

6 CONSULTATION

As part of developing this application, Hillary Outdoors met with and sought the views of a range of key partners and stakeholders. The results of this engagement to date are set out here. Consultation, and particularly engagement and consultation with iwi, is ongoing for Hillary Outdoors.

6.1.1 Iwi

The Applicant has been working closely with iwi on an ongoing basis. Working in a respectful way with iwi and the land is an important part of the way in which Hillary Outdoors operates. There has been ongoing korero between a number of iwi and Hillary Outdoors over time about working closely together. Part of that korero has been about the continuation of Hillary Outdoors operating. This discussion has not been within the context of a DOC concession; however, it is considered relevant as decisions have resulted in support for Hillary Outdoors to continue providing their important services to rangatahi and others. These discussions have resulted in a number of key documents as follows:

- Hillary Outdoors Cultural Protocol – a living document revised to reflect korero held with iwi and hapu
- A cultural Code of Practice and Field Implementation Plan agreed with Ngāti Rangī (2014)
- A Memorandum of Understanding with Ngāti Hikairo to formalise and enhance their relationship
- A letter confirming the appointment of John Ham of Te Rūnanganui O Ngati Hikairo Ki Tongariro to the Hillary Outdoors Board

These documents can be found in Appendix 1.

Hillary Outdoors has provided to iwi maps showing the locations of all of their activities on and off trail in the Taupō Tongariro Area (Appendix 6).

Concern has been previously raised by iwi relating to their journeys and their exact location so that they can consider them in relation to any sites of importance. The location of the activities may not have been provided in previous concession applications. Hillary Outdoors has mapped their journeys and activities in response to these concerns raised by iwi. The routes of these activities avoid known sites of "cultural significance." For example Hillary Outdoors do not summit the peaks of the three mouna in the Tongariro National Park .

In developing this application, Hillary Outdoors engaged Poipoia Limited to assist them in engaging with the following iwi to seek their views and expectations of Hillary Outdoors's activities:

1. Ngāti Tuwharetoa
2. Ngāti Hikairo
3. Ngāti Rangi
4. Uenuku
5. Taranaki Iwi
6. Raukawa
7. Ngāti Tahu - Ngāti Whaoa

In addition, Hillary Outdoors has engaged with the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board in respect to activities on Lake Taupō and associated tributaries.

A formal approach was made to Taranaki iwi in 2020. A copy of this letter and the associated response can be found in Appendix 1.

A hui was held with representatives of Ngāti Tahu - Ngāti Whaoa in June 2021.

There has been no formal response from other iwi yet, however consideration needs to be given to the ongoing working relationships developed by Hillary Outdoors with iwi as they continue to operate.

Hillary Outdoors will continue to work with tāngata whenua to enable the continuation of their activities and, more importantly, ensure that they are carried out in an appropriate and respectful manner.

Any additional information that may be received from iwi relating to this application will be provided to the Department.

6.1.2 Other Parties

In addition to iwi, the Applicant has also contacted the following parties who are considered important stakeholders when undertaking the proposed activities in these areas:

- Bike Taupō
- Project Tongariro
- Taupō District Council
- Ruapehu District Council
- Ruapehu Alpine Lifts

Copies of the feedback from these parties can be found in Appendix 2 as well as testimonials from the following individuals and organisations with experience of the Applicant's services.

- Schools
- Students
- Graham Henry
- Peter Hillary
- Graham Dingle
- Henry Hall
- Paul Green



7 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Hillary Outdoors meets the legal requirements and has the appropriate systems to continue to ensure that it has the ability to operate safely when undertaking their activities in the outdoors.

Hillary Outdoors holds registration as an Adventure Activity Operator (AAO371) as recognition of meeting all the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activity) Regulations 2016.



7.1.1 Safety Management Systems

The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust has developed and maintains a very comprehensive safety management system (SMS) within both its centres. This SMS has had input from a large part of the outdoor education and adventure sector. Input has also been sought from sectors such as the height safety, electricity generation, trauma care and snowsports industries.

What was thought to be a robust SMS in April 2008, the time of the Mangatepopo tragedy, has since been completely redesigned to include more modern risk and crisis management techniques, contemporary training standards and increased training or induction time for instructors.

Many changes were made to the SMS and other processes after the events of 2008. While being reactive changes at the time, they were actually proactive to the changes that became the updates for the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activity) Regulations 2016. The Hillary Outdoors safety management systems have become the best in the industry and are now used by other operators as a model to follow.

The Hillary Outdoors SMS is built on a three-tier process. This SMS is approved and signed off by the Trustees and its process and continual improvement are monitored by the Trust's External Safety Advisory Committee.

The **Tier 1** document includes fundamental principles of safety at Hillary Outdoors and hazards that exist through all elements of the current or future operations. These principles make up the over-arching tier of Hillary Outdoors's Safety Management System. Each principle is accompanied by a description of how it is to be interpreted and applied. These principles describe the way that Hillary Outdoors approaches all aspects of managing safety for and of their clients. A chart that illustrates these principles can be viewed at <http://www.hillaryoutdoors.co.nz/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/180619-SMS-Tier-1-Document-FINAL.pdf>.

Tier 2 Staff handbooks are provided to all staff and cover hazards and management strategies, crisis management protocols and standardised information relevant to the activity being undertaken. Instructor Handbooks are carried at all times by instructors working in the field with groups, and by the Duty Manager. This waterproof document contains policies, briefing points, crisis response information and hazards. The Instructor Handbook and AMPs (see below) together comprise a complete hazard register. This Handbook focuses on documenting hazards that apply to particular outdoor environments (e.g. caves, or the bush) and to particular activities (e.g. surf kayaking, or mountaineering).

Tier 3 Activity Management Plans (AMPs) exist for site locations where activities are undertaken. These AMPs may include information such as evacuation routes, minimum or maximum conditions, instructor qualification requirements and client ratios. AMPs record site-specific hazards. AMPs for outdoor sites must be read in conjunction with the Instructor Handbook. Almost all AMPs for outdoor sites are a 2-sided laminated A4 sheet, and are carried by the instructors as they visit a site to participate in an activity. They are often very detailed, with **FLASH*** ratings, photos and maps to clearly communicate other information

such as radio dead zones, escape routes, safe zones and so on. The Tongariro centre currently has over 40 active AMPs, and further AMPs are generated for offsite trips or expeditions on a case-by-case basis.

The Tier 2 and Tier 3 information is carried in the field for staff use and any part of the SMS will be made available to clients for viewing or use upon request.

These three tiers make up the operational SMS. Processes and documents that support this SMS include an internal training and competency system and a Quality Management System with chapters including Drug and Alcohol, Crisis Management and Safety. Hillary Outdoors also maintains a comprehensive incident register and emergency response plans and employs a Safety Manager and a Training Manager.

All field staff at Hillary Outdoors are deployed with the approval of an onsite Duty Manager. This Duty Manager takes into account variables that include, but are not limited to, client outcomes, instructor qualifications, weather forecast, environmental factors, avalanche stability and volcanic hazards. The instructors' intentions are also peer reviewed at the daily deployment meeting. Input is sought from all staff present.

Safety documentation is available on request.

Further information on safety responsibilities and how Hillary Outdoors meets the Ministry of Education, Education Outside of The Classroom guidelines can be found at <http://www.hillaryoutdoors.co.nz/safety/>

7.1.2 Instructor Training and Experience

The Hillary Outdoors vision statement is 'Leading Outdoor Education in New Zealand'. This hasn't changed since Graeme Dingle created the Centre in 1972. Hillary Outdoors is proud to have the competent staff to achieve this through their purpose of 'Youth Learning through Adventure'. Instructor training and experience is a critically important part of the operations at Hillary Outdoors. The organisation invests in its instructors, assisting with their initial training, and continued training throughout the duration of their employment.

Hillary Outdoors only employs the best of the best. Many staff have been top students at leading polytechnics. Maturity is essential and staff are encouraged to take personal time to hone skills, or to join Hillary Outdoors after industry experience elsewhere.

When staff arrive, they undertake a comprehensive induction process which is up to 7 weeks. There is one-on-one training, several weeks of co-instructing with careful supervision and mentoring from senior staff, and training and assessment against an internal competency system. New staff are also assigned a mentor who monitors welfare and assists in activity planning for the first 6 months.



This competency system is a continuum of levels for everything from educational value and teaching models; facilitation techniques; environmental knowledge and interpretation; terrain and technical skills with risk management. The system has a number of levels that are comparable to the NZ Outdoor Instructors' Association (NZOIA) national instructor award scheme. The Hillary Outdoors level 1 is site or scope specific (similar to NZOIA Leader qualifications). An instructor at this level is able to run a standard course in restricted settings. The timeframe to obtain full Level 1 status is within 6 months, however it is expected that after the induction period, most of the essential competencies will be complete. Level 2 is at a level where the instructor has been assessed to operate in almost any of the terrain available (similar to NZOIA level 1 instructor). They have a higher technical skill level, which in conjunction with plenty of logged experience, leads to the ability to make sound judgement calls on progressions, level and safety. Hillary Outdoors expects someone to be fully at level 2 within 2 years. Level 3 is working tertiary or advanced skill specific courses under some supervision and level 4 could work as the programmer and course director for advanced skill programmes.



This is a continuum though and an instructor can have a range of competencies at different levels. They are aware of where and what they can do and the procedure to go through if wanting to work out of scope. Then supervision or training is required, and given.

Staff will have a Personal Development Plan which is facilitated through their Line Manager. This outlines a pathway for the staff to develop into a more productive employee as well as encouraging personal goals. This is an essential tool and gives everyone direction to progress and achieve. Other qualifications such as the national NZOIA awards are encouraged and we work to assist staff to achieve these goals.

The investment Hillary Outdoors has in training staff is critical. After the induction period, staff are carefully monitored and encouraged to extend their scope by accompanying senior staff in the field and increasing their skills. Senior staff are regularly available to go into the field to train, co-instruct, assess, coach and inspire others. This is arranged through the Training Manager and also the Duty Manager who is responsible for the overall quality, logistics and safety of individual programmes.

Other training opportunities occur throughout the year. There are two training weeks, one in summer and one in early winter, that involve all the instructional staff. Training can be season specific; revalidation and moderation of skill sets; using external trainers; specific training and assessment at different levels; familiarisation of areas, equipment or content; and more (see Appendix 1 for the 2020 summer programme).

During normal operation, in about 1 out of 7 weeks, an instructor is programmed in a support role which is essentially 'non-contact'. In this week Hillary Outdoors endeavours to incorporate one training day specific to the individual. This may be observing or working with another instructor, one-on-one or individual learning.

Each staff is entitled to a personal training allowance and a number of days paid external training. This subsidises instructors to attend external training or assessments, first aid courses, national conferences etc. For details see Appendix 2.



7.2 SEARCH AND RESCUE

Hillary Outdoors is an active part in Search in Rescue operations in the Central North Island, specifically alpine search and rescue in Tongariro National Park. Appendix 8 contains a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Zealand Police setting out the Applicant's commitments in this area.

The team from Hillary Outdoors has been very active in this area including recently assisting an injured climber down from The Pinnacles when the weather prohibited helicopter access. The skills and abilities of Hillary Outdoors staff in this area have been acknowledged by the Police and the wider community on numerous occasions.

If Hillary Outdoors operations do not progress, then their contribution to search and rescue in the area will be unable to continue.

8 CONSERVATION ACT 1987



The Applicant is seeking concessions from the Department to undertake the activities set out in Appendix 4.

In seeking a concession from the Department, this application is being made under Part 3B of the Conservation Act 1987 (the Act). The relevant parts of the Act relating to the assessment of this proposal are Sections 17S, 17T, 17U, 17W, 17X, 17Y, and 17Z.

Each of these Sections are addressed below:

8.1.1 Section 17S Contents of Application

It is considered that the wider Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) report and associated concession forms appropriately set out the information required by Section 17S.

Section 5.2 and Appendix 4 of this report set out the nature of the activities and the places they will occur.

A summary of the potential effects of the proposed activity is discussed in relation to specific provisions of each relevant management plan in Appendix 7 and summarised in Section 10 of this report.

The Applicant is seeking a concession for a period of twenty years with a midpoint review.

8.1.2 Section 17T Minister to Consider Applications

Section 17T(1) requires that the Minister must consider an application for a Concession if the application—

(a) complies with section 17R(2); and

(b) is not returned under section 17SA; and (c) is not declined under section 17SB; and (d) is not returned under section 17SD(4).

Section 17R(2) is not applicable in this instance. The application is considered to be comprehensive and contains all necessary information to enable assessment. It does not need to be returned as being deficient in such information under Section 17S.

The proposal is not considered to be in non-compliance with, or obviously inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act or any relevant Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan that would require the application being immediately declined under Section 17SB.

At this stage the Department has not requested further information, but if such information is requested the Applicant will provide it within the specified timeframe, therefore the proposal will not need to be returned in accordance with Section 17SD(4).

8.1.3 Section 17Sc Public notification of application for leases, licences, permits, or easements

Section 17Sc requires that the Minister must publicly notify every application for—

(a) a lease; or

(b) a licence for a term (including renewals) of more than 10 years.

(2) The Minister may publicly notify any other application for a licence if, having regard to the effects of the licence, he or she considers it appropriate to do so.

(3) The Minister may publicly notify any application for a permit or an easement if, having regard to the effects of the permit or easement, he or she considers it appropriate to do so.

In this case the applicant is seeking a licence term of more than 10 years, meaning the application will need to be notified for public comment.

8.1.4 Section 17U Matters to be considered by the Minister

The application comprehensively outlines the proposal and associated effects and mitigation methods. The application includes information on the relevant matters set out in Section 17U.

The application should be granted by the Minister.

In summary the application should be granted because:

1. It is not considered that there are adverse effects on the conservation values of the location where the activities are to occur.
2. The application contains a clear and fulsome assessment of effects which adequately sets out all relevant aspects of the activity to enable an informed decision by the Minister.
3. The activities proposed are consistent with those anticipated to occur by any user within public conservation lands and are not considered to be contrary to the Act or the purposes for which the land is held (see Section 9 and Appendix 7).
4. The application does not relate to the construction of a facility or fixed structures.
5. The application does not seek exclusive possession of any public conservation land.

Section 17U(3) specifies that the Minister cannot grant an application for a Concession if the proposed activity is contrary to the provisions of this Act or the purposes for which the land concerned is held. The proposal is considered to be consistent with the provisions of the Conservation Act 1987, as is detailed below in the assessment of the appropriate management plans in Section 9 and Appendix 7 of this report.

8.1.5 Section 17W Relationship between concessions and conservation management strategies and plans

Section 17W(1) specifies that where a Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan has been established for a conservation area and the strategy or plan provides for the issue of a Concession, a Concession shall not be granted in that case unless the Concession and its granting is consistent with the strategy or plan.

The following conservation management plans and strategies are considered to be relevant to this application:

- The Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy
- Tongariro National Park Management Plan
- Whanganui Conservation Management Strategy
- Egmont National Park Management Plan

A detailed assessment of the relevant sections of those management plans is outlined in Section 9 below. This assessment confirms that the proposal is consistent with these documents and the purpose for which the land is held.

Section 17W(3) specifies that the Minister may decline any application, whether or not it is in accordance with any relevant Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan, if he or she considers that the effects of the activity are such that a review of the strategy or plan, or the preparation of a strategy or plan, is more appropriate.

It is considered that the proposed activities are consistent with the relevant management planning documents. As noted in other parts of the application, the activities proposed are reflective of outdoor activities that are anticipated to occur within conservation lands and are currently permitted as of right to the general public.

8.1.6 Section 17X Power of the Minister to impose and enforce conditions

This section of the Act enables the Minister to enforce conditions that they consider appropriate for the activity, structure, or facility, including (but not limited to) conditions relating to or providing for:

The activity itself, the carrying out of the activity, and the places where it may be carried out:

- The payment of fees/rent/bonds;
- The restoration of the site,
- Periodic review of the terms and conditions of a Concession;

The Applicant is happy to work with the Department in respect to the identification of any conditions that the Department sees as appropriate to apply. In the first instance these should relate to ensuring that the proposed activity will be undertaken in the manner set out in this report.

8.1.7 Section 17Y Rents Fees and Royalties

Section 17Y specifies that a condition of the Minister's granting a concession shall be that the applicant pay any specified rents, fees, and royalties to the Minister; and shall pay any other levy or charge made on an occupier or owner of land, as a result of the grant of a lease, licence, or easement, either to the Minister or as directed by the Minister.

Further, it specifies that the rent, fee, or royalty may be fixed at the market value, having regard to—

- (a) any circumstances relating to the nature of the activity; and

- (b) the effects of the activity on the purposes of the area affected; and
- (c) any contractual conditions, covenants, or other encumbrances placed upon intrinsic resources, natural resources, or historic resources by the concession.

In addition, it specifies that rent, fees, and royalties for a concession shall be reviewed at intervals not exceeding 3 years.

The applicant is happy to discuss with the Department a specified fee or rent for the proposed activity. Any such discussions should be informed by the status of Hillary Outdoors as a charitable organisation and the associated benefits of their programmes to young New Zealanders.

8.1.8 Section 17Z Term of concession

This section of the Act specifies the timeframes for which approvals under the Conservation Act may be granted.

Hillary Outdoors is seeking a concession for a period of 20 years with one right of renewal after 10 years so that the concession time frame is 10+10 years.

An extended concession term of 10+10 years is sought to give Hillary Outdoors the certainty it requires to provide these important services into the long term. Hillary Outdoors has \$20 million of assets and it is important that they are able to secure long term land lease tenure and a long term activities concession so that future funding can be secured to maintain these assets.

As an organisation with such significant infrastructure, Hillary Outdoors needs the assurance of a long-term concession to continue to operate at existing levels and grow the operation to cater for increasing demand in the future. Increasingly greater numbers of students are expected to attend programmes at Hillary Outdoors as schools and parents seek ways of countering the mental health issues, physical inactivity and disconnection from the natural environment that are having a widespread impact on New Zealand society.

Furthermore, Hillary Outdoors will need to invest in staff training and in employing more staff to cater for increasing student numbers in the future. This is a commitment affecting a large number of people that cannot be made without the certainty of a longer-term concession and a longer-term tenure. There is also a significant cost in maintaining training and safety documentation that Hillary Outdoors needs to commit to long term in order for these important systems to be the best they can be.

Hillary Outdoors's land lease tenure at the Tongariro Centre needs to be consistent with its long-term activities' concession. Hillary Outdoors cannot operate without either of these

concessions so the organisation's future and its ability to plan ahead are dependent upon the long-term certainty of their tenure.

The longer term will also enable a longer-term commitment to provide search and rescue capability, specifically alpine search and rescue services in the central North Island.



9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION DOCUMENTS

Section 17W requires an evaluation of the proposal against the Department of Conservation management plan documents.

These documents and the activities proposed to take place in their area of interest is set out in Table 2

Document	Proposed Activities
Tongariro – Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	Transport Sea kayaking Canoeing Watercraft journey Mountain biking Tramping (off and on track) Abseiling Rock climbing Tube float Abseiling Tyrolean traverse Camping Kayaking Canoeing Rafting Mountaineering Snow caving Ski/snowboard touring Caving Gorging Orienteering Trapline
Tongariro National Park Management Plan.	Transport Tramping (off track)

	<p>Tramping (on track)</p> <p>Tube float</p> <p>Abseiling</p> <p>Rock climbing</p> <p>Tyrolean traverse</p> <p>Camping</p> <p>Kayaking</p> <p>Canoeing</p> <p>Watercraft journey</p> <p>Rafting</p> <p>Mountaineering</p> <p>Snow caving</p> <p>Ski/snowboard touring</p>
Whanganui Conservation management Strategy	<p>Transport</p> <p>Tramping (on track)</p> <p>Hut stays</p> <p>Mountaineering</p> <p>Kayaking</p> <p>Canoeing</p> <p>Watercraft journey</p> <p>Camping</p>
Egmont National Park Management Plan	<p>Taking groups of students around Taranaki maunga using the existing tracks and huts in the national park. There will be up to nine trips per year consisting of groups of 13 (including instructors). Dependent on the weather, this may involve summiting the maunga using the existing summit routes.</p>
Whanganui National Park Management Plan	<p>Taking groups of students down the Whanganui Awa in kayaks and/or Canadian canoes. The activity will be undertaken in the same manner as other river users who complete the great journey down the awa, staying overnight at existing campsites.</p>

Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan	Tramping Camping
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TABLE 2 STATUTORY PLANS AND PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

An assessment of the proposed activities against the relevant sections of these documents is contained in Appendix 7. A general summary of the application in respect to each of these documents is set out below.

9.1.1 Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Management Strategy

The majority of the activities carried out by the Applicant take place within the Tongariro – Taupō CMS area. They occur in and around Tongariro National Park, Tongariro Forest, the Kaimanawas, Lake Taupō reserves and around the Tongariro and Waikato Awa. Activity maps of the existing and proposed new activities to be undertaken as part of this concession can be found in Appendix 6.

The TTCMS has six key principles to guide its application, the following three of which are considered relevant to this application:

- Principle 1: Protection and Enhancement of the Natural Environment within the Conservancy
- Principle 4: Fostering Recreation Use of Public Conservation Land
- Principle 6: Enhancing Advocacy Outcomes and Community Relations

The nature of the proposed activities and the Hillary Outdoors kaupapa are a good fit with these principles. Fostering recreation use of PCL is a core aspect of the Hillary Outdoors business and this is done in a manner that respects, and in some cases enhances, the natural environment. Conservation and environmental protection are key messages that form an important element of all of the courses that Hillary Outdoors delivers to ensure that their students understand the importance of being the kaitiaki of the outdoors that they spend time in.

9.1.2 Whanganui Conservation Management Strategy

The 1997 Whanganui CMS covers a wide area from Palmerston North in the south to Mokau in the north. It also includes both Whanganui and Egmont National Parks. The Whanganui CMS has eight key principles, the following of which are considered to be relevant to this application:

- (f) Public Awareness and Participation: Priority will be given to activities that raise public awareness of important conservation issues, build positive relationships and that promote greater public participation in conservation programmes.
- (g) Recreation: Priority will be given to the provision of recreation opportunities in high use front country areas in places such as road ends and close to urban areas. All recreation opportunities will be managed to ensure that they are safe, that the quality of the recreation experience is preserved and that adverse effects are minimal. Improved public access to areas administered by the Department, to rivers and the coast will be promoted.
- (h) Commercial Activities: Priority will be given to ensuring that new commercial activities will not give rise to unacceptable effects on natural, historic or recreation values, and that adverse effects of existing activities are reduced. Cost recovery and rental charges from commercial activities on land administered by the Department, and charges for facilities or services will be managed to optimise funding for conservation.

As with the TTCMS, the proposed activities are considered consistent with these key principles. Hillary Outdoors delivers safe and high-quality outdoor recreation experiences that are respectful of the environment. Within the Whanganui CMS area these activities are to take place on formed trails, campsites etc.

The relevant objectives and policies of the Whanganui CMS are specifically considered in Table 4 of Appendix 4 of this report. The proposed application and the associated activities are considered to be consistent with these provisions.

9.2 NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLANS

National Park Management Plans are 10-year plans that provide integrated management objectives for natural and historic resources, including species management for recreation, tourism and conservation purposes. They apply to land within a National Park and need to be considered alongside provisions of CMS documents for the same area.

There are three National Park Management Plans that must be considered as part of this application.

9.2.1 Tongariro National Park Management Plan

Tongariro National Park is a nationally significant area with Dual World Heritage status for cultural and geological reasons. The Park is a major tourist attraction and has sites such as the Tongariro Crossing which have high international use for outdoor recreation. The Park is

nationally important for skiing with three ski areas, two of them of international standard. Other recreation opportunities include ski mountaineering, climbing, snow caving, nature study, photography, hunting and tramping. The Park offers a variety of tramping opportunities including desert, bush, mountain and valley walks.



Except for the top of Mount Taranaki, Mount Ruapehu is the only true alpine environment in the North Island. Climbing at all levels of skill occurs on the mountain which is acknowledged

as an important training ground for North Island climbers preparing for bigger climbs elsewhere.

The objective of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan in respect to recreation management is to facilitate public benefit, use and enjoyment of the Park by providing for a variety of low-impact recreational activities, where this is consistent with the primary objective of protecting the natural character of the Park.

The Management Plan contains eleven principles that reflect the core values of the Park. These principles are to be used in decision-making processes as benchmarks against which activities and uses will be measured. The following four principles are considered relevant to this application.

- 1 To protect Tongariro National Park in its natural state in perpetuity
- 3 To protect the taonga - the peaks of Tongariro National Park
- 7 To provide for public enjoyment of natural and cultural heritage
- 9 To reflect the values of the park partners in management

A wide range of activities are proposed by Hillary Outdoors to be undertaken within the Tongariro National Park. Figure 2 shows the locations of the proposed activities within the Park. These activities rely on the unique environment provided by the Park including alpine areas, rocky bluffs, forested areas, volcanic cones, snow fields and boulder fields. In addition to its uniqueness, Tongariro National Park is very accessible as it is adjacent to the Hillary Outdoors Tongariro Centre and is surrounded by the State Highways. These attributes make it a perfect location for the activities that Hillary Outdoors delivers to young New Zealanders and others.

The relevant objectives and policies of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan are specifically considered in

Table 5 and in Sections 9.2.2 and 9.2.2.1 below. Overall, the application is considered consistent with the Plan.

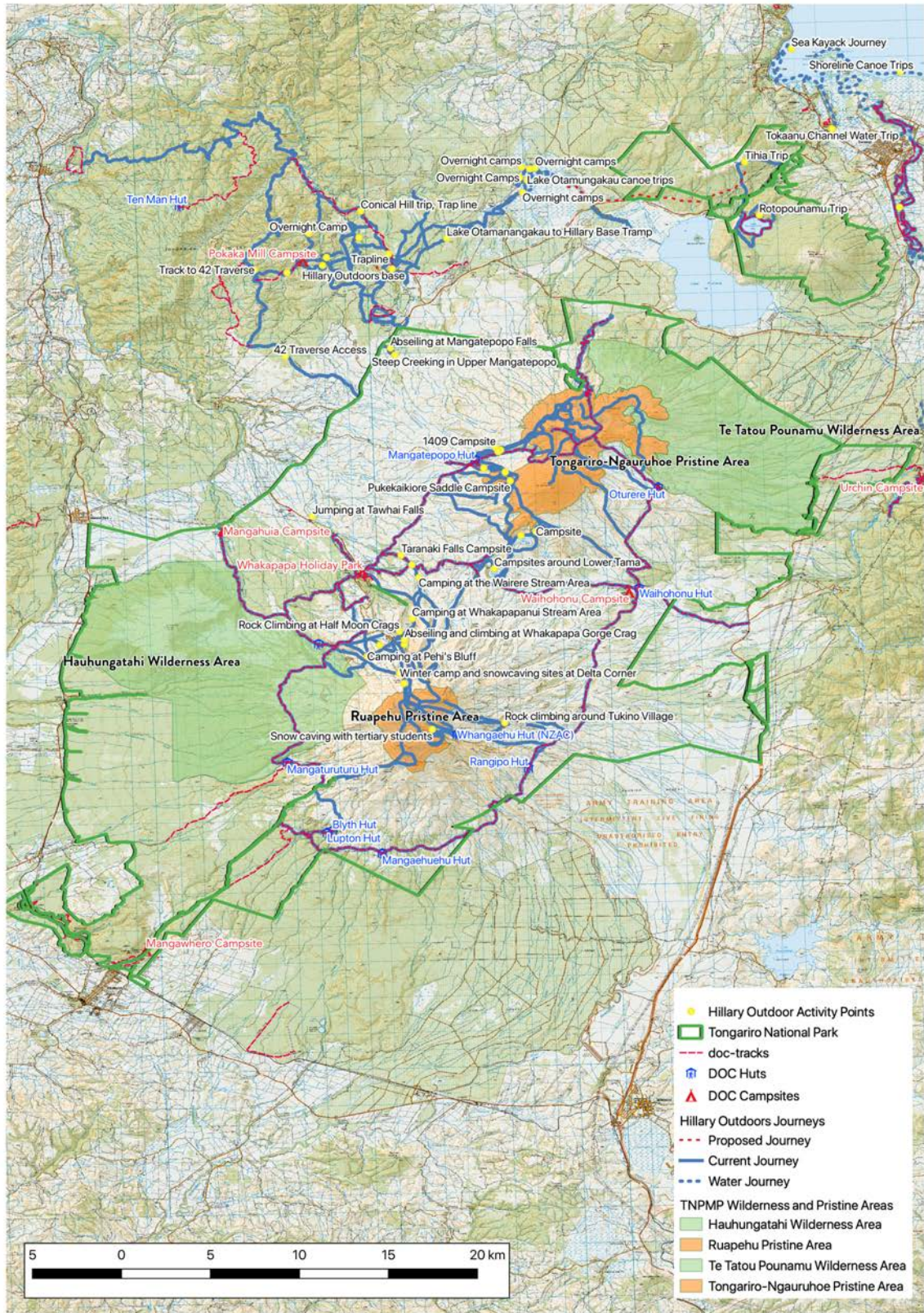


FIGURE 2 ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

9.2.2 TNPMP Section 4.1.1.2 Te Tatau Pounamu Wilderness Area

Hillary Outdoors currently takes 10 trips per year through the western end of the Te Tatau Pounamu Wilderness Area (Figure 3). Wilderness areas are areas set aside for those who are seeking an independent experience with little human presence and / or disturbance.

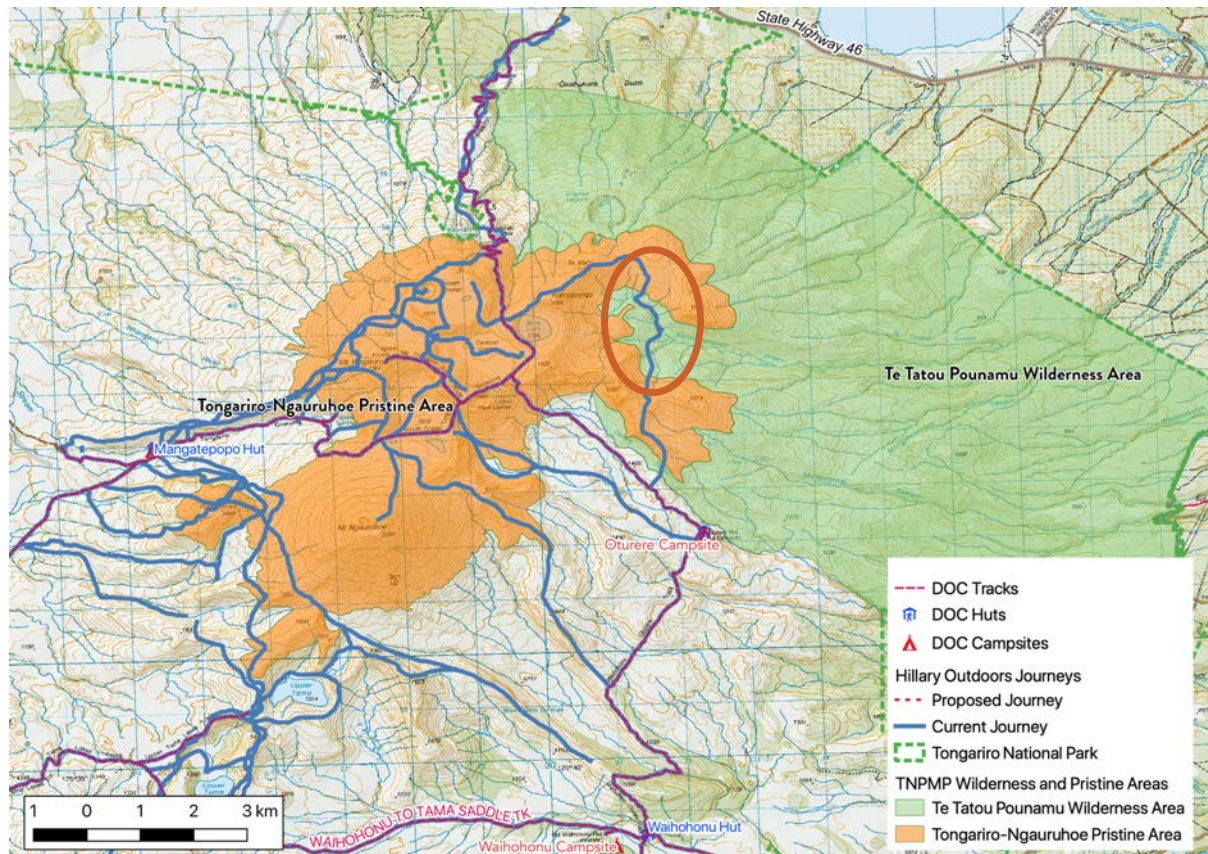


FIGURE 3 TE TATAU POUNAMU WILDERNESS AREA

Section 4.2.2 of the TNPMP notes that:

“Neither wilderness area complies with the National Wilderness Policy or the General Policy for National Parks 2005 wilderness area provisions, both established subsequent to their gazettal. The wilderness areas are too small and are not sufficiently remote to be unaffected by human influences. Both wilderness areas are adjacent to highly used and/or modified environments; Te Tatau Pounamu is adjacent to the Tongariro Crossing and not far from State Highway 46, while Hauhungatahi is very close to State Highway 47 and Whakapapa Village. Neither wilderness area has a buffer which mitigates their proximity to modified environments. However, they remain gazetted wilderness areas and have been retained as formal park management zones in recognition of their remoteness and visitor opportunity in a park that is easily accessible.”

It is this proximity of the Te Tatau Pounamu Wilderness Area to Mount Tongariro and Oturere Hut/Campsite which has made it a suitable site for use by Hillary Outdoors in

providing backcountry experiences for students away from the busy trail areas such as the TAC. The route through the top of the Mangahouhounui Valley provides a safe, yet challenging, journey into an area that is away from the busy trail areas. There are no feasible routes sidling around the top of the valley out of the wilderness area. Following the ridge tops means the students are not isolated from TAC users. The wilderness experience provided by the valley means that students are placed into an environment where they can best experience the important outdoor and wilderness values of remoteness, challenge, solitude, self-reliance and discovery. These values are an important element in growing students' awareness of the significance of such areas and providing rich, meaningful experiences.

The Objectives of the management plan have a strong focus on protecting these wilderness areas in an unmodified state and avoiding adverse effects on these areas, specifically objectives:

b To seek restoration to their original states of wilderness areas which have been affected by human-induced activities.

and

c To avoid the adverse effects of recreation use on indigenous biodiversity.

Associated Policies reinforce this approach, with the following policies being of specific relevance to this application:

3 Concession applications involving the use of wilderness areas should be declined.

4 Where applications for the activities described in 3 above are received the department will:

- *publicly notify the application, acknowledging the wide public interest in these matters;*
- *consult with tāngata whenua;*
- *consult with the Tongariro/Taupō Conservation Board and seek its recommendation; and*
- *require a full environmental impact assessment undertaken by appropriately qualified specialists.*

Policy 3's use of the term 'should' does have a degree of discretion in its application, however it does carry a strong expectation of outcome. Consideration of Policy 4 and the four matters outlined provide direction on when it is appropriate for the decision makers to apply this discretion and consider a concession application in a wilderness area.

In respect to this application, it will be publicly notified. Consultation with tāngata whenua has been carried out and Hillary Outdoors met with the Taupō Tongariro Conservation Board at the Tongariro Centre in February 2020.

A full environmental impact assessment has not been undertaken in support of this application, however the effects of the proposed activity on the wilderness area are understood as a result of the existing use of the area by Hillary Outdoors. No more than 12 people will traverse the area in any given week. Group size will be limited to 12 people and groups will be present within the wilderness area for approximately 2 hours. Groups will be using the area midweek which does not coincide with the majority of use of the area. The activity will be walking only (i.e. no camping), an activity that is consistent with permitted activities within the wilderness area. Students will be educated on the nature and importance of the wilderness area prior to entering it and will be expected to behave in a manner that reflects the character and status of the area. Understanding the importance of such areas is a key element in appreciating the outdoors and the education/youth development aspect of the activity makes it very different from commercial guiding activities. This key difference is important in recognising that allowing the continued use of this area would not form a precedent for other concessionaire use in a wilderness area.

The number and size of the groups and the time spent in the area will mean that the important remote, discovery and solitude values of the wilderness area will not be impacted. The current and proposed use will result in an intermittent use (i.e. the use of the area will be limited to approximately 2 hours ten times per year) of the area rather than a continual stream of people walking across the land. It is also important to note that the use of the area will be transient with no camping, further reducing the chances of other users encountering the Hillary Outdoors group. The use of the wilderness area will be similar to that recommended on the NZ Trumper website <https://trumper.nz/2218/mangahouhounui-stream/>.

To date there have been no adverse effects associated with the existing use of the wilderness area by Hillary Outdoors and concession monitoring by the Department has not indicated any specific issues with this activity. The nature and scale of the proposed activity is not anticipated to lead to any adverse physical effects on the environment.

In summary, it is considered that the nature and scale of the activity in the wilderness area will not adversely affect the important qualities that make up the area. The Department has the discretion to allow concessionaire activities in this area if it feels it is appropriate. In this case, it is considered that the proposed activity is appropriate to occur in the wilderness area.

9.2.2.1 TNPMP Section 4.4 Concessions

Section 4.4 of the TNPMP contains a comprehensive set of objectives and policies relating to concessions within the Tongariro National Park. Section 4.4 asks a number of key questions that are addressed here.

Can the activity be conducted outside the Park?

This is an important question that needs to be considered for all activities prior to them taking place within a National Park. National Parks are areas set aside for a range of purposes for the good of the nation and the values of the land, and activities that are not required to occur within these areas are recommended to be located elsewhere.

In this case, the proposed activities rely on the landscape and the environment that is found within the Park. These activities are part of a wider suite of activities and experiences that also take place outside the Park. Those activities carried out within the Park tend to be longer single or multi-day activities rather than the shorter half-day experiences conducted outside of the Park and closer to the centre. Hillary Outdoors provides a range of outdoor experiences to young New Zealanders, as set out in Section 4.6 of this report. These experiences are designed to provide a range of challenges and experiences to young New Zealanders to grow their understanding and knowledge of the outdoors. To effectively provide a comprehensive range of experiences, sites inside and outside of the Park are required. Hillary Outdoors conducts activities outside of the Park where it suits the landscape and terrain available and offers unique and positive outdoor experiences to young New Zealanders.

The location of the Hillary Outdoors Centre adjacent to the Park offers a range of easily accessible areas in which Hillary Outdoors can undertake its activities. The proximity to the Park was one of the key reasons the Tongariro Centre was established in this location, and use of the Park has been the cornerstone of the experiences provided there.

The continuation of Hillary Outdoors's existing activities within the Park constitutes a necessary and important part of delivering a comprehensive programme of outdoor experiences to young New Zealanders. Those experiences rely on the unique and challenging landscapes only found within the Park. Should these activities within the Park not be able to continue, the ability of Hillary Outdoors to continue to operate would be significantly affected and the opportunities available to young New Zealanders to safely experience one of the country's most important natural areas would be significantly reduced.

The impact of the activities on cultural values and the views of iwi

The impact of Hillary Outdoors activities on iwi has been the subject of ongoing discussion with relevant iwi, as set out in Section 6.1.1 of this report. The relationship with iwi has

resulted in a range of formal relationship agreements and the development of a cultural protocol which are contained in Appendix 1. Overall, it is considered that Hillary Outdoors respects the important values of the places where they operate and work to ensure that they incorporate the views of iwi in their day-to-day operations and trip planning etc.

Whether the activity can be conducted in the amenities areas;

The range of activities to be undertaken require the use of land outside of the amenities areas. This is considered appropriate as there are no physical works associated with the activities.

If skiing-related, whether the activity can be conducted in the Whakapapa or Tūroa amenities areas;

The proposed activities include backcountry skiing which will mean that areas outside of the Whakapapa and Tūroa amenities areas will be required. This is considered necessary as a backcountry experience is not possible within the boundaries of a developed ski field.

Whether the activity will benefit the park, public use and enjoyment, or safety and the activity will have national or regional benefits;

The proposed activities will introduce thousands of young New Zealanders to Tongariro National Park and the outdoors and educate them on the values of the area and the importance of using the outdoors safely. As demonstrated in Section 4.6.2, these activities have significant benefits for the students who attend these courses that flow on to all aspects of their lives.

Whether the activity will have an effect on indigenous plants and animals, natural features, scenic values, sites of historical or cultural interest, on soil stability, on water quality, and the natural state of the park, and implications for further development that might result.

There will be no physical works associated with the proposed activities and it is not anticipated that there will be any effects on the matters and values noted above. The activities are recreation activities that are able to be carried out as of right by the general public.

What effect the activity will have on other park users, natural quiet, other activities already taking place in the park, or the ability of staff to manage the park, and is it consistent with the reasonable demands of existing legitimate public usage;

The activities will have no additional impact on the matters listed above, and are those activities that are able to be carried out as of right by the general public. They will not impede or affect in any way other activities already taking place in the Park and constitute legitimate outdoor activities. All activities will be undertaken under the supervision of experienced and

qualified instructors and there will be no additional demands placed on Departmental staff as a result of the activities.

Whether the Applicant is well-enough equipped – in terms of expertise and finance, for example – to carry through and complete the proposal in a safe and proper manner;

Hillary Outdoors has a demonstrated track record and expertise in delivering outdoor experiences in New Zealand. They have learned from previous events and responded in a positive manner to ensure that such events do not occur again. Hillary Outdoors has a proven financial model that will allow it to continue to carry out these activities into the foreseeable future. As set out in Section 7 of this report, Hillary Outdoors has robust health and safety systems to ensure its activities will be carried out in a safe and proper manner.

9.2.3 Egmont National Park Management Plan 2002- 2012

The National Park Management Plan sets out a vision for the Park as follows:

“The scenery, ecosystems and natural features of Egmont National Park are preserved. The full range of indigenous plants and animals remain and all major animal and weed threats to the park have been eradicated or controlled. The intrinsic worth of the park is recognised. The Park is renowned for the preservation of its natural, historic, cultural and landscape values.

Recreation is fostered and tourism allowed where it is not inconsistent with conservation and national park values. The public has freedom of entry and access to the park for inspiration, enjoyment and recreation.

The increasing numbers of visitors are aware of how their activities impact on the environment and natural features of the park, and know more about the parks natural, cultural and historic values. The impacts of people on the park are managed effectively and reduced where possible. Land adjacent to the park is managed to protect and enhance the natural, historic and landscape values of the park.”

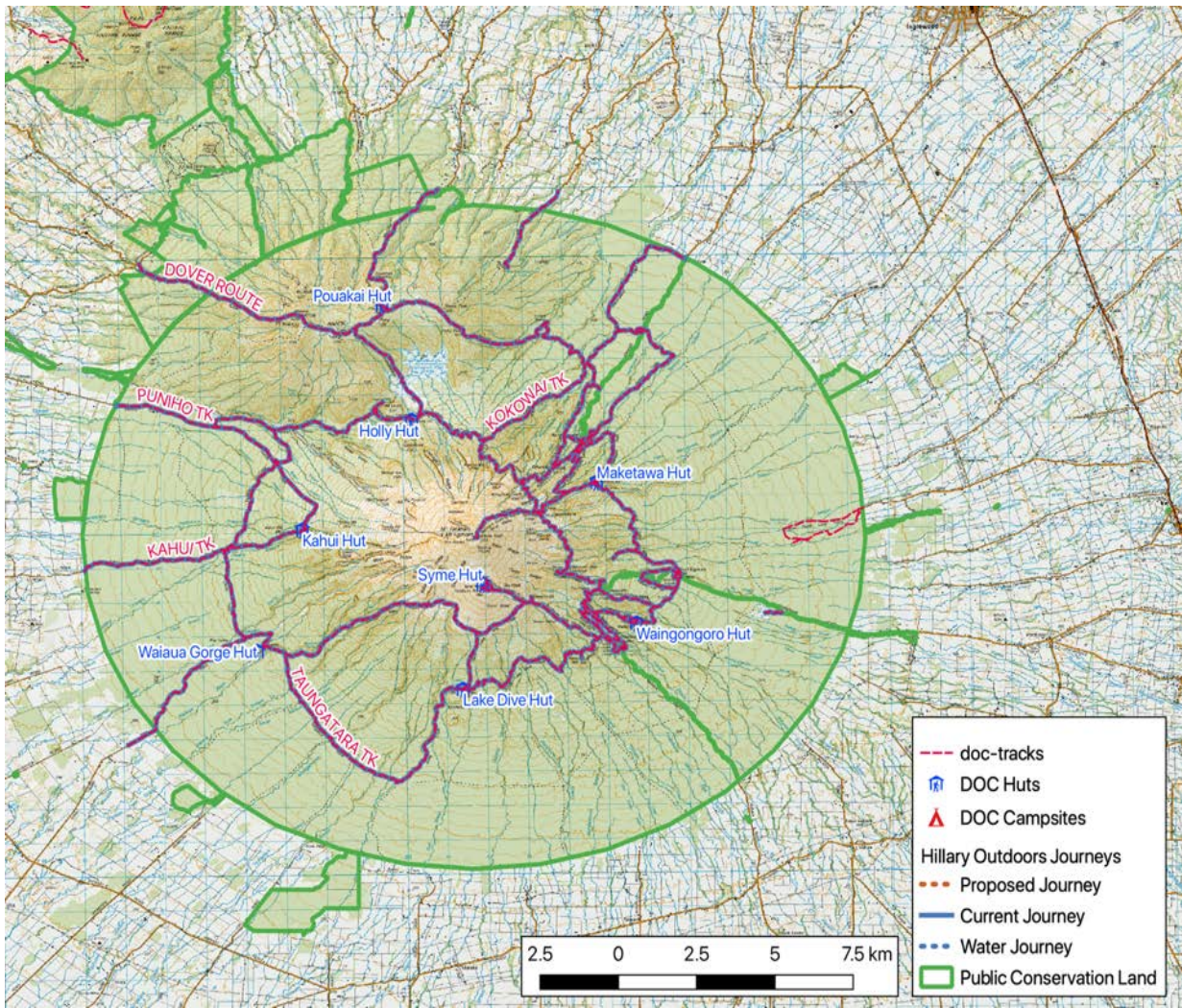


FIGURE 4 LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES ON TARANAKI MAUNGA

The vision is a prediction of what the Park could be like in the future as a result of effective management and community support. It is accompanied by a set of goals that expand upon and give detail to the vision. Of relevance to this application is goal 2.2.5 which states:

“To foster a variety of appropriate park uses to provide inspiration, enjoyment and other benefits. Provision of educative, interpretation information will be used to promote the conservation, cultural and historic park values.”

Within the National Park, Hillary Outdoors is applying to continue to take groups of students around Taranaki maunga using existing tracks and huts. As set out in Appendix 4 there will be up to 9 trips per year consisting of groups of 13 (including instructors). Dependent on the weather, this may involve summiting the maunga using the existing summit routes.

Table 6 assesses the proposed activities against the relevant objectives and policies in the Plan. Overall, it is considered that the concession application is consistent with the vision of the Park plan as it relates to recreation activities able to be undertaken by all users. Hillary

Outdoors activities have a youth development and education basis that ensures those using the Park under the concession are aware of their impacts on the important values of the area.

9.2.4 Whanganui National Park Management Plan 2012 -2022

The Whanganui National Park ('the Park') lies at the heart of a vast area of native lowland forest and includes a significant part of the Whanganui River catchment, although the main stem of the river and its tributaries are not included in the Park. The river and associated land have a unique combination of attributes including significant cultural, spiritual and recreational values.

Within the Whanganui National Park, Hillary Outdoors is applying to continue to take groups of students on the Whanganui Journey down the Whanganui Awa. As set out in Appendix 4, there will be four trips per year with groups of 13 (including instructors) on the river in kayaks and/or Canadian canoes. The activity will be undertaken in the same manner as others who are completing the great journey down the awa, staying overnight at existing campsites.

The Whanganui Journey is recognised as one of New Zealand's premier recreational experiences. It is the only 'Great Walk' based on canoeing a navigable river. Section 6.3 of the Plan articulates a Long-Term Outcome for the Journey as follows:

"The Whanganui River landscape provides a strong sense of remoteness, isolation, and dominance of the natural elements, particularly where the deeply entrenched middle section flows through the Park. These values, along with the profound cultural and historic associations between the Park and the Whanganui River, continue to be experienced and respected by all visitors, particularly by those undertaking the Whanganui Journey by waka, kayak or canoe. The impacts of noise and disturbance from motorised craft are carefully managed by the relevant authorities and tour operators. Management of the Park and Whanganui River by the various interested agencies is integrated wherever possible and support this shared vision."

The Objectives and Policies in Section 6.3 relate back to this outcome and the need to ensure that activities associated with the Journey are consistent with that outcome. These provisions of the Plan are considered in Table 7 in relation to Hillary Outdoors's activities. Overall, it is considered that the concession application is consistent with these provisions and others in the Plan that are relevant to the activities.

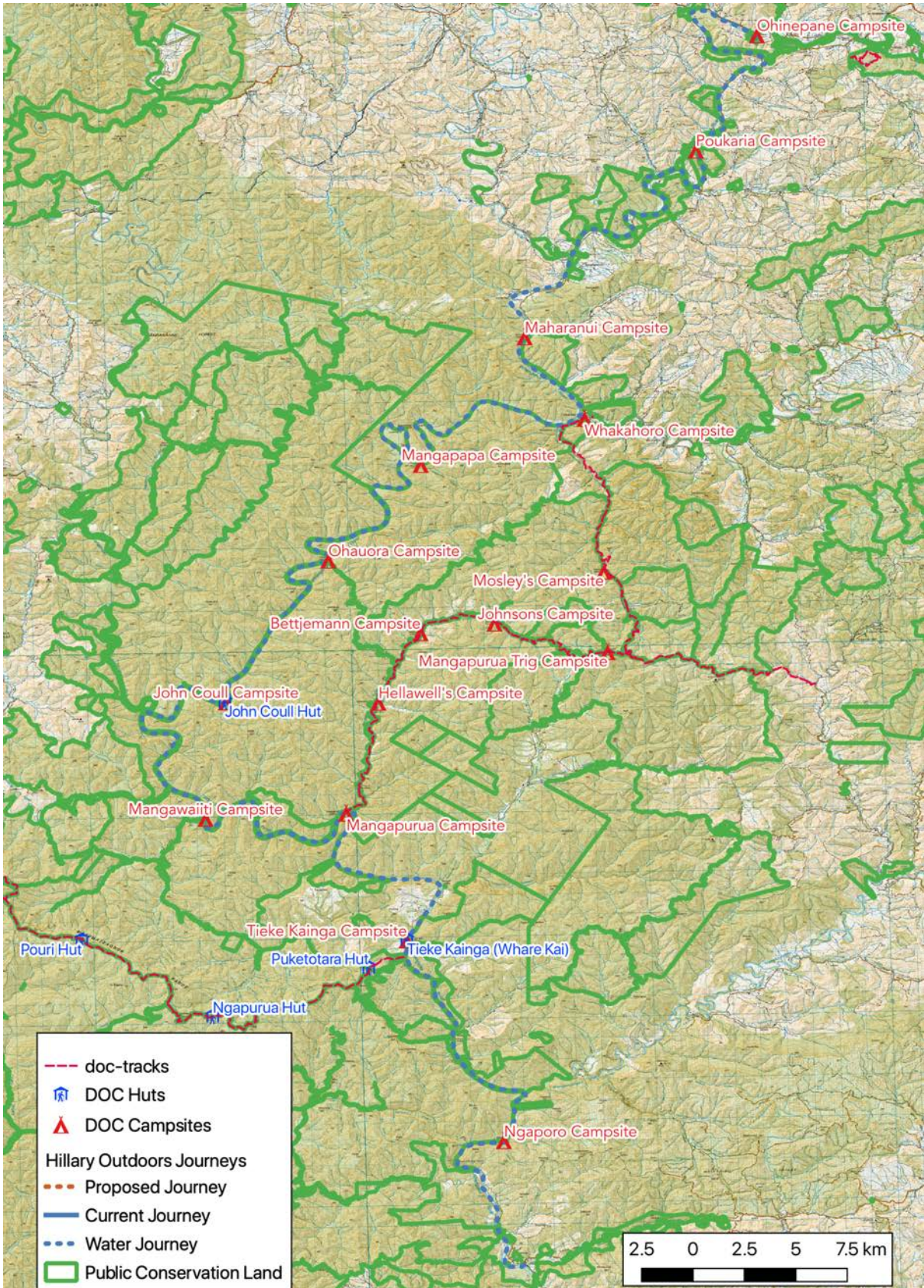


FIGURE 5 ACTIVITIES IN WHANGANUI NATIONAL PARK

9.3 KAIMANAWA FOREST PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan seeks to protect the Park's natural and historic resources and cultural heritage and, where consistent with protection, to facilitate public recreation and enjoyment. Kaimanawa Forest Park is a place with unique values. Its wilderness character, natural resources and outstanding recreational opportunities attract people looking to 'get away from it all'. Protection of the Park's wilderness character is emphasised throughout the Plan.

Kaimanawa Forest Park is managed as a conservation park under Section 61 of the Conservation Act 1987. The principal purpose of management of a conservation park is to protect natural and historic resources and, where consistent with this purpose, to facilitate public recreation and enjoyment [Conservation Act 1987 section 19(1)(a) and (b)].

Kaimanawa Forest Park's wilderness character has special appeal to visitors. The intrinsic values of the forest with its natural attributes and historic significance, with cultural heritage and landscape features, combined with its relatively low level of human intervention and use, engender the distinctive wilderness character that is so valued by Park visitors. The Park's wilderness character fosters visitors' experience of peace and natural quiet and a sense of remoteness, discovery, challenge, solitude and self-reliance.

The wilderness recreational opportunities offered by the Park are relatively uncommon in the North Island. For this reason, the emphasis for recreation management in the Park is placed on retention of its distinctive wilderness character and special values so that present and future generations have an opportunity to experience an area relatively untouched by human intervention. Tramping is one of the main recreational activities in the Park.

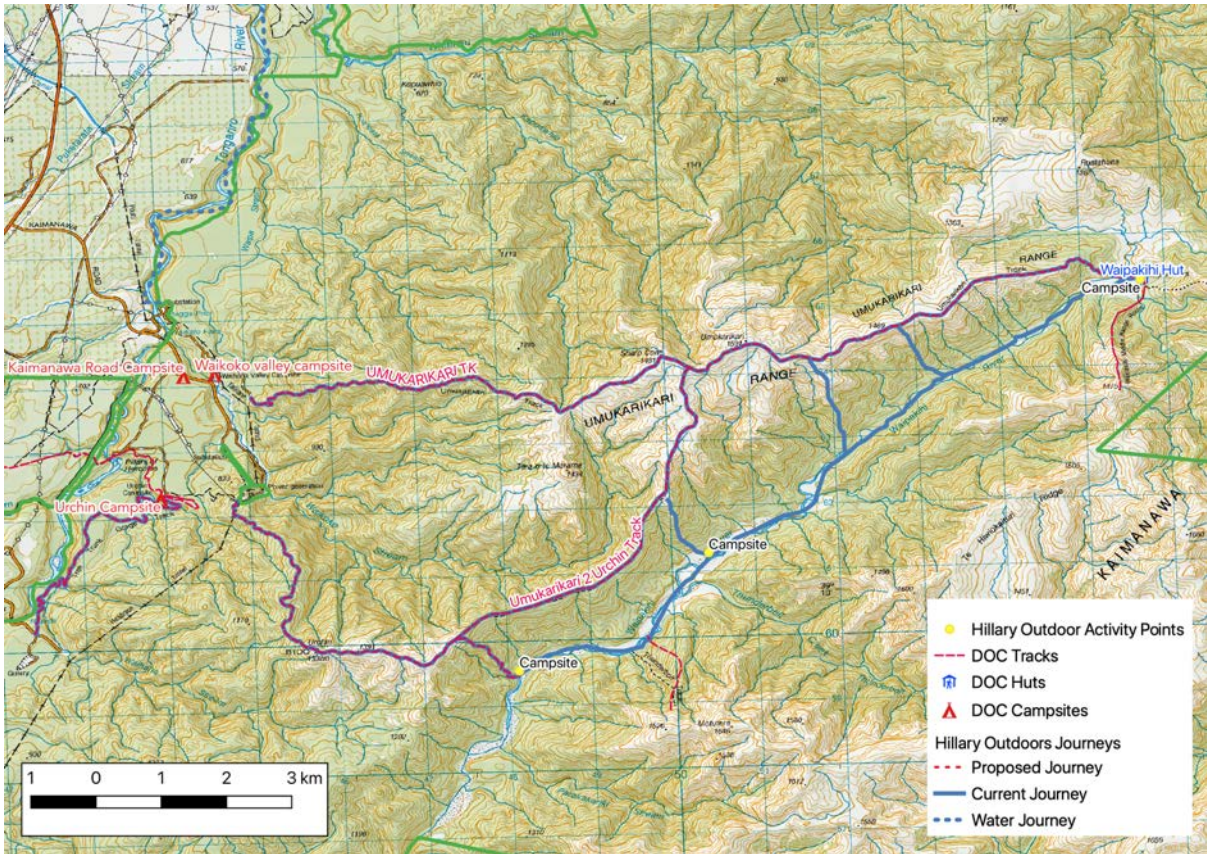


FIGURE 6 ACTIVITIES IN KAIMANAWA FOREST PARK

The management plan contains four philosophies that can be used in decision making processes as benchmarks against which activities and uses will be measured. These philosophies are as follows:

1. To protect the natural and historic resources of Kaimanawa Forest Park
2. To protect Kaimanawa Forest Park’s wilderness character
3. To facilitate public recreation and enjoyment of Kaimanawa Forest Park
4. To give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

The activities proposed by Hillary Outdoors to occur in the Kaimanawa Forest Park are:

- Kayaking trips on the mid Tongariro River
- Waihaha Stream gorging
- Mountain biking Tree Trunk Gorge and Tongariro River Trail
- Kaimanawa Forest Park tramping and camping on the Umukarikari and Urchin Tracks and along the Waipakihi River.

The relevant objectives and policies of the Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan are specifically considered in Table 8 and this concession application is considered consistent with these provisions.

10 ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS

As noted throughout the document, the activities listed in Appendix 4 are all those which can be undertaken by members of the public as of right within PCL.

Section 17U 1 of the Conservation Act requires consideration of the effects if the activity. It also requires that measures that can reasonably and practicably be undertaken to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects of the activity be undertaken.

10.1 ADVERSE EFFECTS

To the best of their knowledge, Hillary Outdoors have not received any complaints from the Department or other users over the term of their previous concession or before. Hillary Outdoors have not received any feedback resulting from the Departments concession monitoring process identifying any issues associated with their operations on conservation land.

Specific effects are discussed in response to relevant provisions in management planning documents in Appendix 7 and also in Section 9.2.2 as it relates to Te Tatau Pounamu Conservation Area. In addition, it is considered that adverse effects associated with Hillary Outdoors activities could include the following:

10.1.1 Physical disturbance to the land and environment

None of these activities will result in physical modification to the land or wider environment and neither do they involve the construction of any structures or the exclusive occupation of conservation land.

All students and guides are regularly briefed on the importance of treating the environment with respect. This is through regular staff meetings, pre activity briefings with staff and students and involvement of local iwi to ensure the important cultural values are understood and respected.

This process to date has meant that there have been no physical effects on the environment, further than leaving footprints.

These briefings also ensure that the students are well behaved and have respect for other users of the area where they are undertaking their activities.

10.1.2 Damage to Departmental property

To date there has been no known damage to departmental property or assets from Hillary Outdoors.

Damage to public or private property is not acceptable to Hillary Outdoors and this is made known to the students, at the start of their course and in the briefings (referred to above) before each activity with the risk of students being sent home if such actions do occur.

10.1.3 Effects on other users

The activities do involve groups of students and their instructors undertaking outdoor pursuits on public conservation land and, in some cases, using huts, track and campsites owned and managed by the Department of Conservation. As noted above, this use will not be exclusive, and this land and facilities will be shared with other users. Group sizes will be limited (as set out in Appendix 4) so that the activities are undertaken in discrete groups that will not dominate or overcrowd other users.

In the vast majority of cases the activities are already occurring, and this concession is about securing continuity of this activity into the future. For those activities that are new, they will not be for high volumes of students and have been planned to provide a wider range of experiences on land and water to future students.

Use of this conservation land and facilities will be undertaken in an informed (i.e., under the guidance of trained and experienced instructors), considerate (consistent with the Department's care codes) and safe (under robust safety plans) manner.

This kaupapa will continue as an important part of Hillary Outdoors activities.

10.1.4 Cultural Effects

The important cultural values of the places to be used and the relationship between iwi to these places is recognised and provided for. Hillary Outdoors actively works with local iwi to ensure that their activities are undertaken in a manner respectful of the immense cultural values associated with their places.

Hillary Outdoors has provided to iwi maps showing the locations of all of their activities on and off trail in the Taupō Tongariro Area (Appendix 6).

Concern has been previously raised by iwi relating to their journeys and their exact location so that they can consider them in relation to any sites of importance. The location of the activities may not have been provided in previous concession applications. Hillary Outdoors has mapped their journeys and activities in response to these concerns raised by

iwi. The routes of these activities avoid known sites of “cultural significance.” For example Hillary Outdoors do not summit the peaks of the three mouna in the Tongariro National Park .

Hillary Outdoors have, in discussion with local iwi, developed a cultural protocol to ensure that they continue to operate in a manner which is respectful of the important cultural values of the land.

10.2 POSITIVE EFFECTS

The Hillary Outdoors programmes are proven² to increase key life-skills such as resilience, self-confidence, empathy, and cultural and environmental awareness.

Hillary Outdoors is the only organisation in New Zealand offering such a unique experience to young people. Their programmes maximise the opportunity to teach key life skills by offering the widest range of outdoor activities of any outdoor education provider, and these are undertaken in the unique environment and relative wilderness of the central North Island.



² Auckland University of Technology Independent Research May 2019

Hillary Outdoors is a nationally iconic organisation which grows is responsible for introducing thousands of rangatahi to the outdoors. This includes introducing many rangatahi to places which they would never have otherwise been able to access otherwise, especially those from lower social economic backgrounds.

Hillary Outdoors undertakes its activities in a manner based on respect for the environmental and cultural values of the place. Respect for the outdoors is also taught on the basis of keeping people safe in the outdoors so that they can come back and enjoy it again.

Conservation is a key element of the kaupapa of Hillary Outdoors. Students learn about looking after the environment through predator control and habitat restoration activities. Attending the Hillary Outdoors means switching off from devices and connecting to the environment as well as their peers to better appreciate the place and the value of working with others.

Those who participate in Hillary Outdoors programmes will leave with a greater understanding of what it takes to enjoy and respect the outdoors and will benefit emotionally from their own personal journeys.

The continuation of the Hillary Outdoors operations will also sustain their continued search and rescue services which they currently provide locally.



10.3 MONITORING

As noted above, Hillary Outdoors have not received any feedback from the Department that their existing activities are adversely affecting the important values associated with the public conservation land where they are undertaken. Hillary Outdoors is aware that the Department monitors concessions and is happy to work with the Department and Iwi to facilitate this monitoring process. This objective of this will be to ensure that they are undertaking their activities in a way which respects the important values of the lands and waters they use and to improve their practice if required.

10.4 SUMMARY OF EFFECTS

Overall, it is considered that the effects of the Applicant's activities on the public conservation land and its values will be positive. The activities are consistent with that undertaken by non-concessioner use, however it will be so with a higher degree of control and understanding of the need to respect the important values at place.

Identified potential adverse effects will be avoided and Hillary Outdoors is happy to be actively involved in monitoring their activities to ensure that this is the case.

The positive impacts on the thousands of students etc who partake in the Hillary Outdoors activities will be significant.



11 PREVIOUS OFFENCES

The Mangatepopo Tragedy of April 2008 was the ‘dark day’ for Hillary Outdoors. The deaths of seven clients while gorging in the Mangatepopo Stream will not be forgotten. It was an impactful moment in our history with hard lessons learnt and sweeping changes enacted as to how we do business in the environment.

Following this incident, the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand, (OPC), instigated both internal and external review teams, and faced investigations from the NZ Police, the Coroner’s office and the Department of Labour.

The Department of Labour laid charges under the Health and Safety in Employment Act (1992) of which OPC pleaded guilty to two charges and were subsequently fined. The investigation by the Police was dropped and the Coroner’s office made a list of recommendations.

After the findings by the Department of Labour, the Coroner and the review teams, Hillary Outdoors made significant changes to the ways in which it conducted safe operation at the centre.

A newer contemporary Safety Management System was introduced which provides a much clearer understanding for the staff and clients of identified hazards at a site.

A Duty Manager role was created to ensure that burnout was not happening to a single worker with the responsibility for daily operations. The role is on a shared rotation.

An External Safety Advisory Committee was established to provide support on matters of safety to the Trust Board and to ensure that Hillary Outdoors keeps up with currency and good practice.

The duration of induction period for new staff has been lengthened, and training processes and documentation were rebuilt to ensure competence is more clearly understood.

Hillary Outdoors has since also employed into dedicated roles a Training Manager and Safety Manager for the Tongariro Centre.

Some other recommendations relating to either gorging as an activity or specifically the Mangatepopo Gorge area were stipulated by the Coroner. Since then, however, Hillary Outdoors has ceased to run this activity, so these activity specific recommendations have not been applied. All other recommendations were met.

12 DECLARATION

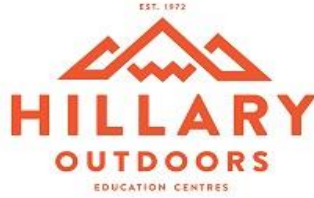
I certify that the information provided on this application form and all attached additional forms and information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Signature (Applicant)		Date	
Signature (Witness)		Date	
Witness Name			
Witness Address			



APPENDIX 1. IWI ENGAGEMENT





The Hillary Outdoors Tongariro Cultural Code of Conduct

Introduction

Hillary Outdoors is a 'not for profit' organisation. Our focus is engaging with the youth of New Zealand to be better people and reach their full potential by interacting with nature and the great outdoors. Our purpose is 'Youth Learning through Adventure'. With our guidance young people discover leadership, independence and resilience and are then able to explore how to successfully communicate in a positive way with the people around them. They also learn how to both appreciate and respectfully engage with the dynamic cultural landscape of the Central North Island.

The principles we will follow to help us grow Cultural understandings are:

- Whakahirahira (Outstanding) - being the very best we can be.
- Ngakau Tapatahi (Personal integrity) - walking the talk and honouring our word-particularly during difficult and challenging times.
- Aroha (Compassion) –having care and respect for ourselves, for others, and for the environment.
- Kaitiakitanga – being cognisant of the natural environment, ensuring our touch on the landscape leaves no trace. The cultural significance of the places we visit is acknowledged by the respectful way we engage with that environment.
- Endeavouring to be open and transparent with our engagement with Iwi and offer opportunities wherever possible to the young people of place. At present this is done in a number of ways:
 - We offer scholarships annually to local iwi to assist them with study on our two year Tertiary programmes.
 - We engage with local schools and Kura to deliver tailored programmes free or at cost.
 - We train local adult workers through our tertiary programme for environmental employment and give them the technical skills for the outdoors to stay safe and succeed in this field.

How Hillary Outdoors staff will conduct themselves in your Rohe:

- Our leaders will demonstrate leadership that gives effect to the cultural significance of the landscape.
- Our team will look for teachable moments that enhance our students' understanding of the cultural landscape.
- We will strive to understand and respect the significance of the Maunga and the special places through which we travel. We will pass that understanding on, as is deemed appropriate, to our students.
- We will continue integrate Kaitiakitanga principles through our programmes and our teachings.
- We will continue to engage and support the local Search and Rescue team to give assistance to anyone who is in difficulty on or around the Maunga.

What we will do to give effect to the cultural landscape:

- We will acknowledge Tangata Whenua to our students and visitors and give a brief summary of who the local Iwi/Hapu are. We do this using material provided by the local iwi so that it is authentic and accurate.
- We correctly name and pronounce the places we visit in Te Reo. Our staff must gain a level of competency in Tikanga as part of their competency process.
- We will pay a moment of respect in an appropriate way when embarking on a trip or entering a place.
- We encourage and make available Te Reo lessons in our work place.
- We will not summit the peaks in the Tongariro National Park with our clients or students.
- We will leave no Trace on the landscape.

Cultural Code of Practice and Field Implementation Plan

as agreed between:

**Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust
and Ngati Rangi**

20 November 2014

Introduction

The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand (OPC) signed a concession agreement with the Department of Conservation (DOC) in July 2012. A condition of this agreement required OPC to develop two documents for the management and operation of the OPC concession activities within Tongariro National Park: a Cultural Code of Practice (CCOP) and a Field Operations Manual (FOM). On completion of the CCOP document both parties agreed that a Field Operations Manual was not appropriate as the CCOP was not a prescriptive document. The key next document was a "Field Implementation Plan" (FIP) to ensure that the principles agreed to in the CCOP were in fact implemented in an effective, meaningful, long-term manner.

These documents were to be developed in consultation and with the support of Ngati Hikairo and Ngati Rangi as tangata whenua of Tongariro National Park. Once developed and approved by iwi/hapu and OPC these documents will be integrated into the overall management of all OPC's activities within and around the Tongariro National Park and OPC's governance and management framework.

Key features of the CCOP are:

- It is a high level (tier one) governance and management document at a "whole of Tongariro National Park" scale.
- It establishes principles that generate understanding rather than a set of rules to govern actions.
- It is a "big picture" document that sets out aspirations of how things should be.

Purpose

OPC's objectives of the CCOP and FIP are that the process and resulting documentation will:

- Build a strong relationship with Ngati Rangi through mutual trust and understanding based on very open dialogue with iwi in relation to their values, history, current situation and future aspirations;
- Develop in cooperation with Ngati Rangi a set of tools and documents that ensure that OPC's operations and activities in the Ngati Rangi rohe are supported by Ngati Rangi and are culturally safe.

N.B. On 1 October 2014 the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand (OPC) re-branded as the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust, trading as "Hillary Outdoors". For the balance of this document the organisation is referred to as Hillary Outdoors.

Cultural Code of Practice (CCOP)

Chapter One: How Hillary Outdoors people will conduct themselves

Over the last two years the Hillary Outdoors Chief Executive and Tongariro Centre Manager have been working with Ngati Rangi people to develop a better understanding of their values, history, current situation and future aspirations. This has included discussing how the cultural values of the mountain and park can be better integrated into OPC activities and better understood. The outcome is that Hillary Outdoors' programmes and activities within the park will be modified to better reflect the cultural values of the place and the students and their activities will be enriched by a greater understanding.

Hillary Outdoors gives an undertaking that we will:

- Demonstrate commitment and provide internal leadership within our organisation to ensure that staff are fully aware of matters of cultural significance and act appropriately
- Act with cultural sensitivity to Ngati Rangi perspectives at all times
- Understand and respect the significance of the mountain to tangata whenua and Ngati Rangi's role in Kaitiakitanga
- Understand and respect the cultural values associated with the mountain to Ngati Rangi and Whanganui people
- Acknowledge Ngati Rangi's role with visitors to their rohe and with Manaakitanga, and the need for all visitors to be both physically and culturally safe during their visit
- Look to include elements of Ngati Rangi culture and language in everyday situations such as greetings, and including "teachable moments" in relation to our partnership with Ngati Rangi and respecting other people's values even if you do not share them
- Build our own cultural capacity and an environment which encourages respect and cultural consideration, including:
 - Considering how students and other visitors are welcomed to Hillary Outdoors including the space in which they are welcomed
 - Acknowledging the tangata whenua to students and visitors – e.g. brief summary of who are the local iwi/hapu, iwi names for the mountains and significance of the mountains to tangata whenua
 - A moment of respect – in a way appropriate to Hillary Outdoors – when embarking on a trip or entering a place
 - Staff development in te reo and cultural skills generally

Chapter Two: Ngati Rangi Purpose, Values, Principles and Statement of Support

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Ngāti Rangi is an independent iwi affiliated to the Whanganui confederation of tribes. Ngāti Rangi is based at the western and southern foot of Mount Ruapehu where their rohe is approximately 93,078 hectares and embraces 15 marae that spans over 4 major river catchments. These include but is not limited to; the Waimarino, Mangawhero, Whangaehu and Hautapu catchments.

NGĀTI RANGI TRUST

The Ngāti Rangi Trust has been established to co-ordinate and manage iwi affairs in the Ngāti Rangi region. Key responsibilities for the Trust are to carry out the tasks of the aspirations of the iwi strategy to vibrantly exist in 1,000 years. The recognition of the cultural landscape within the Ngāti Rangi rohe varies considerably from being an internationally recognised icon (Mt. Ruapehu), to that of a taonga to the tangata whenua. These differing perspectives are of equal importance to iwi, hapū and whānau.

NGĀ TAONGA O NGĀTI RANGI

Significant natural features in the Ngāti Rangi cultural landscape include but are not limited to:

- a) Mount Ruapehu;
- b) Waterways (Other catchments are: Whangaehu, Waikato-iti, Turakina, Hautapu, Manganui-o-te-ao);
- c) Karioi State Forest (which contains significant easement instruments in respect of the Wāhianoa Aqueduct of the Eastern Diversion of the Tongariro Power Scheme);
- d) Waiouru Army Training Ground; and
- e) Ātīhau-Whanganui Incorporation (over half of the land is in Ngāti Rangi rohe).

NGĀTI RANGI VALUES & PRINCIPLES

The following values have been developed to help guide Ngati Rangi in its decision making especially in respect to the environment.

- **Ko te Kāhui Maunga te mātāpuna o te ora**

We understand that the Kāhui Maunga is the source of our origin and well-being as Ngāti Rangi

- **Me karioi te noho**

We understand that we, as Ngāti Rangi, are here forever

- **Kia mana ai ngā kōrero tuku iho**

We understand that the teachings of our tūpuna are upheld

- **Ko te anga whakamua ki āpōpō**

We understand that decisions must be future focused.

The following principle values ensure the Ngati Rangi Trust and the tribal rununga uphold the integrity of the iwi when interacting internally and externally.

<p>People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kia MANA ai ngā mahi To act with honour• kia mau ai ki te MANAAKITANGA To care wholeheartedly• Kia tika ai tō TŪRANGAWAEWAE To be accountable• Kia ū ai ki ngā TIKANGA To be duty bound• Kia rapu ai i te MEA NGARO To unleash potential
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Ngāti Rangī supports the endeavours of Hillary Outdoors attaining a better understanding of the following:

1. Who we are as Ngāti Rangī and what our values are;
2. Where Ngāti Rangī holds mana whenua (territorial rights);
3. Why Ngāti Rangī actively undertakes their role of mana whenua/kaitiaki; and
4. How to respect the cultural values and the cultural landscape of Ngāti Rangī when undertaking activities in the Ngāti Rangī region.

Ngāti Rangī believes their cultural values are not far reaching and need Hillary Outdoors to acknowledge these in their management and operational plans. These values and principles are the basis of who Ngāti Rangī are as tangata whenua and how tangata whenua are connected tangibly and intangibly to the maunga, whenua, ngahere and awa.

KORO RUAPEHU

Koro Ruapehu, as he is affectionately referred, is the source of origin for Ngāti Rangī and Whanganui nui tonu. The iwi and hapu that have a connection to him are:

- **Whanganui**
 - Ngāti Rangī
 - Ngāti Uenuku
 - Ngāti Hāua
- **Tūwharetoa**
 - Ngāti Hikairo
 - Ngāti Waewae

Ngāti Rangī acknowledge that each of these neighbouring iwi and hapū are also key partners in the activities of Hillary Outdoors and that NR are aligning fundamental values of the iwi into the Hillary Outdoors CCOP in relation to the activities in Te Rohe ō Ngāti Rangī only. The overarching outcome of the CCOP is to eliminate adverse impacts on the Cultural Values of Ngāti Rangī.

Chapter Three: Hillary Outdoors Reason for Being, Vision, Mission and Values

Reason for Being:

Hillary Outdoors is a “not-for-profit” charity that is committed to supporting the growth and development of young New Zealanders. As such all courses are priced in order to be affordable and significant fund-raising occurs to support students and groups who are not able to afford the cost of courses as the need for supporting programmes is often greatest where affordability is least.

Hillary Outdoors was founded in 1972 by Graeme Dingle with Sir Edmund Hillary as patron. The vision was to provide opportunities for New Zealanders, in particular youth and those disadvantaged in some way, to learn and grow through exposure to a range of outdoor activities and experiences.

Hillary Outdoors is a value-based organisation. Our goal is not simply to introduce people to the New Zealand outdoors, but to sow the seed for change and growth through that introduction. We want people to explore their values and consider what values and behaviours are important for a healthy society: values such as being outstanding, personal integrity and compassion. All of these values can be clearly seen in our previous and current Patrons: Sir Edmund Hillary, Barbara Kendall and Dame Jenny Shipley.

The other secret to Hillary Outdoors’ educational success is the philosophy that was introduced by our founder Graeme Dingle. Graeme believed that in order for young people to thrive and achieve, they needed to be introduced to new experiences and skills in such a way that would encourage them to want to take part again. For this reason, he believed in an instructional style that offered support and caring at an individual level; giving people the skills to succeed. He also believed that the best experiences were FUN!

Our goal is for students to learn more about themselves and the infinite possibilities that exist for them. We understand that not everyone will necessarily excel or even like every outdoor activity. We do know that working as a member of a team in a variety of settings will produce many meaningful learning moments. We also hope that many young people will be introduced to an activity that they will want to take up as an active recreational pursuit for life.

Vision:

The “Hillary Outdoors Experience” is a New Zealand benchmark for quality outdoor education and leadership training, and is recognized internationally.

Mission:

Contributing positively to the life journey of young people in the spirit of Sir Edmund Hillary through adventure and rich outdoor learning experiences that develop care and respect for self, others and place.

Values:

Outstanding (whakahirahira)	Being the very best you can be
Personal Integrity (ngakau tapatahi)	Walking your talk and honouring your word – particularly during difficult and challenging times
Compassion (aroha)	Unconditional care, love, and respect for yourself, others and the environment

Chapter Four: Building and maintaining a relationship

In order to build and maintain a relationship between Ngāti Rangī and Hillary Outdoors both parties of the partnership must have a greater understanding of each other's values. This document alludes to engagement opportunities for strengthening a mutually beneficial relationship with the outcome of a commonality of each other's values and respecting the cultural landscape of Ngāti Rangī. For this partnership to grow and become more than a Department of Conservation concession requirement, Ngāti Rangī support regular communications and activities. This will ensure the growth of the partnership goes beyond the printed documentation such as this CCOP and FIP documents..

OPC and Ngati Rangī give the following commitments:

- Ngāti Rangī will commit to hosting an annual wānanga to assist in sustaining the knowledge base within OPC as there is an awareness of staff movement in the workforce.
- OPC will host an annual workshop to continue to maintain the relationship and greater learning for Ngāti Rangī, of the role Hillary Outdoors provides in the Outdoor Education Industry.

It is a preference of Ngāti Rangī, for Hillary Outdoors to initially take on a level of Māori tikanga (custom) that Hillary Outdoors are comfortable with and/or capable of. Hillary Outdoors have other opportunities throughout each year which also assists in the development of the relationship such as, the Annual Scholarships and Tertiary Training that is available. There are also additional opportunities that will keep the two partners engaged at a local level, such as Ngāti Rangī engaging in a 5 Day Māori Leadership Skills Kayak Course

This document precedes the FOM which will outline the common tasks for Hillary Outdoors staff to adhere to.

Annual Review

This document will be formally reviewed each year to ensure its continued relevance and so that lessons learnt can be captured and the document reflects any changes that may occur.

Field Implementation Plan (FIP)

Purpose

The purpose of the Field Implementation Plan (FIP) is to establish a process whereby:

- the principles established in the Cultural Code of Practice (CCOP) will be adhered to in operations in the field;
- updates and reviews will occur; and
- the agreements will continue into the future given ongoing commitments to work together.

The summary of actions is as follows:

What?	By Whom?	By When?
Demonstrate commitment and provide internal leadership within our organisation to ensure that staff are fully aware of matters of cultural significance and act appropriately	Ngati Rangī to attend a staff meeting for current staff.	By July 2015
	BM and Ngati Rangī to meet and review suitable Tikanga Guide and L1 Tikanga Competency for induction of staff.	Implement Sept 2014 Review by July 2015
	Staff induction must include a session on L1 Tikanga Competency	Implement Sept 2014 Review by July 2015
	Staff to continue to attend Bi Annual Ngati Rangī Marae visit as per this year.	By Dec 2016
	Ngati Rangī Leaders and Parents attend Bi-Annual Hillary Outdoors open day/workshop.*	By Dec 2015
Act with cultural sensitivity to Ngati Rangī perspectives at all times.	Add to observations sheet to monitor it is happening in the field DP	Implement Sept 2014
Understand and respect the significance of the mountain to tangata whenua and Ngati Rangī's role as Kaitiakitanga.	Reciprocal visits as above.	Annual visits As above
	New Tikanga Guide BM	Implement Sept 2014

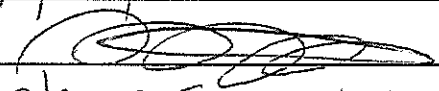
Understand and respect the cultural values associated with the mountain to Ngati Rangī and Whanganui people.	As points above	As above
Look to include elements of Ngati Rangī culture and language in everyday situations such as greetings, and including “teachable moments” in relation to our partnership with Ngati Rangī and respecting other people’s values even if you do not share them -language -games (Pukana)	As points above BM to organise a staff training session.	As above. April 2015
Build our own cultural capacity and an environment which encourages respect and cultural consideration, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering how students and other visitors are welcomed to OPC including the space in which they are welcomed • Acknowledging the tangata whenua to students and visitors – e.g. brief summary of who are the local iwi/hapu, iwi names for the mountains and significance of the mountains to tangata whenua • A moment of respect – in a way appropriate to Hillary Outdoors – when embarking on a trip or entering a place • Staff development in te reo and cultural skills generally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple Maori greeting in IC presentation. • Add to IC presentation. BM • Ngatirangi prayer to forest, mountain, water? • Competency at level 1. • I-day Biannual Marae visit 	Review by July 2015 April 2015- after staff training Review by July 2015 Review by July 2015 Establish for 2016 to follow previous visit in 2014
*Open-day /Workshop at Hillary Outdoors -Tour of our place -Small taster session of ABL -Promotion of secondary, skills and especially Tertiary programmes -A lunch together will be an important aspect of manaakitia. <i>“Ka manaaki te tangata o OPC i ngā manuhiri”</i>		

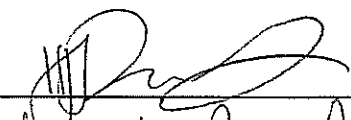
Agreement

The parties to this agreement give a commitment to actively support the principles of the Cultural Code of Practice and the actions of the Field Implementation Plan.

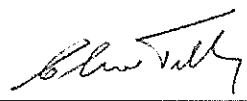
Signed:


Ngati Rangi:

Andy Gowland Douglas
 (name)
Chief Executive (position)
21 May 2015 (date)


Hannah Rainforth (name)
Environmental Manager (position)
21 May 2015 (date)

Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust:


Clive Tilby (name)
Chair (position)
30 April 2015 (date)


Graham Seattle (name)
Chief Executive (position)
21 May 2015 (date)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), is made and entered into as of 1 February 2021.

BETWEEN: [PARTY A] The Recipient, Te Pou Herenga o Tūwharetoa Trustee Ltd an organisation registered as a NZ Limited Company with its office located at 1/261 Te Rangitautahanga Road, Turangi 3334.

AND: [PARTY B] (the "Entity"), The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Education Trust (Incorporated Registration Number 210651) is a not-for-profit organization registered to provide outdoor education with its office located at Tongariro.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to upskilling whanau members to their organisation. This MOU is intended to support both parties for the betterment of improving our whanau opportunities via employment and training.

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Recipient will deliver the initiative 'Te Hua Ake – Creating Opportunities' (Project), which is designed and led by them, to support people within the Tūwharetoa rohe who are seeking training and/or employment opportunities.

The recipient will act as a conduit between job seeking whānau members, training providers and local employers, targeting sectors that are important to the future growth and prosperity of our rohe. This will include, but not be limited to, Forestry, Health, Communications, Agriculture, Horticulture, Tourism and Hospitality.

The programme and expectations of the funder, PDU include the following core components:

- Initial induction/assessment process (2-4 weeks): this process may or may not apply to you. If it does, an assessment will need to be managed for each participant to take part in a marae noho/wānanga induction to the programme. This will include assessments to determine specific training, employment, and support needs, before transitioning them into one of the following:
- Industry/employment induction (3-6 months): At least 16 participants (each cohort) will complete a paid work placement with selected employers. This will include a mixture of training and practical work experience.
- Focussed training/further education: Participants who are assessed as not work ready will be placed on a more focused training or further education programme. These people will then be transitioned into employment opportunities.
- Pastoral support: adaptable wrap-around support will be available to all participants. This can include, but will not be limited to, personal support, mentoring, transport and access to support services



as required on a case-by-case basis.

The recipient will work alongside Ngāti Tūwharetoa-related businesses in the first instance to source employment opportunities and provide industry-specific mentors to participants.

Target Group

The project will target all working age people, prioritising participants from the Turangi area and Ngāti Tūwharetoa descendants. Priority will also be given to:

- Whānau who have lost jobs as a result of Covid-19 and are looking for retraining and/or employment opportunities.
- Whānau who will benefit from more intense and focussed pastoral care and mentoring to connect them with retraining and/or employment opportunities.
- School leavers who have already engaged with the recipient through the 'He Mahuri Toa' STEM Forestry Capability program.

2. BACKGROUND

Through the Provincial Development Unit (PDU), the Ministry is responsible for administering the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), which aims to lift productivity potential in New Zealand's provinces. Its priorities are to enhance economic development opportunities, create sustainable jobs, enable Māori to reach full potential, boost social inclusion and participation, build resilient communities, and help meet New Zealand's climate change targets.

The Recipient, Te Pou Herenga o Tūwharetoa Trustee Ltd is a registered Charitable Trust.

Te Ara Mahi (TAM) is a portion of the PGF which has been allocated to focus on regional skills and employment development. TAM funding is aligned with the intent of the PGF, including its regions of focus, and is administered by the PDU.

TAM focuses on the provision of a range of different employment and upskilling related support with the aim of getting local people into sustained local employment.

This MOU agreement is underpinned by both parties fulfilling their responsibilities and commitment to the work outlined above. If a party fails to comply to their commitment, that includes a good faith element this will have a significant impact on the PDU fund which will make this full agreement invalid.

[PARTY A] - Te Pou Herenga o Tūwharetoa Trustee Ltd, The Recipient is an independent and iwi-based entity that works to support cultural and social development of Ngāti Tūwharetoa, including through the relief of poverty; advancement of education and religion; and any other matters that are beneficial to the iwi.

[PARTY B] – Hillary Outdoors Education Centre provides adventurous outdoor activities as a means to educate and develop young people and adults, giving them practical and life skill for their future.



3. [PARTY A] RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

[PARTY A] shall undertake the following activities:

1. Provide all necessary documents to support this MOU engagement.
2. To engage in good faith to support key project outcomes in alignment with the recipients funding requirements.
3. To ensure financial processes to support the commitment of the MOU is managed in accordance outlined in the agreement.

4. [PARTY B] RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

[Party B] shall undertake the following activities:

1. To fully understand the expectations and understandings of this MOU.
2. To engage in good faith to support key project outcomes in alignment with the recipients funding requirements.
3. To commit to training the confirmed participant as our commitment to this MOU in discussion and agreement with PARTY A.
4. To provide a final report to PARTY A prior to the final payment being received.

5. UNDERSTANDINGS

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the parties that:

1. PARTY B entered this arrangement to engage in a scholarship opportunity to cover Tertiary course fees for student Ms Marama Winchcombe who is enrolled on the Level 5 "Diploma in Outdoor adventure Education".
2. PARTY B agrees to support training opportunities to the participant that will increase their abilities to attain full-time work in the tourism industry following this programme.
3. The amount for recruiting the confirmed whānau member is to the value of \$6,500 plus GST which will be payable on 20 February 2021.
4. If the whanau member withdraws within the period of this MOU, PARTY B will be obligated to refund PARTY A
5. Any modification or termination to this MOU requires discussion as this may impact financial arrangements agreed to if PARTY B fails to adhere to its commitment.
6. This MOU agreement may be terminated in extenuating circumstances and only by mutual agreement after fair agreement is provided to both parties.
7. This MOU is to be in place no less than three months to support parties to fulfil their obligations to this arrangement.

6. DURATION

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from both parties. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from both parties and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent, noting this may impact the financial arrangements in place. This MOU shall end on 30 June 2021.

7. FUNDING

This MOU does include the reimbursement of funds between the two parties.

[PARTY A] – will contribute the amount of \$6,500 plus GST for the participant registered with [PARTY B]. This amount is \$6,500 plus GST will be payable on 20 February 2021 if all obligations have been met by [PARTY B].

8. ARBITRATION

Any dispute arising, regarding any aspect of this MOU Agreement shall be settled through mutual consultations and agreements by the parties to the MOU Agreement.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of Parties A and B authorized officials. It shall be enforced from (date) 27 January 2021 to (date) 30 April 2021.

Parties A and B indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

Signatures and dates

[Te Pou Herenga o Tūwharetoa Trustee Ltd]
Chairperson, Lyn Hura



Date

10/02/21

[Hillary Outdoors Centre]
Manager, Jono Maxwell



Date

9/2/21



TE RŪNANGANUI O NGĀTI HIKAIRO KI TONGARIRO

26th August 2020

To
Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre Board
Jono Maxwell

RE: Vacant Position on Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Board

Kia ora koutou

The Runanganui delegates were informed at our June monthly hui, that there is a vacant position on the board of Hillary Outdoor Pursuits. And that the board would like to allocate and invite Te Runanganui o Ngati Hikairo to elect a member.

At our June hui the Runanganui board elected our OPC Working Group member John Ham. We are confident John has the capacity to carry out the directives of Ngati Hikairo hapu we represent to the best of his ability.

Please accept our letter confirming our elected member to fill the vacant position on your board, and we look forward to continued successful communications with Hillary Outdoor Pursuits.

Nga mihi

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Anthony Hemopo (chair)
Hikairo ki Te Rena Chair

Handwritten signature of Willy Marshall in black ink.

Willy Marshall
Otukou Marae Chair

Handwritten signature of Melvyn Turanga in black ink.

Melvyn Turanga
Papakai Marae Chair

Joanne Matana (secretary)

From: Puna Wano-Bryant puna@taranaki.iwi.nz

Subject: Re: Consultation for Concession Application

Date: 11 November 2019 at 9:28 AM

To: Rowan Sapsford rowan@roamconsulting.co.nz

Cc: Jono Maxwell jonom@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz, Sean Zieltjes taiao@taranaki.iwi.nz, Wharehoka Wano whare@taranaki.iwi.nz

PW

Tena koe e hoa

Thank you for the form and covering letter we sincerely appreciate the care and consideration for Taiao Taiora, unfortunately we and other iwi of Taranaki mouna are not approving any guiding concessions until the settlement negotiations are completed and provide clarity on the role of iwi service providers in the tourism sector. While we know this does not assist with your clients plans this is our position which have maintained for the last year and have applied it to an application from another iwi also to remain consistent in our approach.

Of course, you can still apply and DOC are the decision maker, they aware of our position and will make their decision accordingly.

Thank you e hoa and regards to Jonno also



Naaku iti nei

Puna Wano-Bryant

Pou Taiao - Iwi Environmental Manager

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On Fri, Nov 8, 2019 at 3:07 PM Rowan Sapsford <rowan@roamconsulting.co.nz> wrote:

Tena koe ehoa, I hope you and your team at Te Kāhui o Taranaki are well.

Please find attached a letter and associated consultation form on behalf of Hillary Outdoors for proposed activities that require a concession on Taranaki Mouna.

As an aside, it was pretty cool to actually use a document I helped to develop in such a positive way.

In any case, if you could please review the attached information and get in touch about the next steps that would be awesome.

Noho ora mai



8 November 2019

Puna Wano-Bryant
Iwi Environmental Manager
Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi

Mail to: puna@taranaki.iwi.nz

Tena koe Puna

HILLARY OUTDOORS CONCESSION APPLICATION

Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust are preparing an application to renew their concession with the Department of Conservation. This concession is to undertake a range of activities on public conservation land in the central north island including on Taranaki Mounga.

Hillary Outdoors would like to continue to use the established trails and facilities on the mounga to provide outdoor education experiences to students. They are proposing up to ten hikoi to the mounga each year. Each hikoi will involve 10 students and ten instructors walking around the mounga and also to its summit, during warmer months. These trips are proposed to take place throughout the year.

Hillary Outdoors recognise the importance of the mounga to Taranaki Iwi and wish to ensure that their activities are undertaken in a safe and respectful manner.

Please find attached a completed Taiao Taioira consultation form and additional information relating to suggested mitigation measures.

Jonno Maxwell from Hillary Outdoors is more than happy to come across and meet in person to discuss this proposed activity if required.

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In the interim please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this information and assessment further.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital letter 'R' followed by a smaller capital letter 'S' and a cursive flourish.

Rowan Sapsford - Director

Roam Consulting Limited

Cc Jonno Maxwell

Applicant Details

Organisation Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust

Address Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Outdoor Pursuits Centre Tawhitihuri Via Turangi, Turangi, 9999

Applicant Jonno Maxwell, Centre Manager, Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust

Point of contact Rowan Sapsford - Roam Consulting

Phone

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Email rowan@roamconsulting.co.nz

Date

Proposed Activity

Where (exactly) will the activity be taking place (please attach a map or draw in area provided)

Please see the attached map shown the tracks and huts proposed to be used.

What will be involved
Ten hiki per annum involving ten students.
The students will be accompanied by two instructors for each Trip.
The students will be walking the round the mouna using the tracks and huts listed in the attached schedule. The specific tracks and huts used in each visit will vary and be based on the capability of the students and the weather conditions.
They will also be walking to the summit on the poled route during the warmer months when there is less snow.

Who will be involved

Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust staff and students.
The instructors are all experienced and trained to work and guide on the mouna.
More information about Hillary Outdoors can be found on their website at <http://www.hillaryoutdoors.co.nz/about/>
A health and safety plan is also available on request

Duration of the activity – start and finish date required

There will be a maximum of 10 trips per year. For each trip the students will be on the mouna for no more than 4 days and 3 nights at a time.
Trips will be all year round.
Is this a new application, or a renewal of an existing consent?

Renewal of existing concession (TT-16854 – GUL (a) granted in 2011 for the same activity.

Potential Environmental Effects

In detail, describe the actual and potential environmental effects resulting from this activity.
Will it be taking place near a waterway or the coast etc.? If so where?

The proposed activity will be on formed trails that cross the multitude of awa on the slopes of Taranaki Mounga.
Students will be using the existing bridges and crossings provided by the Department of Conservation on those trails.

How will it impact on water bodies, aquatic life?

As the activity is to use existing infrastructure it is not anticipated that there will be any impacts on water bodies and aquatic life.

Will there be earthworks? If so how much?

There will be no earthworks associated with the proposed activity.

Taranaki Iwi Environmental Management Plan

Please review *Taiao, Tairora* and consider your application against the relevant objectives and policies contained within that document.

Mitigation Measures

Please describe in detail the proposed measures that will be taken to mitigate, avoid or remedy the impact of the actual and potential impacts of the proposed activity.

See attached document

Declaration

I have read and understand the *Taiao Tairora Taranaki Iwi Environmental Management Plan*

(please tick) Yes No

If my application is within the coastal environment I have read and understand *Tiaki Tangaroa ki Uta Tangaroa ki Tai - Coastal Development Guidelines*

(please tick) Yes No

Signature

Signing this document indicates to Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust that the information you have provided is true and accurate.

Applicant's name: _____



Signature: _____

Date: _____

It is our principle to leave the environment in a better state than we found it in. How do you propose to do this in the context of your project?

Hillary Outdoors is committed to creating great outcomes for the environment as well as the students that experience their programmes. They are actively involved in a range of conservation initiatives in the central north island including plant and animal pest control and who monitoring. As of this year they are also committing to undertake planting of indigenous species to offset all carbon emissions associated with their activities. They have also signed up to the Leave no Trace programme.

Mitigation Measures

We have read and understood the Taiao Taiora Taranaki Iwi Environmental Management Plan, with specific reference to that kaupapa relating to Taranaki Mounga, Ranginui rāua ko Tāwhirimātea and Tangaroa-ki-Uta.

Hillary Outdoors recognises and respects Taranaki Iwi as having mana whenua in the area where the proposed activities are to take place and as kaitiaki of the Taranaki rohe. They also understand the importance of Taranaki Mounga to Taranaki Iwi and the need for the mauri of the mounga to be protected, cared for and restored.

Hillary Outdoors are aware that even though they are proposing to undertake activities on the mounga using existing tracks, roads and infrastructure their activities could still affect the mauri of the mounga.

Hillary Outdoors wishes to work with Taranaki Iwi to ensure that their trips are undertaken in a manner which appropriately respects the important environmental and cultural values of the mounga and to treat those values with respect and care. Currently, at the start of all of the trips the participants say karakia to pay respect to the land and its people. This is currently done by those participating in the trips but there are opportunities to work closer with Taranaki Iwi on the mounga or at marae etc and guidance is sought from Taranaki Iwi on how to best do this.

Hillary Outdoors undertake conservation work in the central north island including plant and animal pest control. They have recently initiated an offset planting programme to ensure that the use of vehicles for their trips does not contribute to climate change.

As well as work within the CNI Hillary Outdoors would like to contribute to any local projects in Taranaki. Hillary Outdoors will be asking the Department for all or part of their concession fees to go to the Taranaki Mounga project or other mounga based conservation initiatives.

Hillary Outdoors are part of the Leave No Trace programme where they ensure that no rubbish is left behind and the land, waters and trees are not marked by their presence. They also have a policy of ensuring that no waste (including human waste) is left behind in alpine areas.

APPENDIX 2. LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND SCHOOL RESPONSES



2/17/2020

Jono Maxwell

Hillary Outdoors

By Email: jonom@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz

Tena Koe Jono,

Hillary Outdoors Concession Application

Hillary Outdoors is seeking a concession from the Department of Conservation to allow them to continue to run outdoor adventure programmes for young New Zealanders for the next 20 years.

Project Tongariro acknowledges the work done by Hillary Outdoors and the associated benefits that their activities have on the young New Zealanders who attend these programmes.

The Hillary Outdoors education centre at Tongariro offers youth programmes that are unique in Aotearoa and the value it adds to the richness of their lives is considered to be significant. The ability for youth to engage with the New Zealand outdoors in a place such as the Tongariro National Park world heritage site is a unique factor that feeds into the success of the programmes. For most participants, this is their first time in New Zealand's outdoors and the Hillary Outdoors programmes provide a suitable introduction to the Park and the outdoors. This introduction happens in a safe and respectful manner which teaches students to respect the outdoors and the natural environment.

Hillary Outdoors offers a set of youth programmes that is unique in New Zealand. Their programmes have positive impacts on the physical and mental wellbeing of the lives of those who attend their courses. The ability for youth to engage with the outdoors in a place such as the Tongariro National Park, and other conservation areas in the wider central North Island, is vital to the ability of Hillary Outdoors to continue to deliver its programmes into the future.

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Hillary Outdoors also provides assistance to Project Tongariro to run the Tussock Traverse event, providing marshals who provide valuable support to competitors in isolated locations along the event course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours Sincerely



Paul Green
Project Tongariro Director
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12 February 2020

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Tena Koe Jono



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TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR HILLARY OUTDOORS CONCESSION APPLICATION

Hillary Outdoors is seeking a concession from the Department of Conservation to allow them to continue to run outdoor adventure programmes for young New Zealanders for the next 20 years.

Taupō District Council supports this application.

A number of the existing and new activities will occur within the Taupō district and will facilitate young New Zealanders to visit our district and have positive outdoor experiences here. Some of these experiences will involve reserves and assets owned and managed by the Council.

Hillary Outdoors offers a set of youth programmes that is unique in New Zealand. Their programmes have positive impacts on the physical and mental wellbeing of the lives of those who attend their courses. The ability for youth to engage with the outdoors in a place such as the Tongariro National Park, and other conservation areas around Lake Taupō and in the wider central North Island, is vital to the ability of Hillary Outdoors to continue to deliver its programmes into the future.

As well as having important social benefits to the young New Zealanders who take part in these programmes Hillary Outdoors also promotes safe, rewarding and environmentally positive experiences in the outdoors and in the Taupō district.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J Trewavas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David J Trewavas JP
MAYOR

14 February 2020

Jono Maxwell,
Hillary Outdoors

By Email: jonom@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz

Tena Koe Jono,

Support for Hillary Outdoors Concession Application

Bike Taupo supports the concession application to which will enable Hillary Outdoors to undertake the guiding / journeying, biking and the other outdoor adventure activities for the school students they educate on a weekly basis.

Hillary Outdoors plans to use a number of trails and facilities which are owned and or managed by Bike Taupo. These include the Great Lake Trails, The Huka Trails and the Tongariro River Trail. This proposed use is consistent with the purpose for which these trails have been built and Bike Taupo welcomes Hillary Outdoors and its students to these trails.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours Sincerely



Peter Masters (MNZM)
Bike Taupo Chairperson



RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

12 February 2020

By Email: jonom@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz

Jono Maxwell
Hillary Outdoors

Tena Koe Jono,

Support for Hillary Outdoors Concession Application

Hillary Outdoors is seeking a concession from the Department of Conservation to allow them to continue to run outdoor adventure programmes for young New Zealanders for the next 20 years. Ruapehu District Council supports this application.

The Hillary Outdoors Centre, their team and manuhiri are an important part of the Ruapehu District and have been since Sir Graeme Dingle started the Tongariro Outdoor Centre in March 1973.

The Hillary Outdoors Education Centre at Tongariro offers a set of youth programmes that is unique in New Zealand. Their programmes have positive impacts on the physical and mental wellbeing of the lives of those who attend their courses. The ability for youth to engage with the outdoors in a place such as the Tongariro National Park, and other conservation areas in the central North Island, is vital to the ability of Hillary Outdoors to continue to deliver its programmes into the future.

As well as having important social benefits to the young New Zealanders who take part in these programmes Hillary Outdoors also promotes safe, rewarding and environmentally positive experiences in the outdoors and in the Ruapehu District.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Cameron".

Don Cameron JP
MAYOR



14 February 2020

Jono Maxwell

Hillary Outdoors

By Email: jonom@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz

Tena Koe Jono,

Hillary Outdoors Concession Application

Hillary Outdoors is seeking a concession from the Department of Conservation to allow them to continue to run outdoor adventure programs for young New Zealanders for the next 20 years.

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) supports this concession application.

RAL currently partners with Hillary Outdoors to train young people from our region through our Cadetship program. The RAL cadetship program is a partnership between RAL and The Ministry for Social Development. Cadets are put forward by MSD and selected by RAL based on their suitability and readiness for work. We employ up to 20 cadets annually and provide them with work experience and training on the mountain.

Part of this program includes a week-long course at Hillary Outdoors Tongariro Centre to provide them with additional skills and experiences to not only grow their resilience but also improve their work readiness. We have seen first-hand the benefits that the Hillary Outdoors program has on these young people, building their confidence and mana, with improving retention rates and reduced absenteeism from work.

We have recently expanded our operations at Whakapapa with the addition of the Sky Waka gondola which is operating all year-round. This expansion will necessitate additional staff, including cadets, to be employed from the local community. Hillary Outdoors will be important to ensure that these new cadets will be suitably trained to work in the alpine environment.

RAL also makes regular use of Hillary Outdoors facilities for leadership and management training sessions which take place prior and following the winter season. On this basis it is important that Hillary Outdoors is able to continue to provide their programs into the future.

In addition, RAL acknowledges the significant contribution that Hillary Outdoors plays in supporting the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue operations on Mount Ruapehu and the wider Tongariro National Park. This is a vital service that would be at risk if not supported by Hillary Outdoors staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Nga Mihi,

Andy Hoyle – Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Ltd - GM Safety & Environment



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From: Paul Green paul@tongariro.org.nz
Subject: Fwd: Concession Application
Date: 18 February 2020 at 6:07 PM
To: rowan@roamconsulting.co.nz

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Hi

Meant to cc you.

Regards
Paul

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Green <paul@tongariro.org.nz>
Date: 18 February 2020 at 6:06:40 PM NZDT
To: jonom@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz
Subject: Concession Application

Dear Jono

I write in support of Hillary Outdoors application to DOC for a renewal of their licence to operate outdoor adventure activities in Tongariro National Park and other conservation areas in the Central North Island for 20 years.

Hillary Outdoors provides a unique opportunity for our young people to experience and value our special areas .

Whilst undertaking outdoor adventures and learning about the environment our young people are encouraged to learn their own potential , develop team building opportunities and experience leadership skills.

As a Trust , Hillary Outdoors is able to make these opportunities affordable in a way not usually possible for young people.

Over the last 45 years I have witnessed the benefits these experiences have provided to our young people and observed the individual development and community benefits “ down track” gained from their time at Hillary Outdoors .

I strongly support your application.

Best regards
Paul Green QSM

Sent from my iPhone

Graham Seatter
Hillary Outdoors Education Centres
P O Box 32 482
Devonport
AUCKLAND 0624

20 February 2020

Dear Graham

It's with pleasure that I support Hillary Outdoors in seeking a concession from the Department of Conservation to allow them to continue to run outdoor adventure programmes for young New Zealanders for the next 20 years.

Hillary Outdoors is a charitable trust that provides Outdoor Education Programmes; their Purpose being "Youth Learning Through Adventure". Adventures that young people don't experience at school, basically to educate and develop young people giving them practical and life skills for the future. These steps into the unknown for many develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, leadership and an empathy with others while developing new passions and new skills.

It's about young people learning more about themselves and enhancing the many possibilities that exist for their futures. Hillary Outdoors provides opportunities to work as a team in a variety of outdoor pursuits that produces many learning moments that are transferable to other areas of their lives.

Opportunities that our young people unfortunately experience less and less in their formal education.

Hillary Outdoors has certainly been a leader in Outdoor Education for close to fifty years, they have a proven track record and have given many young people life changing experiences that have helped their success later in life.

New Zealand badly needs such facilities to continue to help in the personal well-being of youth of NZ.

Yours sincerely

Sir Graham Henry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Henry', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



20 February 2020

Tena koe,

SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED HILLARY OUTDOORS CONCESSION APPLICATION

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has been approached by Hillary Outdoors to support their application for a concession from the Department of Conservation to allow them to continue to run outdoor adventure programmes for young New Zealanders for the next 20 years.

There is no doubt that an organisation like Hillary Outdoors that supports the growth of students' personal development, resilience, leadership skills and overall hauora is invaluable in the educational landscape.

Hillary Outdoors provides programmes that support the growth and development of interpersonal skills, whanake (growth), leadership, environmental stewardship, positive mindsets, resilience, plus mental and physical wellbeing. I am familiar with these programmes and tautoko the long-term benefits which these programmes can have for those young New Zealanders who participate.

As educators, we see the benefits of such programmes for students to build their capacity for when they leave Trident, making them, better prepared to go on to further education or secure employment.

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College supports Hillary Outdoors application to continue to operate and continue to provide their current, and new, programmes to more young New Zealanders each year.

Nga mihi,

Peter Moyle
Principal
Taupo-nui-a-Tia College

Alistair Froggett
Deputy Principal
Taupo-nui-a-Tia College

Sir Graeme Dingle KNZM, ONZM, MBE

197 Princes St East

Otahuhu

AUCKLAND

20 February 2020

Tena koe

SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED HILLARY OUTDOORS LAKE TAUPŌ CENTRE

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I support their application to continue to operate and continue to provide their current, and new, programmes to more young New Zealanders each year.

Nga mihi

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GRAEME DINGLE

TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL : PETER MOYLE Dip PFd, PG Dip SM, Dip Tchg.



1 February 2017

Trust Waikato
London Street, Hamilton

Dear Trust Waikato,

Late last year, 20 students from Taupo-nui-a-Tia College received funding from Trust Waikato to help them attend a Hillary Outdoors course from the 28th of November to 2nd of December, at the Tongariro Centre.

This school camp was an incredible opportunity for the students to learn new skills, overcome personal challenges, and work together as a team.

This camp enabled the students to become resilient, strong young adults, and developed a sense of care in each student, where they placed value on their surroundings and environment. Thinking skills were encouraged, and leadership skills also increased.

Thank you for your contribution to this school camp. If it wasn't for the funding these students received from you, they wouldn't have been able to attend. It was a life-changing experience for these students and we appreciate everything you do in our community.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ben Carey & Eden Pirie'.

Ben Carey & Eden Pirie
Taupo-nui-a-Tia College



Tauhara College

tino u ki tou hīranga ... committed to excellence

24/02/2017

Dear Pub Charity,

On the 16th-20th January 2017, Tauhara College was able to send 10 of our Year 13 student leaders to Hillary Outdoors, Great Barrier Island. It was due to the funding from Pub Charity that we were able to send these students as without this funding the students would not have been able to attend. We would like to thank Pub Charity for creating this opportunity for our students.

A message from one of the students who attended the camp:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to go to Great Barrier Island and Hillary Outdoors. It was an amazing experience and probably the only time I would have the chance to visit the beautiful island. I learnt a lot from my time there and met a lot of cool people. Something that I will always keep in my mind is 'feeling comfortable with being uncomfortable' which will get me further in life and help me to enjoy things more. Thank you again for the awesome once in a lifetime experience.

Danielle Rihia, Year 13 student Tauhara College

As the teacher in charge of the trip I felt that experience was beneficial for all of the students involved. They were able to challenge themselves and learn about the strengths and weaknesses that they have as a leader. Many of the students liked learning about the concept of courage and leadership and felt that they could apply what they had learnt to their day-to-day lives. This trip also allowed our student leaders to bond as a group and I believe they are going to have a very successful year as leaders of Tauhara College. Thanks once again for making this opportunity possible. I have included a page of photos from our trip.

Kind regards,

Roxane Collins
Year 13 Dean
Tauhara College

12 October 2016

Ref: 203/16



PAPATOETOE
HIGH SCHOOL

Tony Sargisson
Sales Coordinator
Hillary Outdoors
PO Box 32 482
Devonport 0744
AUCKLAND

Dear Tony

On behalf of the ten students from Papatoetoe High School who participated in a one week course at the "Hillary Outdoors Marine Centre" from 3rd October to 7th October on Great Barrier Island I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Hillary Outdoors once again for offering this course to our school. I would also like to thank The Trust Community Foundation for their funding towards the cost of course. If it wasn't for this funding, our students would not have had the opportunity to attend this course.

Hillary Outdoors' unique learning environment has provided our students comprising of different cultures, the opportunity to explore their own values and potential. Despite, the adverse weather conditions experienced during the duration of the course, the students developed an environmental awareness and learnt the values of leadership and teamwork from their instructors and through participating and working as part of a team in various planned activities. This would not have been possible without the recognition and financial support of The Trust Community Foundation.

Not only has the Hillary Outdoors experience pushed our students beyond their limits, I believe they have developed some very important life skills that will enable them to contribute to developing a stronger vibrant school and local community in the future.

Once again, I am very grateful for the support of both Hillary Outdoors and The Trust Community Foundation. This course has been a memorable experience for all concerned. I do hope that The Trust Community Foundation will continue to support Hillary Outdoors as they provide opportunities for young New Zealanders to learn more about themselves by being exposed to a range of outdoor recreational activities. These activities provide youth with life-changing experiences that are fun, and expertly managed.

Yours sincerely

Keith Francis

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Principal
MEdLM, PGDipSM,
BCom, DipTchg



7 August 2017

Hillary Outdoors Education Centre
PO Box 32 482
Devonport 0744

By email: tonys@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz

Dear Hillary Outdoors Education Centre Staff,

Thank you so much to all the staff from the Hillary Outdoors Education Centre for providing our Papakura High School students with such a memorable camp.

We took 20 of our students to your camp from 24 - 28th July 2017 and throughout our week the students were challenged with new adventures, built significant bonds and learnt a lot more about themselves and were constantly encouraged to push to achieve their potential.

This opportunity would not have been able to be possible for our students if it had not been for the funding that was received through the Pub Charity. The experiences and memories that were made on this camp were absolutely priceless and we are very grateful that we were able to be provided with this generous funding.

Below is a brief summary of our camp:

Day One - students did numerous low rope challenges and learnt about the growth mindset philosophy, later on in the camp this philosophy was definitely implemented by all of our students, particularly during challenging times.

Day Two - we spent the day Caving at Okupata; this really pushed students out of their comfort zone, but they all got fully involved and made it through the caves. A highlight from this day was being led by one of our boys whose confidence encouraged others to overcome their fears.

That evening we enjoyed a nice soak at the Turangi thermal pools.

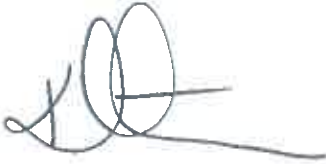
Day Three - the morning was spent working through our assessment by planning our outdoor expedition, that we would be going on the following day. We then trekked up towards Mt Ruapehu where we spent the day in the snow. This was truly a highlight for many of our students as they had never seen snow before. Some were so excited they started eating it!

Day Four - we got ready to go on our overnight expedition which would be based at Mangatepopo Hut. This night sleeping in the outdoors was an amazing experience and was a fantastic way to end our week long camp.

Day Five - we hiked back from Mangatepopo to Hillary Outdoors Camp, did our clean up and started on our journey home.

The confidence and positivity displayed by all of our students on camp was inspirational to see. Our students left an extremely positive lasting impression on the staff at Hillary Outdoors as they did things on camp that no other students had done to ensure whanaungatanga was encouraged.

Yours sincerely



Kelly Peterson
Deputy Principal



Paeroa Central School
Year 7 & 8
6 Wood Street
Paeroa
3600

Monday 28th November 2016

Trust Waikato

To whom this may concern,

First of all, we would like to thank you for the funding we received. Your financial assistance helped fund a total of 20 students and adults from Paeroa Central School to attend a Hillary Outdoors course from the 31st October to 4th November, at the Tongariro Centre. Without this funding we may have not been able to attend the camp therefore not being able to achieve personal goals such as becoming more confident in ourselves and others.

During camp we were given the opportunity to find our inner strength to show Leadership, Friendship and Commitment. We weren't expecting to form a bond and rely on each other to complete challenges, but we did. We thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it even the duties.

There were times where some of us were pushed for example Cole persevered during a tough walk carrying extra luggage. "I really felt like a leader carrying a huge heavy load of camping gear up steps nicknamed 'The Jenny Craig' I felt proud and glad I conquered it though I was exhausted at the end".

Our adults displayed patience with us during challenging activities. This helped us complete difficult activities as we weren't being pressurized. We did this one activity 'Monkey vines' which was part of the high rope challenge. Standing on a thin wire having to trust my fellow peers who were holding a rope connected to my harness so I wouldn't fall took a lot of inner trust. It also helped a lot of us conquer our fear of heights.

For our overnighner in the great outdoors both year groups went to two different places my group paddled canoes to our destination and pitched a tent by the lake. All I remember was that it was cold and wet. With that in mind I liked the fact we were sleeping outdoors. The other group pitched a tent type covering in the bush. Capreece mentioned "it was quite frustrating pitching a tent as we had never done it before. However, we all were very proud of ourselves once the tent was up".

We did many more exciting, challenging and trust activities. We even got to visit Mt Ruapehu and touch snow. All these experiences were made possible by your generosity so again thank you so much for the opportunity we really appreciate it.

Your sincerely

The year 7 & 8 Students of Paeroa Central and our Teacher.

Paeroa Central School



2016 Camp Hillary Outdoors: Mt Tongariro





Dear Tony and the Hillary Outdoors team –

I have attached some of the comments and words from the students who attended this year's course. Their words are definitely from the heart, and I can see the subtle changes in many of them brought about by the new experiences and challenges set for them at Tongariro.

Without the funding support of Pub charity this group of 20 Year 12 students would never have been able to attend a course such as this – world-renowned and highly effective. They went down to the centre in the first week of the April school holidays – 18 – 22 April, and returned tired, but very, very happy and proud of their accomplishments.

On behalf of the students and staff who enjoyed this great experience, Otahuhu College thanks all involved in the organisation of this wonderful outdoors education opportunity.

Otahuhu College visits Hillary Outdoors again – The Group of 2017

1. Briefly describe the greatest challenge you face on this camp?

- The Overnight Expedition, mainly climbing the mountain itself was the hardest challenge because although I wanted to turn back, it was a challenge I set out to overcome and finish, which I did!
- The one-night expedition and the abseiling. Trying to survive without any tools e.g. blankets, pillows etc, and trying to build my confidence and breaking barriers by climbing down a very high cliff.
- I guess the whole week had been challenging for me, but there was never a moment when I thought "Oh my gosh, I can't do this.", now with the immense support of the co-ordinators and my peers.

2. What was the most special thing for you about this opportunity?

- Just being outdoors for once and getting the chance to do something I never thought possible.
- . . . learning about the different ways to improve my leadership skills. Bonding with the instructor and not only this but with the other students that I had not known well at school.
- I got to experience nature and how to deal with situations out in the wild.
- . . . I got to meet new people who encouraged and pushed me to attain our goal, or to get to the place where we were aiming for.

3. Your trip was sponsored by a charity group – write a few lines thanking them, describing what you learned and any changes you can see in yourself.

- To the group, I'd like to deeply express my thanks. It was my first camp ever and it was the best moment of my life. Thank you for being able to give me and the school this. Because of you, we were able to take ourselves to a whole new level and thanks to you, I fell in love with nature.
- Thank you for everything. The camp itself, the food, the accommodation, everything! I'm very appreciative of the generosity you have bestowed upon my friends and myself. I can't say it enough, but thank you for one of the most amazing weeks possible.
- I'm truly thankful for the lifetime experience I had the privilege to be a part of, gaining not only a stronger bond with my peers but gaining a clearer understanding of leadership skills; encouraging, supporting and having patience with my peers. I was able to break barriers myself and have a stronger and more determined mind set.

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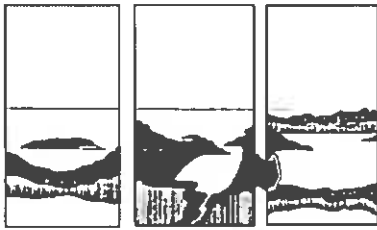
Michaela, Kalisha, Victoria, Mele, Sialai, Frances, Malda, and Cathrine, speaking for all the other 'happy campers'.

Also, many thanks for your input, Tony.

Best wishes,



Glennis Boyle
Principal's Assistant
Otahuhu College



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24th August 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the twenty students who attended Hillary Outdoors Centre (Tongariro) from the 13th to the 18th of August I would like to thank you for your financial support. Without the funding received from Pub Charity none of the students who attended would have been able to experience caving, skiing/snowboarding, overnight camping, swimming in the hot pools, high ropes, rock climbing, belaying down a 40 metre cliff, group team leadership activities, Jenny Craig steps, ford crossings, flying fox, comradeship and bush navigating, other team building activities and the company of each other in a foreign environment.

The students who participate in this EOTC experience have been identified as potential school leaders for 2018 - 19. This course has and will help us select and develop student leaders.

The student voice about this experience is highlighted through their written diaries.

Nanise – "I am proud of myself for giving everything a go and how my team encouraged me through all the activities"

Haze – "I don't think the rest of the days will beat this day, the adrenaline rush was amazing"

Pedro – "I was really nervous because I had never done anything like this before"

Mohammad/Yazan – "I will just start with how amazing our day was. Actually it was more than amazing and exciting. We can't describe how happy we are."

Kohi – "Today was the most exhilarating day. The actual skiing was so far out of my comfort zone, but I loved every second of it. Feeling snowflakes falling on me was so super cool"

Capone – "Today was the most fun I have had in ages."

Hazell – "Today was beautiful. The snow layered over the trees and the feeling of joy and happiness washed over me. Today was the first time I had ever used skis. I thrived on the excitement."

Annika – "Everyone in my group helped each other by providing motivation and support. It was all about teamwork."

Mona – "Today was a really fun day. It was an experience of a life time. I will always reflect back on this day."

Alex – “One word to describe today, COLD. It was a massive test of my physical and mental states.”

Zacch – “Teamwork was the theme of today. We had to make sure that everyone was working together.”

Alazae – “I felt very excited leaving today. I felt privileged and honoured to be chosen to go on the EOTC experience.”

Tevana – “It was my first time skiing and I was really excited but nervous. I felt lucky and privileged to have this experience.”

Shalin – “Today as I arrived at school I was hit with excitement as I saw the vans being packed. I was all giddy and happy.”

Rhianne – “Today when I saw the snow I was so excited because I was trying something new.”

Honor – “I had never seen so much snow in one place before and the contrast of the white snow and landscapes was amazing. Skiing was fun but scary.”

Hannah – “I was overwhelmed with emotions leaving. I was scared, nervous and excited. I knew it was a privilege for me to be going on this once in a life time opportunity.”

Toki – “To be honest I was pretty excited to come on this trip because I heard really good things about this place.”

Marlin – “I woke up with excitement not sure what I was getting myself into.”

Photos from the Experience



The top of Jacobs Ladder



The "Z" sack in operation



A typical expression on the camp. Thumbs up and smiling.

I personally cannot thank you enough for allowing me the opportunity to take a group of potential leaders from Mana College on an experience that will long be remembered by both staff and students who attended.

Kindest regards
Tony Braddock

7th July 2017

Mr Tony Sargisson
Hillary Outdoors Education Centres
PO Box 32482
Devonport 0744
Auckland

Dear Tony,

Thank you for your generous contribution in providing Pub Charity Scholarships to 10 Melville High School students to participate in a 5-day Leadership Challenge programme, 18 – 23 June 2017 at Hillary Outdoors Education Centre Tongariro. This contribution is significant to ensure that all 10 students had the opportunity to experience the unique range of outdoor activities that HOEC Tongariro provides students for our school.

Melville High School is a decile 4 co-educational school, with a school role of approximately 620 students. Students that participated in the week were Year 12 students that are in a Level 2 Physical Education class. The week at HOEC Tongariro provided an educational opportunity for students to complete 2 assessments that were credited towards their NCEA qualification. More importantly, the week was an opportunity for students to broaden their perspectives with a range of outdoor activities to learn, goals to accomplish, peers to trust, fears to overcome, comfort zones to step out of and leadership skills to develop.

It meant a lot to all 10 students involved in this HOEC Tongariro Leadership Challenge week and all acknowledge that this assistance provided, has enabled them to take up the opportunity that is life changing and long lasting.

All students were very deserving of the opportunity to attend the camp at Tongariro, however, until this opportunity from HOEC and Pub Charity was offered, financially it was a significant hurdle to get past and attend. This is an experience that is a highlight for students each year in their schooling life.

I saw tremendous growth in all students throughout the whole week at Tongariro. As a teacher, I take great satisfaction in watching students develop confidence in themselves and the ability to broaden their leadership skills, through participation in an outdoor education experience. Students can only develop their skills further by participating in programmes outside of the classroom, like the week at Tongariro. It requires them to think and challenge themselves in ways that are simply unique.

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Activities that the students took part in throughout the week were: high ropes, snowboarding, adventure based learning, overnight camp, tramping, and caving. Through these activities, students developed trust in each other, communication skills, responsibility, perseverance, tolerance, acceptability, encouraging others to achieve and environmental awareness.

The following students received funding to attend the HOEC leadership challenge week with the assistance from Pub Charity: Klara Friedhoff, Sophia Harrison, Tyra Elisara, Anathaliya Pakinga-Ainsley, Talia McDonald, Avisha Chand, Charlie Bone, Eden Smiler, Mahinarangi Tupaea, James Whaanga.

Once again, thank you so much for your support of Melville High School students. You have helped our students so much in having the opportunity to develop themselves to a whole new level. I am very appreciative to have your support.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Edwards
Leader of Curriculum Physical Education

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APPENDIX 3. INSURANCE CERTIFICATE



CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY

The Insured: *Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust*

Broker: Apex Insurance – Auckland

Policy Number: 6000114638 + 6000114785

Business: Not for profit charitable trust

Period of Insurance: 01 June 2019 to 01 June 2020 at 4pm

CLASS OF POLICY: BROADFORM LIABILITY

Policy Wording: NZI Association Select APK1214

The Total Sum Insured: \$5,000,000 any one Event and in the aggregate for Products

Territorial Limits: New Zealand



Authorised By: Ryan Clark, Liability, National Manager
Issued By: Mansi Kawatra, Liability, Sales Support

NZI Liability

Dated: 26 June 2019

Note: Certificates of Currency will only be deemed valid when the premium is received in full.
This is only a summary of your insurance cover, please refer to your policy schedule and wording for full details.

APPENDIX 4. SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

The following table should be read in conjunction with the maps included in this application. A lot of the descriptions relate to general areas, i.e. Mt Tongariro. Such activities will be limited to the routes shown in the maps that accompany these documents.

Date, Duration and Frequency of operation is not always able to be specified. This is due to the nature of the Hillary Outdoor programmes, the weather and the types and capability of the groups which they have at any one time. Hillary Outdoors is not a guiding business which has set routes, instead they develop the programmes to fit to capability of their students and the weather etc. The activities listed are those which will be utilised during any given year depending on the above factors. On the same basis, some activities may be combined (i.e. tramping and climbing activities) to be undertaken by students on a single day or over multiple days.

Most activities could take place at any time during the year with the exception of those which are seasonal in nature, i.e. snow caving is a winter activity.

Concession Activities Name	District Office	Type	Existing?	Description	Location	Management Planning Documents	Track Names if used	Public Conservation Lands	DOC Facility	Date, duration and frequency of Operation	Max party size (including guides)	Max Trips per Year	Max people per year
Pukehinau Adventures	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Tube Float Abseiling Camping	Existing	A range of activities around the Pukehinau camp	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	Pokaka Mill to Slab Road	Tongariro Conservation Area	Pukehinau Road	Four groups per week	13	208	2704
Whakaipo Bay Sea Kayak	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport, Launching and/ or retrieving boats Water Craft Journey	Proposed	Sea kayak from Kinloch to Whakaipo Bay	Whangamata (inc Kawakawa and Whakaipo)	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Whakaipo Bay Recreation Reserve Whakaipo Bay Scenic Reserve	Whakaipo Bay Access Road	One Group per week	13	52	676
Iwikau Adventures	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Mountaineering Abseiling Camping Rock Climbing	Existing	Rock climbing, winter camping, abseiling and alpine skills around Iwikau village	Ruapehu Maunga	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Tongariro Conservation Area	Bruce Road	Three groups per week	13	156	2028
Okupata Caves caving	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Tramping (on track) Caving	Existing	Caving in the Okupata Caves	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	Pukehinau Road/Okupata Caves	Tongariro Conservation Area	Okupata Caves Pukehinau Road	Three groups per week	13	156	2028
Pukehinau Caves caving	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Caving	Existing	Caving in the Pukehinau Caves	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Tongariro Conservation Area	Pukehinau Caves		13	416	5408
Great Lake Trails - Kawakawa and W2K	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Mountain Biking	Proposed	Mountain biking the Orakau, Otaketake and K2K sections of the Great Lake Trail	Whangamata (inc Kawakawa and Whakaipo)	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	K2K - Otaketake K2K - Orakau	Kawakawa Bay Scenic Reserve Otaketake Stream Scenic Reserve Part B Otaketake Stream Scenic Reserve Part A	K2K (Kinloch to Kawakawa) track Kawakawa Bay campsite and toilet Whakaipo Bay Access Road	One group a week	13	52	676
Great Lake Trails - Waihaha Trails	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Mountain Biking	Proposed	Biking the Waihaha sections of the Great Lake Trails	Waihaha	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	Waihora (Great Lake Trails) Waihaha (Great Lake Trails)	Hingarae Scenic Reserve Waihaha Scenic Reserve (Part)	Waihaha Track Waihora Track	One group a week	13	52	676
Waikato Awa Journey	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Tramping (on track) Mountain Biking	Proposed	Mountain biking and tramping up and down the Waikato River	Waikato Awa	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	Aratiatia Lookout Walk Huka Aratiatia Walkway Rotary Ride Spa Huka Walkway	Aratiatia Conservation Area Aratiatia Rapids Recreation Reserve Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve Huka Falls Scenic Reserve		One group per week	13	52	676

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Launching and retrieving kayaks and associated activities for kayaking trips on the Tongariro River	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Launching and/ or retrieving boats Kayaking / Canoeing	Existing	Kayaking trips on the Lower Tongariro River - Taupahi Scenic Reserve access to Tongariro River	Tongariro Awa	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Taupahi Scenic Reserve Tongariro River No. 2 Scenic Reserve Tongariro River Scenic Reserve Waikari Scenic Reserve	Tongariro River access - 60092 Taupahi Scenic Reserve	A seasonal activity in warmer months	12	52	614
Kayaking from Kuratau to Te Hapua Reserve and back, camping at Te Hapua Bay	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Launching and/ or retrieving boats Kayaking / Canoeing	Existing	Launching and retrieving of kayaks and associated activities at various landing sites on Lake Taupō.	Lake Taupō	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Awaroa Recreation Reserve Omori Scenic Reserve Oruatua Conservation Area Rangitukua Scenic Reserve Te Hapua Bay Scenic Reserve		One group per week in warmer months	13	52	676
Kawakawa Bay abseiling or rock climbing. Note: Climbing is only to occur within the Kawakawa Bay Scenic Reserve and not on adjacent private land.	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Proposed	Abseiling or rock climbing within the Kawakawa Bay Scenic Reserve.	Whangamata (inc Kawakawa and Whakaipo)	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	K2K (Kinloch to Kawakawa) Track	Kawakawa Bay Scenic Reserve	K2K (Kinloch to Kawakawa) track Kawakawa Bay campsite and toilet	One group per week	13	52	676
Pukehinau Stream gorging	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Gorging	Existing	Gorging in the Pukehinau Stream	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Tongariro Conservation Area			13	26	338
Transport within Tongariro Forest Conservation Area	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport	Existing	Transport for clients to locations within Tongariro Forest Conservation Area	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Tongariro Conservation Area	John MacDonald Road Kapoor's Road Pukehinau Road	Six groups a week	13	312	4056
Structures - VHF Repeater	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Structures - VHF Repeaters	Existing	VHF repeater equipment	Tongariro Forest Conservation area 60042	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy		Tongariro Conservation Area	Hillary has separate radio safety equipment with the DOC repeater		3	2	6

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Kinloch Trails	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (on track) Mountain Biking	Proposed	Walking and biking up the Whangamata Stream Track	Whangamata (inc Kawakawa and Whakaipo)	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	Whangamata Stream Track	Whangamata Stream Scenic Reserve		Five Groups per week	13	260	3380
Tongariro Forest Adventures	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Tramping (off Track) Tramping (on track) Orienteering Mountain Biking Trapline Abseiling Off Track Journey On Track Journey	Existing	Range of adventure activities in the Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy	Te Porere tracks Waione / Cokers Kapoors / Frost Flat Loop Pokaka Mill to Slab Road Top/Clymo Tracks Pukehinau Road/Okupata Caves Taurewa Loop Track	Tongariro Conservation Area		Six groups per week	13	312	4056
Tongariro Forest, Tree Trunk Gorge and Tongariro River Trail	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Mountain Biking	Existing	Mountain biking on the 42 Traverse, on the Tree Trunk Gorge track, the Tongariro River Trail	Tongariro Forest Kaimanawa Tongariro Awa	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan	Tongariro River Trail Tree Trunk Gorge Track 42 Traverse	Kaimanawa Forest Park Tongariro Conservation Area Tongariro River No. 2 Scenic Reserve Tongariro River Scenic Reserve	Kapoors Road/42 Traverse Carpark Tongariro River Trail Tree Trunk Gorge Rd Carpark Tree Trunk Gorge Track		24	27	648
Launching and retrieving of people and equipment for the activity of Tubing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tube Float	Existing	Launching and retrieving of people and equipment for tubing trips on the Tongariro River, Waimarino River (near Erua) and Mangatepopo Stream.	Tongariro Forest, Erua Turangi Tongariro Awa	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan		Kaimanawa Forest Park Tongariro Conservation Area Tongariro River No. 2 Scenic Reserve Tongariro River Scenic Reserve Waikari Scenic Reserve Erua Conservation Area	Mangatepopo Stream Access - 60042 Tongariro Conservation Area Tongariro River Access - 60034 Waikari Scenic Reserve Waimarino River access – 60002, Erua Conservation Area		13	225	2925
Kaimanawa Forest Park tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping in the Kaimanawa Forest Park	Kaimanawa	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan	Oamaru - Boyd Track Ngapuketuru Track Te Iringa - Oamaru Track Hinemaiaia Track Urchin Track Umukarikari Track	Kaimanawa Forest Park	Clements Mill Road Kaimanawa Road Kiko Road Poutu Intake Road Tree Trunk Gorge Rd Carpark	Tertiary expedition seven times a year	14	7	98

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									Umukarikari Road Urchin Road				
Kayaking trips on the mid Tongariro River - Taupahi Scenic Reserve access to Tongariro River	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport, Launching and/ or retrieving boats Rafting Water Craft Journey	Existing	Water journey in Maverick inflatable kayaks	Tongariro Awa	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan		Bridge Pool Marginal Strip Kaimanawa Forest Park Paurini Scenic Reserve Taupahi Scenic Reserve Tongariro River Marginal Strip Tongariro River No. 2 Scenic Reserve Tongariro River Scenic Reserve Waikari Recreation Reserve		One group per fortnight	12	24	288
Upper Tongariro River Rafting	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport, Launching and/ or retrieving boats Rafting Water Craft Journey	Existing	Water Journey on the	Tongariro Awa	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan		Bridge Pool Marginal Strip Kaimanawa Forest Park Paurini Scenic Reserve Taupahi Scenic Reserve Tongariro River Marginal Strip Tongariro River No. 2 Scenic Reserve Tongariro River Scenic Reserve Waikari Recreation Reserve		Six groups a year	13	6	78

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Tongariro Maunga Adventures	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Mountaineering Tramping (on track) Abseiling Camping Rock Climbing	Existing	Walking, climbing and camping on and around Mount Tongariro.	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Mangatepopo 'Ditch' Track Mt Tongariro Summit Route Tongariro Northern Circuit Tongariro Alpine Crossing – part of and for access	Tongariro National Park	Ketetahi Carpark Ketetahi Road Mangatepopo Carpark Mangatepopo Road	Four groups a week from Tongariro	13	208	2704
Mts Ruapehu, Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Pukekaikiore mountaineering, including rock climbing and abseiling	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Mountaineering	Existing	Mountaineering on Mt Ruapehu, Mt Tongariro, Mt Ngauruhoe and Pukekaikiore within Tongariro National Park	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Mt Ngauruhoe Summit Route Mt Ruapehu Summit Route Pukekaikiore Summit Route Mt Tongariro Summit Route Hillary Outdoors does not summit peaks in the park	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Turoa Ski Area carpark Whakapapa Ski Area carpark		18	93	1674
Tongariro National Park snow caving	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Snow Caving	Existing	Snow caving on Mount Ruapehu	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Mt Ruapehu Summit Route Round the Mountain Track	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Round the Mountain Track Turoa Ski Area carpark Whakapapa Ski Area carpark		13	54	702
Armchair Theatre abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing at Armchair Theatre, Mangatepopo Valley	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tongariro Alpine Crossing	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Tongariro Alpine Crossing		13	20	260
Whakapapa Crag abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing at the Whakapapa Crag climbing site (mapped)	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro National Park	Scoria Flat Carpark Whakapapa Ski Area carpark		13	52	676
Meads Wall abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing at Meads Wall above Whakapapa Ski Area	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro National Park	Whakapapa Ski Area carpark	Three groups per week	13	156	2028

Concession Activities Name	District Office	Type	Existing?	Description	Location	Management Planning Documents	Track Names if used	Public Conservation Lands	DOC Facility	Date, duration and frequency of Operation	Max party size (including guides)	Max Trips per Year	Max people per year
Other off-track tramping within Tongariro National Park	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track)	Existing	Off-track tramping in all other parts of Tongariro National Park	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tongariro Northern Circuit Tongariro Alpine Crossing Around the Mountain Tracks and or part thereof	Tongariro National Park	Ketetahi Carpark Mangatepopo Carpark Taranaki Falls Carpark Whakapapa Ski Area carpark Whakapapiti Track Carpark		18	187	3366
Taranaki Falls abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing at Taranaki Falls	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Taranaki Falls Track	Tongariro National Park	Taranaki Falls Carpark Taranaki Falls track		13	72	936
Mt Tongariro tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Camping	Existing	Off-track tramping on routes shown on and around Mt Tongariro. Camping at 1409 Campsite on westridge of Mt Tongariro.	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Mt Tongariro Summit Route Tongariro Alpine Crossing We do not summit though	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Tongariro Alpine Crossing		18	125	2250
Mt Ngauruhoe tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track)	Existing	Off-track tramping on routes shown on and around Mt Ngauruhoe – no camping.	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Mt Ngauruhoe Summit Route Tongariro Alpine Crossing WE do not summit though	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Tongariro Alpine Crossing		13	15	195
Mt Ruapehu Plateau alpine activities	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Camping Ski touring	Existing	Off-track tramping/climbing, ski touring on and around Mt Ruapehu. Camping may take place at location shown.	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Mt Ruapehu Summit Route	Tongariro National Park	Whakapapa Ski Area carpark		13	26	338
Launching and retrieving kayaks and associated activities for kayaking trips within Tongariro National Park	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Launching and/or retrieving boats Kayaking / Canoeing	Existing	Launching and retrieving kayaks will be done outside of the park.	Ruapehu Maunga	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro National Park			5	4	20
Tongariro Northern Circuit tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping the Tongariro Northern Circuit – use of huts and campsites, booked though DOC booking system.	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tongariro Northern Circuit	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Northern Circuit		13	83	1079

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Pukekaikiore tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track), camping	Existing	Off-track tramping and camping at sites identified	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Parts of Tongariro Northern Circuit (Ditch Track) and Tongariro Alpine Crossing.	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Tongariro Alpine Crossing		18	62	1116
Mt Tihia tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Tramping (off Track)	Proposed	Tramping off-track to the summit of Mt Tihia. (Excludes the wilderness areas of Hauhangatahi and Te Tatu Pounamu).	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tihia Summit Track	Tongariro Conservation Area	Tihia Summit Track	Ten trips a year	13	10	130
Round the Mountain Track tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping the Round the Mountain track	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Round the Mountain Track Round the Mountain Track - Rangipo to Tama Lakes Round the Mountain Track - Upper Whakapapaiti to Mangaturuturu Hut	Tongariro National Park	Round the Mountain Track	One group per week	13	52	676
Lake Rotopounamu tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping the Lake Rotopounamu track	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Lake Rotopounamu Track	Tongariro National Park	Lake Rotopounamu track		13	52	676
Whakapapaiti Valley track tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping the Whakapapaiti Valley track	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Whakapapaiti Valley Track	Tongariro National Park	Whakapapaiti Track Carpark Whakapapaiti Valley track		13	66	858
Taranaki Falls track tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping the Taranaki Falls track	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Taranaki Falls Track	Tongariro National Park	Taranaki Falls Carpark Taranaki Falls track		13	46	598
Tama Lakes track tramping	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping the Tama Lakes track	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tama Lakes Track	Tongariro National Park	Tama Lakes Track Taranaki Falls Carpark		13	77	1001
Blyth Hut Adventure	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Hut stays Tramping (off Track) Tramping (on track)	Existing	Off-track tramping from Ohakune Mountain Road to Blyth Hut	Ruapehu Maunga	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro	Round the Mountain Track	Tongariro National Park	Blyth Hut		13	5	65

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						National Park Management Plan							
Pehi's Crag Climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Abseiling Rock Climbing Camping	Existing	Journey to Pehi's Crag for climbing and overnight camping	Ruapehu Maunga	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro National Park	Bruce Road	One Group per fortnight	13	26	338
Whakapapa Gorge Crag Climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Tyrolean Traverse Transport Tramping (off Track) Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Rock Climbing	Ruapehu Maunga	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro National Park	Bruce Road	1 Group per fortnight	13	26	338
Whakapapa Village Adventures	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Tramping (off Track) Tramping (on track) Camping	Existing	Walking and camping between Whakapapa Village and Tama Lakes Description	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Whakapapaiti Valley Track Silica Rapids Track Whakapapanui Track Ridge Track Upper Tama Track Mangatepopo 'Ditch' Track Round the Mountain Track - Rangipo to Tama Lakes Tama Lakes Track Taranaki Falls Track	Tongariro National Park		One group per week	13	52	676
Tukino Alpine Activities	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Mountaineering Snow Caving Rock Climbing Off Track Journey	Existing	Mountaineering, Snow Caving, Rock Climbing, Off Track Journeys using the locations shown.	Ruapehu Maunga	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro National Park		10 Groups a year for Tertiary students	13	10	130
Whakapapa Alpine Activities	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Ski/Snowboard Touring Transport Tramping (off Track) Mountaineering Snow Caving Abseiling Off Track Journey	Existing	Winter camping, snowcaving and alpine activities from Ski field at Whakapapa including use of the Skifield area	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro National Park	Bruce Road	four groups a week in winter	13	104	1352
Mangatepopo steep creeking	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Tramping (off Track) Gorging Jumping Abseiling	Existing	Steep creeking in the Mangatepopo Stream. Entrance and exit points mapped.	Tongariro Forest	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan		Tongariro Forest Conservation Area Tongariro National Park		One group every fortnight	13	26	338

Concession Activities Name	District Office	Type	Existing?	Description	Location	Management Planning Documents	Track Names if used	Public Conservation Lands	DOC Facility	Date, duration and frequency of Operation	Max party size (including guides)	Max Trips per Year	Max people per year
Mangatepopo Valley abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing at existing climbing sites shown on the map.	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tongariro Alpine Crossing	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Tongariro Alpine Crossing		13	20	260
Pehi Crag abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing at Pehi Crag	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Whakapapaiti Valley Track	Tongariro National Park	Whakapapaiti Track Carpark Whakapapaiti Valley track		13	30	390
Pukekaikiore/Papatuanuku Crag abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing on Papatuanuku Crag on Pukekaikiore as shown on the maps	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tongariro Alpine Crossing	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Tongariro Alpine Crossing		13	20	390
West Ridge Bluffs abseiling or rock climbing	Central Plateau and Tongariro	Transport Abseiling Rock Climbing	Existing	Abseiling or rock climbing at West Ridge Bluffs (above Mangatepopo Hut)	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy, Tongariro National Park Management Plan	Tongariro Alpine Crossing	Tongariro National Park	Mangatepopo Carpark Tongariro Alpine Crossing		13	18	234
Taranaki Maunga Tramping	Taranaki	Hut stays Transport Tramping (on track)	Existing	Tramping on tracks within Egmont National Park and Use of huts and campsites within Egmont National Park	Taranaki Maunga	Whanganui Conservation Management Strategy, Egmont National Park Management Plan	Ngatoro Track Ihaia Track Veronica Loop Track Mangorai Track Pouakai Track North Egmont Summit Track Northern Summit Route AMC Taurangi Lodge Track Patea Loop Track Enchanted Track Fanthams Peak Track Taungatara Track Brames Falls Route Oaonui Track Kahui Track Puniho Track Kapoia Track Humphries Castle Link Route Holly Hut Track Upper Dive Track Lower Dive Track Summit Track	Egmont National Park	Camphouse Holly Hut Kahui Hut Kapuni Lodge Lake Dive Hut (if reconstructed) Syme Hut Waiau Gorge Hut Waingongoro Hut	Four trips per year with tertiary students	13	9	117

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							Waingongoro Track Curtis Falls Track Maketawa Track The Puffer Kokowai Track Kaiauai Track Ahukawakawa Track Stoney River Track						
Mt Taranaki mountaineering	Taranaki	Mountaineering	Existing	Mountaineering (guide to client ratio 1:4 technical) on Mt Taranaki	Taranaki Maunga	Whanganui Conservation Management Strategy, Egmont National Park Management Plan		Egmont National Park			15	4	60
Launching and retrieving kayaks and associated activities for kayaking trips on the Manganui o te Ao River	Taupo and Ruapehu	Transport Launching and/ or retrieving boats Kayaking / Canoeing	Existing	Launching and retrieving kayaks from the Manganui o te Ao River	Whanganui National Park	Whanganui Conservation Management Strategy, Whanganui Awa National Park Management Plan		Manganui o te Ao Marginal Strip	Manganui o te Ao River access - 60222 Manganui o te Ao Marginal Strip		15	5	75
Whanganui Awa Journey	Whanganui	Hut stays Transport Launching and/ or retrieving boats Kayaking / Canoeing Camping Water Craft Journey	Existing	Multiday river journey kayaking and camping	Whanganui National Park	Whanganui Conservation Management Strategy, Whanganui Awa National Park Management Plan		Whanganui National Park	John Coull Campsite John Coull Hut Maharanui Campsite Mangapapa Campsite Mangapurua Campsite Mangawaiiti Campsite Ngaporo Campsite Ohauora Campsite Ohinepane Campsite Poukaria Campsite Tieke Kianga Campsite Whakahoro Whakahoro Campsite	Four trips per year	13	4	52

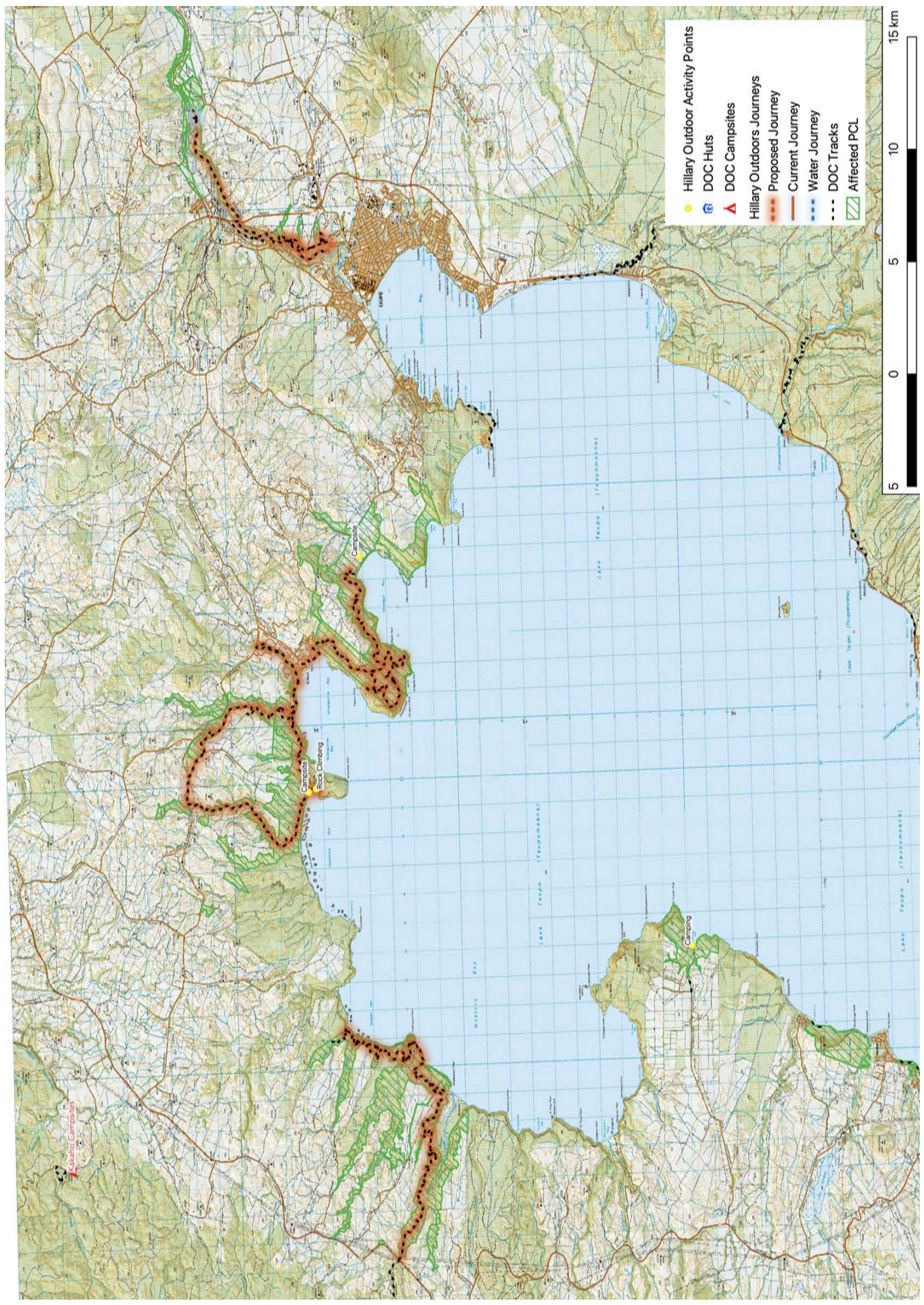
APPENDIX 5. SCHEDULE OF AFFECTED PUBLIC CONSERVATION LAND

Name	Type	Legislation	Section	Conservation ID
Mangamingi Stream Conservation Area	CONSERVATION_AREA	CONSERVATION_ACT	S25_STEWARDSHIP_AREA	60025
Swamp Conservation Area	CONSERVATION_AREA	CONSERVATION_ACT	S25_STEWARDSHIP_AREA	60026
Kaimanawa Forest Park	CONSERVATION_AREA	CONSERVATION_ACT	S19_CONSERVATION_PARK	60051
Tongariro National Park	NATIONAL_PARK	NATIONAL_PARK_ACT	S4_NATIONAL_PARK	60011
Tongariro Conservation Area	CONSERVATION_AREA	CONSERVATION_ACT	S25_STEWARDSHIP_AREA	60042
Pihanga Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_A_SCENIC_RESERVE	60107
Shaw Reach Conservation Area	CONSERVATION_AREA	CONSERVATION_ACT	S25_STEWARDSHIP_AREA	60109
Shaw Reach Marginal Strip	MARGINAL_STRIP	CONSERVATION_ACT	S24_3_FIXED_MARGINAL_STRIP	60162
Delta Recreation Reserve (Secondary Use)	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	17_RECREATION_RESERVE	60090
Paurini Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_B_SCENIC_RESERVE	60033
Waikari Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_B_SCENIC_RESERVE	60034
Waikari Recreation Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	17_RECREATION_RESERVE	60035
Taupahi Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_B_SCENIC_RESERVE	60092
Tongariro River Marginal Strip	MARGINAL_STRIP	CONSERVATION_ACT	S24_3_FIXED_MARGINAL_STRIP	60163
Bridge Pool Marginal Strip	MARGINAL_STRIP	CONSERVATION_ACT	S24_3_FIXED_MARGINAL_STRIP	60203
Tongariro River No. 2 Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_A_SCENIC_RESERVE	60030
Tongariro River Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_A_SCENIC_RESERVE	60032
Te Anoputarua Point Marginal Strip	MARGINAL_STRIP	CONSERVATION_ACT	S24_3_FIXED_MARGINAL_STRIP	60161
Waimarino River Recreation Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	17_RECREATION_RESERVE	60037
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Waihaha Scenic Reserve (Part)	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_A_SCENIC_RESERVE	60063
Te Hapua Bay Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_A_SCENIC_RESERVE	60065
Rangitukua Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_A_SCENIC_RESERVE	60066
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Omori Scenic Reserve	RESERVE	RESERVES_ACT	S19_1_B_SCENIC_RESERVE	60094
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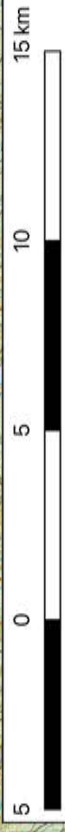
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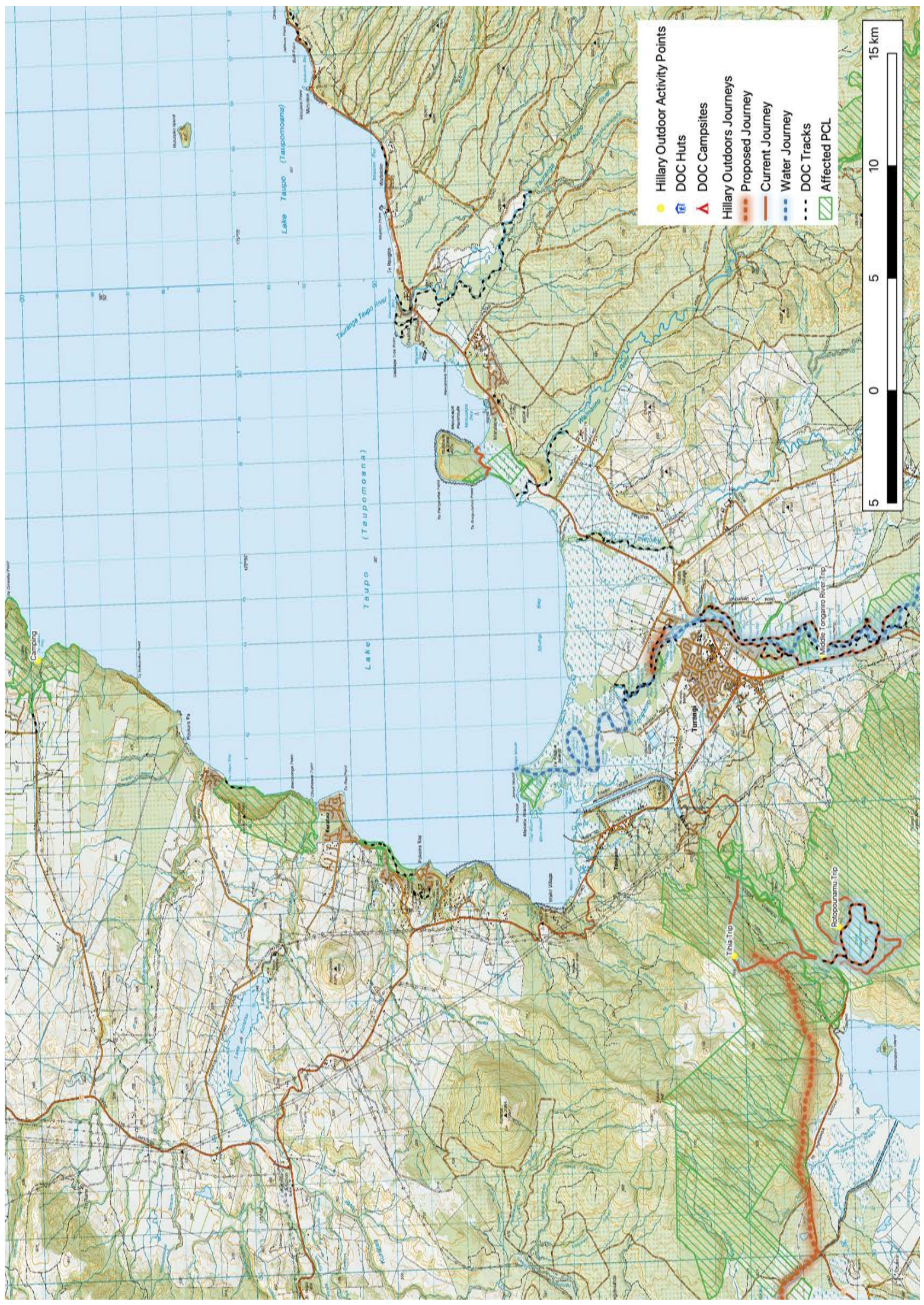
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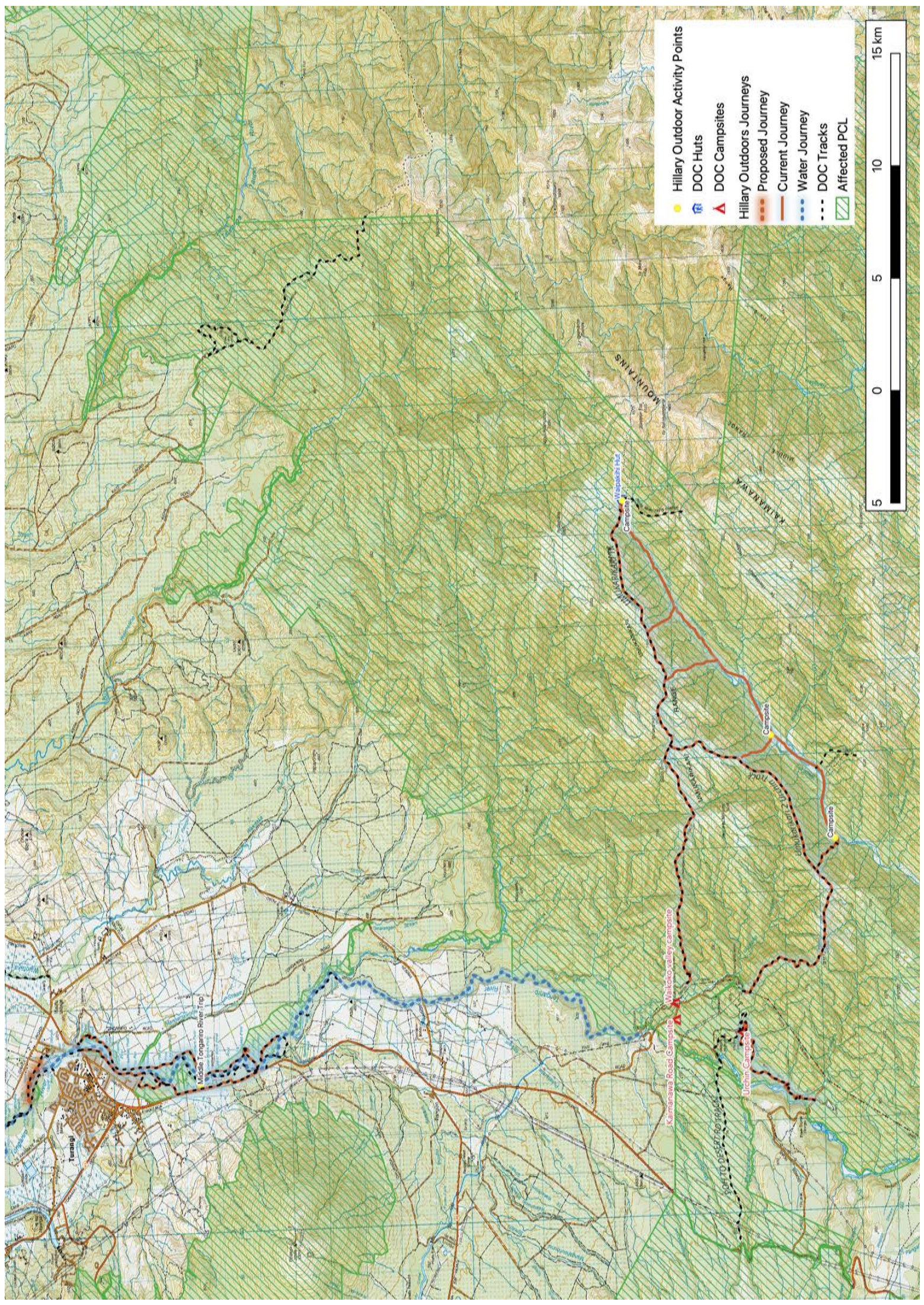
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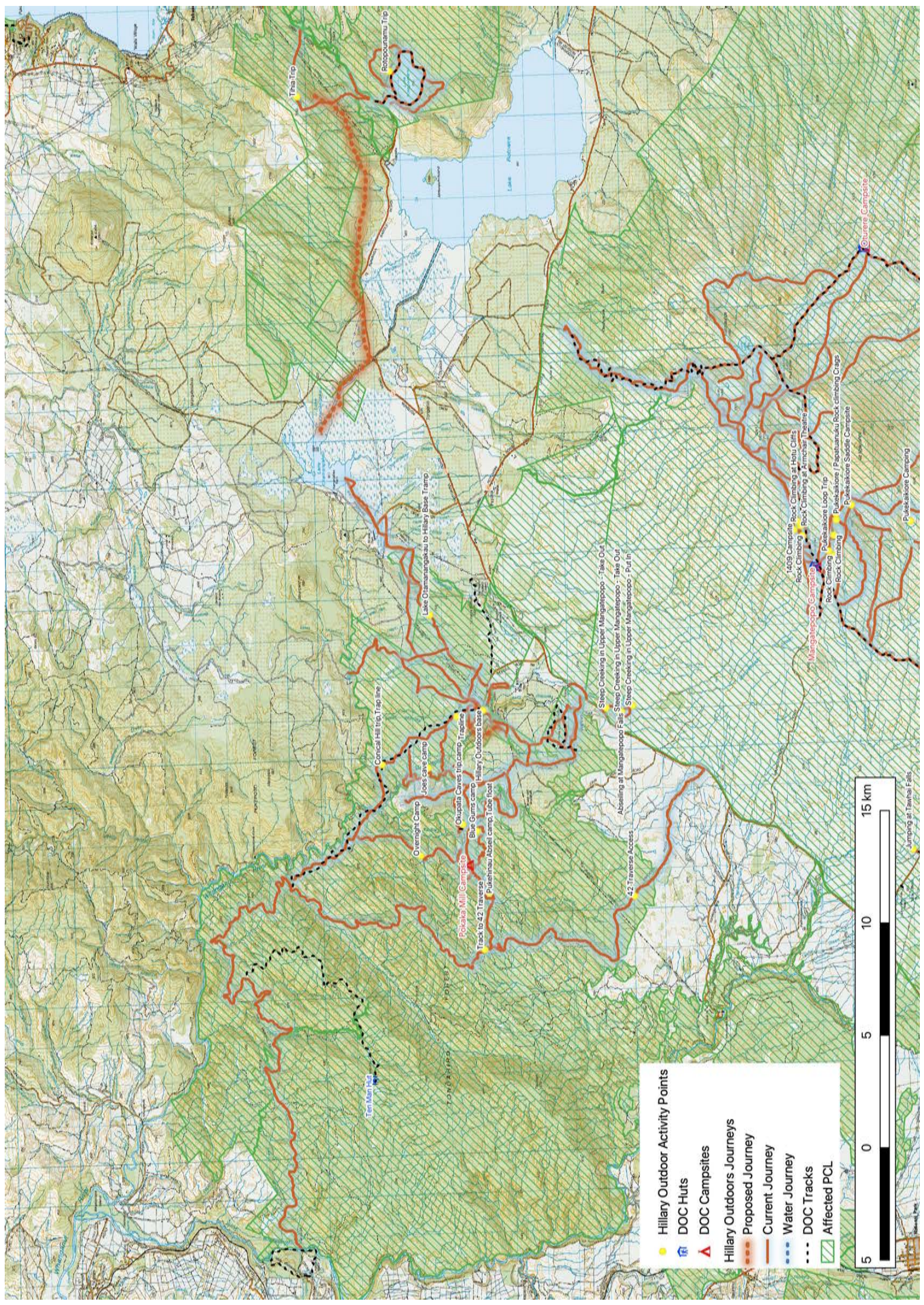
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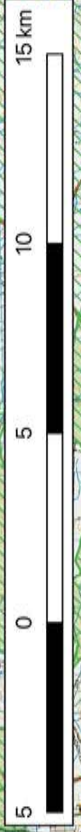
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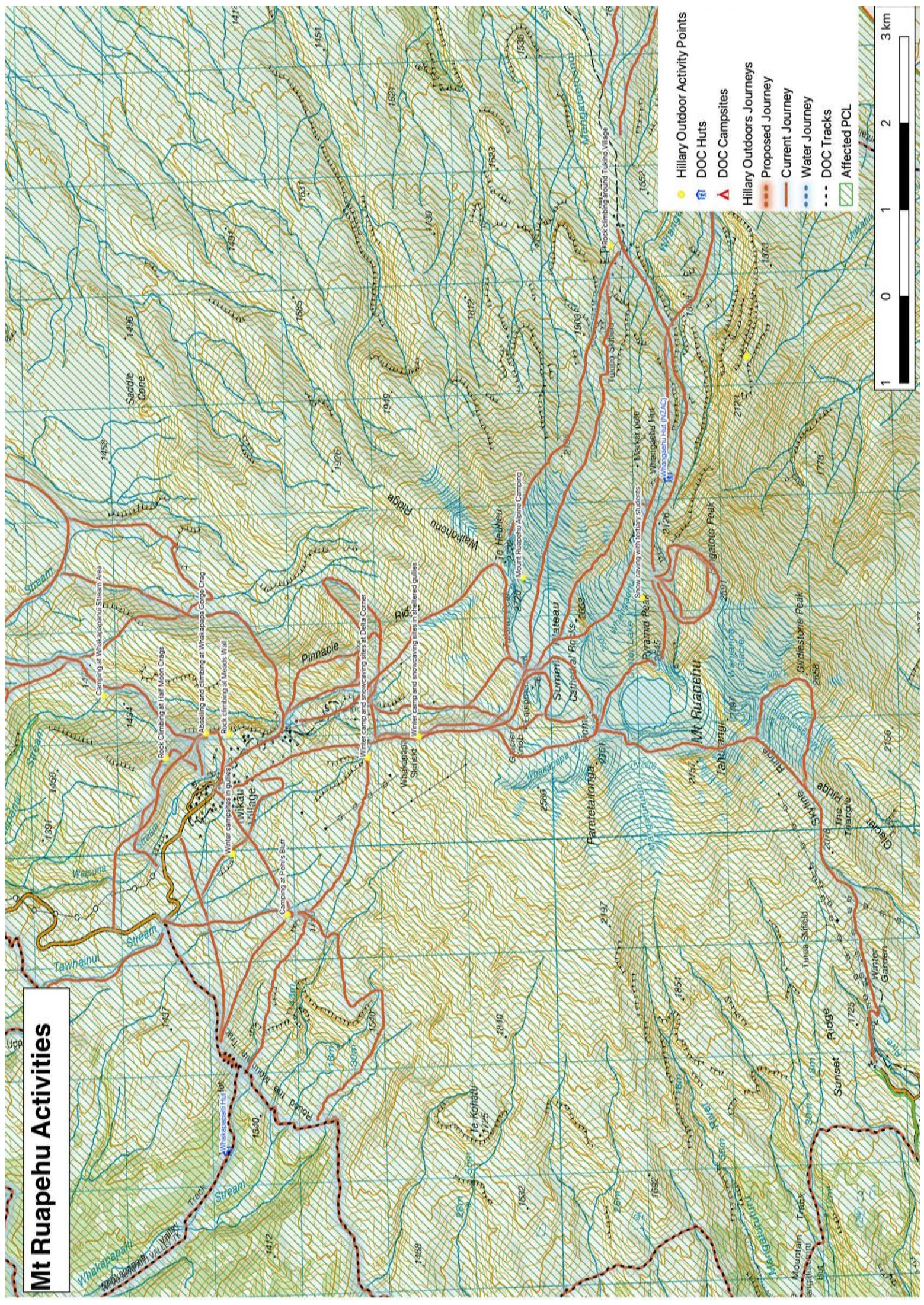


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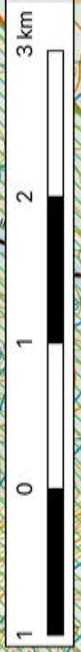


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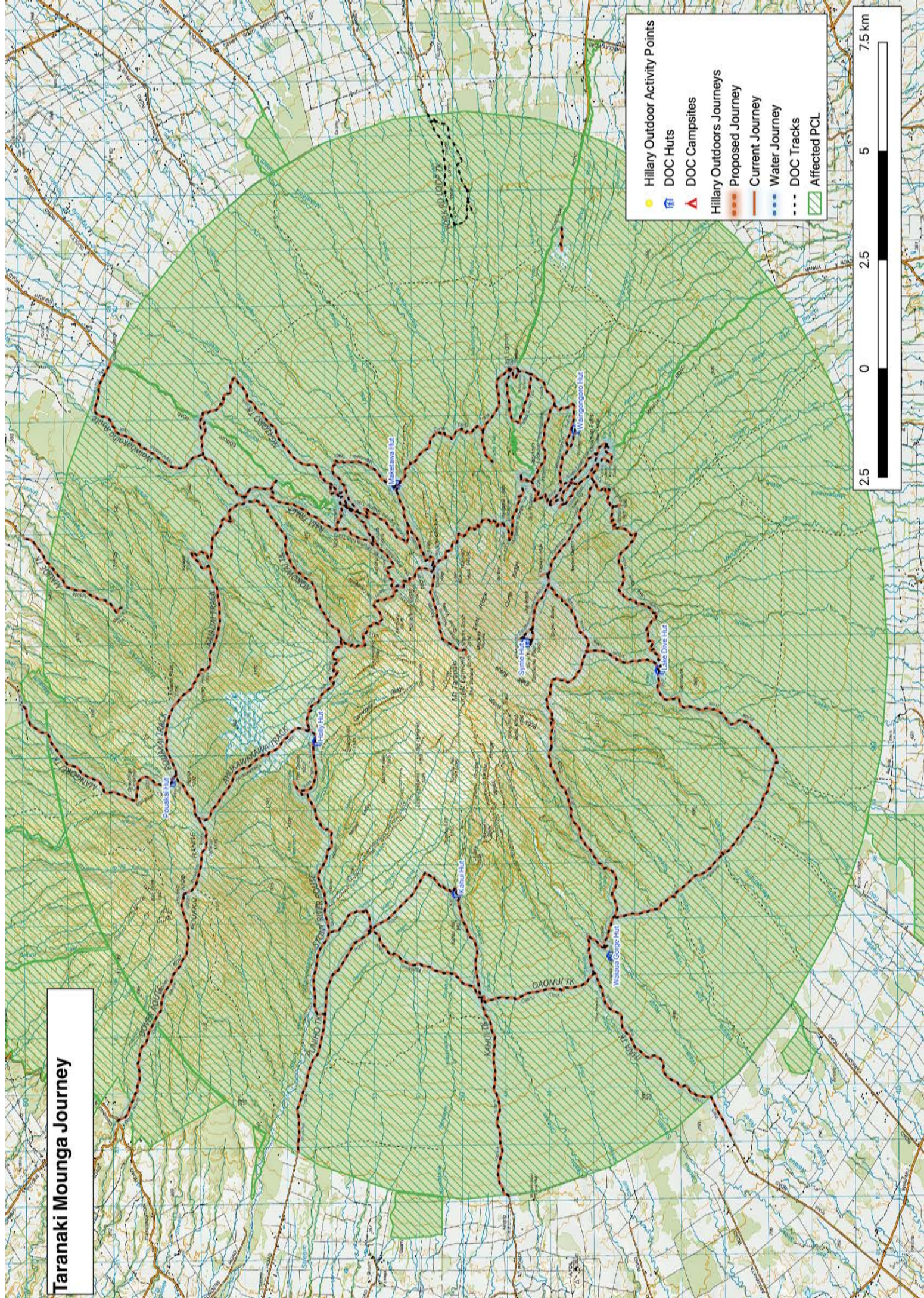
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Whanganui Awa Journey



Taranaki Mounga Journey



APPENDIX 7. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION DOCUMENTS

TABLE 3 TONGARIRO - TAUPŌ CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF RELEVANCE

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<p>3.1.6 Restoration/ Rehabilitation</p> <p><i>Objective - To restore/rehabilitate disturbed areas to a self-perpetuating original condition where natural processes continue as free from human influence as possible.</i></p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors is undertaking pest control (plant and animal pests) around the Tongariro Centre.</p>
<p>3.5 Recreation Management</p> <p><i>Objective - To provide for a diversity of recreation uses on public conservation land if these are consistent with protection of natural and historic values or consistent with the purpose for which the particular reserve is held.</i></p> <p>3.8.1 Recreation Concessions</p> <p><i>Objective - To foster visitor enjoyment of land managed by the department through authorising commercial recreation and tourism activities which are compatible with the natural and historic values of any area and which do not reduce the enjoyment of these values by other visitors.</i></p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors facilitates young New Zealanders to safely access public conservation lands and undertake a range of recreation activities within these areas. Not only will these activities promote the positive use of PCL but they will also enable positive outdoor experiences which will be of benefit to the development of many young New Zealanders.</p> <p>The activities proposed by Hillary Outdoors consist of a diverse range of recreation uses which are considered to be consistent with the values and purpose of the conservation land used. All of the proposed activities are able to be undertaken as of right by members of the public who choose to use the land. A key difference to general users is the regularity of the activities undertaken by Hillary Outdoors, the structure of this use and the use and reliance on safety plans and suitably qualified instructors etc. The</p>

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- (a) The department will assess and process applications for recreation concessions on public conservation land in accordance with the Conservation Act 1987 and standard operating procedures in place at the time.
- (b) The department will consider any application for commercial recreation use of public conservation land in Kaimanawa Forest Park or Tongariro National Park in accordance with the policies set out in the respective management plans for those areas.
- (c) Recreation and tourism concessions must conform with all other objectives and implementation provisions of this document.
- (d) The department will not authorise the development of new or further concessionaire overnight accommodation infrastructure unless permitted in terms of existing lease agreements at the time this strategy becomes operative or unless significant conservation benefits will be had.
- (e) The department will not grant any further concessions over an area if it is considered that an increase in use will adversely affect natural or historic resources or cause adverse and irresolvable conflict with other visitors to that area.
- (f) Public consultation and Tongariro/Taupō Conservation Board input will be sought for all advertised applications.
- (g) The department will establish processes with iwi for their involvement in concession applications through He Kaupapa Rangatira.

nature of the activities means they are unlikely to result in conflict with other users or adversely affect the values of the areas to be used.

Tables 4 and 7 considers the proposed activities against the Tongariro National Park and Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plans.

The proposed activities are considered to be consistent and conform to all relevant objectives and implementation provisions of the TTCMS.

The proposed activities do not include the development of new or further concessionaire overnight accommodation infrastructure.

As noted in section 3.1 Hillary Outdoors is involved in ongoing engagement with local iwi.

Hillary Outdoors is not seeking exclusive use of huts, camping grounds and any other facilities and will use all public facilities on a first-come, first-served basis with other users.

Hillary Outdoors activities will operate within a robust safety protocol as set out in Section 7 of this AEE.

Hillary Outdoors looks forward to continually working with the Department as it undertakes its activities into the future.



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(h) The department will closely monitor the impacts of existing commercial recreation operators on public conservation land to ensure that conditions of operations are adhered to. Monitoring will include ongoing assessment of the cumulative effects of concessions.

(i) The department will work closely with local tourism organisations to assess visitor demand. If deemed to be appropriate and of benefit to conservation the department may advertise for interest in operating a particular type of commercial recreation activity on public conservation land.

(j) Concessionaires and their clients may share facilities such as huts and camping grounds on a 'first-come, first-served basis' with other visitors (unless otherwise determined by the department) but will not be given exclusive use of any public facility.

(k) Concessionaires must take primary responsibility for the safety of their clients and will comply with all relevant legislation.

(l) The department will maintain close liaison with concessionaires.

(m) The department will investigate all reports of unauthorised commercial activities on public conservation land and where necessary take action to remove the activity and to prosecute for any offence.

3.8.1.1 Guiding

Objective - *To ensure that guiding concessionaires provide for an enhanced visitor experience while ensuring general visitor safety.*

The activities proposed by Hillary Outdoors will involve groups of students guided by trained and experienced instructors. The objective of these activities is to teach young New Zealanders and others about the outdoors and to give them experiences



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- (a) Concessionaires must conform with the general concessions policies and management plans or strategies for the conservancy.
- (b) Concessionaires must demonstrate that they as well as their employees have an appropriate mix of skills, experience and qualifications.
- (c) Applicants for a concession may wish to seek support from referees to confirm their skills and experience in lieu of national standard qualifications. These referees will need standing in the appropriate field for which a concession is sought.
- (d) The department may seek external advice to confirm the suitability of an applicant.
- (e) The concessionaire's safety and operations plan will outline criteria under which guides will be employed. This plan may be independently audited by an appropriately qualified assessor chosen by the department.
- (f) Any concession approved must have an up-to-date schedule of approved guides. Concessionaires must inform the department whenever their employee mix changes.
- (g) The department will monitor the performance of individual concessionaires against the conditions within their concession documents. This will be cost recoverable against the concessionaire.
- (h) The department will require visitor returns from concessionaires regarding their clients. This information will be used to audit guide/client

that will not only grow their interest and skills in the outdoors but will be of benefit to their physical and mental wellbeing.

Hillary Outdoors activities will operate within a robust safety protocol as set out in Section 7 of this AEE. All instructors are trained and appropriately accredited to undertake the guiding activities they will be leading. Hillary Outdoors will provide an up to date list of all instructors to the Department and revise as staff members change.

Referees are available on request.

Hillary Outdoors will record activities and provide returns to the Department as required.

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ratios where set in the safety and operations plan and for building visitor use patterns for management purposes.	

TABLE 4 WHANGANUI CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 1997 - 2007

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<p>11.7.6 Recreation Whanganui Ecological District</p> <p>ix To allow recreation concessions where these are not contrary to the provisions of the Act or the purposes for which the land is held.</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors is proposing two journeys within the Whanganui Conservancy, being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multiday journey down the Whanganui Awa using kayaks and canoes and staying at existing campsites, and • Tramping on tracks within Egmont National Park and using huts and campsites within the Park <p>These activities are consistent with those that are able to occur as of right by members of the public on a daily basis. The activities are anticipated by the CMS and the provisions of the Act and are consistent with the purposes for which the land is held.</p>
<p>12.7.6 Recreation Egmont Ecological District</p> <p>viii To allow recreation concessions where these are not contrary to the provisions of the National Parks Act 1980 or the purposes for which the land is held.</p>	<p>As noted above and in Tables 5 and 6, the activities proposed to be undertaken within the National Parks are consistent with the purposes for which the land is held, as identified in the National Parks legislation and management plans.</p>
<p>35 Commercial Recreation and Tourism Concessions</p> <p>Objective 1 To allow for wider visitor enjoyment of areas administered by the Department, by granting concessions for commercial recreation and tourism activities that are compatible</p>	<p>As noted above, the proposed activities are consistent with the purposes for which the land is held. The proposed activities will directly facilitate more New Zealanders enjoying and valuing these areas in a manner which is compatible with the important values of the land.</p>

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with the protection of natural and historic values, are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act under which the land is held or the purposes for which the land is held and do not adversely affect the appreciation and enjoyment of natural and historic values by others.	

TABLE 5 TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF RELEVANCE

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<p>4.1.5 Biodiversity</p> <p>1. Objectives</p> <p>a To protect Tongariro National Park’s representative ecosystems from animal and plant pests, retaining their defining biological features, under a site-based ecosystem management approach (“integrated site-led management”).</p> <p>b To manage major animal and plant pests on a sustained basis across the park under a specific species-based management approach (“pest-led management”).</p> <p>c To prevent the establishment of new animal and plant pest species in the park.</p> <p>d To manage the park as part of an interconnected ecological network within the region.</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors is an entity that is active in conservation. It undertakes plant and animal pest control and ecosystem restoration programmes around its Tongariro site (adjacent to TNP) as set out in Section Error! Reference source not found.</p> <p>Biosecurity is also an important part of Hillary Outdoors’s activities. The organisation ensures plant pests are not spread as a result of its activities through use and promotion of the Clean, Check and Dry process.</p>

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<p>4.1.71.2 Plant Pests</p> <p>11 The department will advocate, through public awareness and statutory processes, to stop the spread of plant pests within the park.</p>	<p>Biosecurity is also an important part of Hillary Outdoors’s activities. The organisation ensures plant pests are not spread as a result of its activities through use and promotion of the Clean, Check and Dry process. This element of its curriculum means the students who take part in Hillary Outdoors programmes are more aware of the need for active biosecurity measures.</p>
<p>4.1.14 Natural Hazards</p> <p>b To advise and make visitors aware of natural hazards where the risks are known.</p>	<p>All natural hazards such as avalanches, volcanic eruptions, floods etc are considered in Hillary Outdoors’s safety management plans. Participants are actively educated on such hazards (Hillary Outdoors runs avalanche safety courses) and measures to avoid them.</p>
<p>4.1.14.2 Avalanches/Erosion</p> <p>c To consider the safety of visitors in the management of the park.</p>	<p>Natural hazards, including avalanches, are considered in Hillary Outdoors’s safety management plans. Participants are actively educated on such hazards (Hillary Outdoors runs avalanche safety courses) and measures to avoid them.</p>
<p>4.1.14.3 Fire</p> <p>a To extinguish all fires constituting or likely to constitute a hazard to life or property within Tongariro National Park.</p> <p>b To advocate to park visitors and adjoining landowners the safe use of fire.</p>	<p>Fires will only be lit where permitted and in a safe manner. Fires will generally consist of solid fuel burners for cooking purposes. All fires will be extinguished after use. Students will be educated on the safe use of fire in the outdoors.</p>
<p>4.2.2 Wilderness Areas</p>	<p>Please see the assessment in Section 9.2.2 of this report.</p>
<p>4.2.3 Pristine Areas</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors proposes to continue to undertake activities within the pristine areas of Tongariro National Park. These activities are set out in Table XX. All activities will</p>

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<p>Applications for summer and winter guiding in the pristine areas will be considered with an expectation that the following criteria will be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group size with appropriately-qualified guide/s; • guides' ability to demonstrate standard guiding skills and a demonstrated understanding of the cultural values of the area; • maintenance of a register of appropriately-qualified guides to be held by the concessionaire for inspection at the request of the department; • total number of concessionaire groups and individuals given permission to guide on a single day will be capped by the department at a scale which does not affect the values and experience of other users; and • removal of all waste, including human waste. 	<p>continue to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the TNPMP criteria for activities within pristine areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All groups will be no larger than 13 people including guides. • All guides will be appropriately qualified and experienced as described in Section 7.1.2 of this report. • The regularity of groups using these areas is set out in table XX and is not anticipated to affect the values and experiences of other users. • All waste, including human waste, will be removed from the pristine areas.
<p>4.2.4 Amenities Areas</p> <p>5 The highest standard of detailed planning, assessment, and design will be required for activities within amenities areas.</p>	<p>There will be no physical works undertaken as part of this concession, however all activities that will use the amenities area will be conducted in line with Hillary Outdoors's high standards as set out in the wider report.</p>
<p>4.3.2 Recreation</p> <p>4 Responsibility for the safety and welfare of park visitors remains principally with the visitor, particularly where the visitors' relationship is directly with the natural environment.</p>	<p>See Section 7 for details of Hillary Outdoors's health and safety practices which will be implemented for all activities undertaken.</p>

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<p>4.3.2.2 Huts and Camping</p> <p>7 Concessionaires, school and education groups will be discouraged from using more than forty per cent of a site’s capacity (hut bunks and surrounding established tent sites). The exceptions to this are Wanganui High School Hut and Ruapehu Hut, which have licences that provide for exclusive use. Wanganui High School and the New Zealand Alpine Club are both committed to additional public use via their private booking systems.</p> <p>8 At peak holiday periods, use of public huts by concessionaires, school and education groups will be discouraged.</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors will be using public huts within the Park but will not schedule any use of these facilities within peak holiday periods.</p>
<p>4.3.2.7 Off-Track Use</p> <p>1. Members of the general public, schools, and education users undertaking off- track activities will be advised, through awareness programmes, of the sensitivity of the environment and the potential effects of their activities.</p> <p>2 Prior to considering commercial applications for off-track use, the department will undertake an assessment of environmental and social carrying capacity for the site in question, using appropriately qualified personnel.</p> <p>3 Concessionaires will be subject to limits on group size, guide ratios, and a total number and frequency of trips in order to control potential adverse effects.</p>	<p>A large number of the activities proposed by Hillary Outdoors will be off formed tracks. An important part of the Hillary Outdoors programme is educating students on being aware of the environmental values of the land that they will be using and the importance of looking after the environment.</p> <p>Group size etc will be limited to that set out in Appendix 4 and, based on the current activities, they are considered to be appropriate for the environment in which they take place.</p>



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<p>4.3.2.9 Tramping</p> <p>a To encourage tramping in Tongariro National Park.</p>	<p>The activities to be undertaken by Hillary Outdoors directly encourage young New Zealanders to take part in tramping.</p>
<p>4.3.2.10 Climbing, Rock-Climbing and Ski Touring</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>a To encourage climbing, rock-climbing and ski touring in Tongariro National Park.</p> <p>b To manage the effects of climbing, rock-climbing and ski touring to avoid irreversible impacts.</p> <p>c To maintain the natural environments required for these activities in their pristine state.</p> <p>2 Further formal bolting of rock climbing routes should only occur at sites with existing bolts, in particular Meads Wall and Mangatepopo Valley.</p> <p>3 Informal bolting of routes is not permitted. The department will seek bylaws to achieve certainty in this matter within one year of this plan becoming operative.</p> <p>4 Removal of vegetation to facilitate rock climbing is not permitted.</p> <p>5 Where requests are made by individuals or groups to bolt or re-bolt routes within the park, the department will consult with the New Zealand Alpine Club prior to making its decision. Any decision will be dependent on existing levels of site disturbance and potential for</p>	<p>The activities to be undertaken by Hillary Outdoors directly encourage young New Zealanders to take part in climbing, rock-climbing and ski touring in Tongariro National Park.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors proposes to continue current climbing, rock-climbing and ski touring activities in the Park. There have been no known effects to date on the natural environment or other users associated with these activities.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors are ethically responsible climbers and use the rock faces at Meads Wall and Mangatepopo Valley which are currently bolted. They do not add any further bolts to these areas but do replace those which they consider to be in need of replacement for safety reasons. Any replacement bolts and hangers are powder coated stainless steel components which blend in with the rock face.</p> <p>No additional bolted routes will be created by Hillary Outdoors, nor will there be any vegetation removal to facilitate rock climbing or for any other reason.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors will not re-bolt any existing routes but, as noted above, will from time to time replace individual pieces of equipment to ensure the walls remain safe for all users. Hillary Outdoors considers this to be consistent with being an ethically responsible part of the climbing community.</p>



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<p>remediation of previous rock- climbing activities. A decision will also take into account the availability of other protected rock-climbing routes on the Volcanic Plateau.</p> <p>6 Climbing safety will be promoted through liaison with climbers, publications and interpretation programmes, instructional courses and survival training, and through permitting experienced professional guiding concessionaires in the park. The department will work with associations and concessionaires to develop a strategy for improving safety of existing, formally-recognised climbing routes.</p> <p>7 Persons intending to use Whangaehu Hut should first check with the New Zealand Alpine Club that it is not being used by the club for instruction purposes.</p> <p>8 Climbers are encouraged to fill in the intentions book at the Whakapapa Visitor Centre or Ohakune Ranger Station before climbing in the park. This is an important safety measure and allows park staff to offer mountaineering information, give safety-related advice, and provide weather and basic avalanche forecasting</p>	<p>A large part of Hillary Outdoors’s climbing activities will be teaching and promoting safe and responsible climbing practices.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors does not anticipate using the Whangaehu Hut, but will inform NZAC prior to any proposed use.</p> <p>It is not considered necessary to fill in intentions forms for climbing activities as Hillary Outdoors will be aware of where groups are as part of their wider operational management processes. Hillary Outdoors also monitors weather and makes informed decisions on whether to proceed with climbing and other activities.</p>
<p>4.4 Concessions</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>a To process all applications for concession proposals in accordance with the relevant legislation, statutory planning instruments, and objectives and policies of this plan.</p>	<p>It is not considered that the activities that will form part of the Hillary Outdoors concession will lead to any adverse effects on the TNP environment. It is considered that they will in fact enhance the use and enjoyment of the area in a safe and responsible manner by many young New Zealanders. As noted above, the use of the Park is through activities that are able to occur there as of right and are not likely to lead to adverse effects on the environment and values of the Park. The concession is seeking a continuation of existing activities which have had no identifiable adverse effects. The activities do have demonstrative positive effects through educating and</p>



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<p>b To ensure concessions avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects, including cumulative effects, and maximise any positive effects on national park values.</p> <p>c To minimise infrastructure to that essential to provide for people’s benefit, use and enjoyment.</p> <p>Policies</p> <p>2 In assessing and making recommendations on concession applications, the department should seek information on and consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether the activity can be conducted outside the park; • whether the activity can be conducted in an amenities area; • if skiing-related, whether the activity can be conducted in the Whakapapa or Turoa amenities areas; • whether the activity will benefit the park, public use and enjoyment, or safety; • whether the activity will have an effect on indigenous plants and animals, natural features, scenic values, sites of historical or cultural interest, on soil stability, on water quality, and the natural state of the park; • what effect the activity will have on other park users, natural quiet, other activities already taking place in the park, or the ability of staff to manage the park; • whether the activity is consistent with the reasonable demands of existing legitimate public usage; • whether the activity will have national or regional benefits; 	<p>enabling young New Zealanders to experience the Park in a safe and managed manner. These activities will not only increase participants’ awareness of conservation and national park values but will also have a beneficial impact on the participants themselves, as identified in Section 4.7 of this AEE.</p> <p>An assessment of the activities against Policy 2 can be found in Section 9.2.2.1.</p> <p>There will be no physical infrastructure in the Park resulting from Hillary Outdoors’s activities.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors has been conducting these activities in the Park for many years. To date, neither the Department nor any other party have identified any adverse effects on the Park or on other users as a result of Hillary Outdoors’s activities.</p> <p>All activities will be undertaken as per the safety plans etc set out in Section 7 of this AEE.</p>



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- if further development might result from the activity and, if so, what impact that further development might have on the park and on park users;
- whether the applicant is well-enough equipped – in terms of expertise and finance, for example – to carry through and complete the proposal in a safe and proper manner;
- the impact of the activity on cultural values; and
- the views of iwi, obtained through consultation by the department.

4 Concessionaire infrastructure should be limited to that essential to visitors' benefit, use and enjoyment of the park. Where concessionaire infrastructure is necessary it should be located within an amenities area, with the exception of skiing-related infrastructure that complies with provisions in section 5.2 Ski Area Policies.

5 Concessionaires and their clients may share facilities such as huts on a first- come, first-served basis with other visitors but should not be given exclusive use of any facility.

6 Concession activity should be monitored in order to ensure that the activity is consistent with the conditions of that concession and with this plan and in order to inform future management decisions.

7 Where the cumulative effects of concessionaire activity have an adverse impact on the park or on the experience of park users, further applications for that activity should be declined.



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<p>8 Concessionaires will be responsible for the safe conduct of their operations, including the safety of their employees, clients and contractors.</p> <p>9 The reasonable costs of processing, consultation and monitoring should be recovered from applicants. Not for profit activities should incur processing, consultation and monitoring costs.</p>	
<p>4.4.2.1 Guiding</p> <p>1 Concessions may be granted in terms of Part IIIB of the Conservation Act 1987 and section 49 of the National Parks Act 1980 by the Minister for the carrying on of a guiding service where the public need for the additional guiding concession has been demonstrated. Guiding may be for any or all of the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • climbing, abseiling or climbing instruction; • ski mountaineering or ski-touring; • hunting other than helicopter hunting; • tramping, walking or nature study; • instruction or examination of guides so that they may obtain guiding qualifications; • in support of other activities requiring approval under other provisions of this plan – for example, commercial filming. <p>2 Appropriate conditions will be attached to any guiding operations to protect the park and its facilities, to protect the opportunities for use and enjoyment by others, and to maintain high standards of visitor safety.</p>	<p>While the main purpose of Hillary Outdoors’s activities in the Park is educational, these activities do involve experienced instructors guiding students/participants through the Park. The activities that will be covered in the concession are set out in Section Error! Reference source not found. and do include climbing, abseiling and climbing instruction, ski mountaineering and ski-touring, tramping and walking, and instruction of guides and instructors.</p> <p>All instructors will be appropriately trained and qualified (as set out in section 7.1.2 of this report) for the activities they are leading.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors will raise the conservation awareness of the students who participate in their courses and ensure that they are operating within the Backcountry Environmental Care Code.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors has engaged with Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Ngāti Rangī (as set out in Section 6) to ensure that they will be undertaking their activities, including cultural korero, in an appropriate way.</p>

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<p>3 Restrictions may be imposed on concessions granted and/or group sizes in order to ensure appropriate standards for concessionaire clients and to reduce impacts on other park users.</p> <p>4 Approval of guiding operations which require significant technical expertise will take into account the qualifications, experience, and skills of the applicant.</p> <p>5 Applicants may wish to seek referee support to confirm their skills in lieu of national qualifications. Referees should have standing in the field for which a concession is sought.</p> <p>6 School and university groups should have leaders with the appropriate qualifications, experience, and skills for the activity being undertaken.</p> <p>8 The department will encourage guides to raise the conservation awareness of their clientele and ensure that they are operating within the Backcountry Environmental Care Code.</p> <p>9 The department will encourage the Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Ngāti Rangī people to take an active role in guiding and interpretation of cultural World Heritage values within the park.</p>	
<p>4.4.2.2 Guiding on the Tongariro Crossing</p> <p>3 Operators intending to apply for guiding concessions should be encouraged to obtain the approval of the Ketetahi Trust to traverse the private section of the Tongariro Crossing Track before making an</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors will be using parts of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing track for its activities. The track will be used to access other areas within the Park that are not on the TAC. Hillary Outdoors will not be traversing Ketetahi Trust Land.</p> <p>As set out in Section 6.1.1, Hillary Outdoors is working extensively with local iwi to ensure their messaging and interpretation is accurate and</p>

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<p>application for a concession. The department will work with the Ketetahi Trust to co-ordinate concession management.</p> <p>4 The department will encourage guiding concessionaires to provide an accurate interpretation of the park's natural values and historical and cultural heritage.</p> <p>5 Guiding concessionaires will be encouraged to act in a way that protects and enhances the cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association of Ngāti Tūwharetoa in relation to the peaks of Tongariro.</p> <p>6 Guiding concessionaires will be encouraged to provide accurate interpretation of Ngāti Tūwharetoa cultural values and to undergo training from Ngāti Tūwharetoa on interpretation of these values.</p> <p>7 Guiding concessions for the Tongariro Crossing should be limited to a term of five years or less, in order to maintain the ability to limit the number of guide walkers in the future should research indicate unacceptable effects of visitor pressures on the natural resources and historical and cultural heritage of the Tongariro Crossing.</p> <p>8 As a condition of Tongariro Crossing guiding concessions, guided parties should be confined to the formed walking track. No off-track use should be allowed.</p>	<p>appropriate. No interpretation will be undertaken by Hillary Outdoors staff unless it has been approved by local hapu.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors is seeking a term of greater than five years for its concession. It is acknowledged that this term is longer than that anticipated by Policy 7. This is because it is part of a wider application involving a wide range of activities throughout the central North Island. It is also considered that the use of the TAC by Hillary Outdoors differs from other commercial users. Hillary Outdoors has a much smaller volume of users than commercial operators and it uses the TAC to access wider experiences rather than it being the sole activity. It is also acknowledged that the TAC is under pressure from growing user numbers, however it is not considered that the use by Hillary Outdoors contributes to these pressures in any meaningful way. In addition, the benefits to the young New Zealanders who take part in these activities need to be considered in any such assessment. On the same basis, it is also appropriate that Hillary Outdoors takes parties off track to undertake their activities.</p>
<p>4.4.2.5 Transport</p> <p>2 The department will work with transport concessionaires to ensure that visitor experience, safety and education needs are met.</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors does not operate public transport but it will be transporting students within the Park so that they can access activities. All transport activities will be undertaken via approved safety standards.</p>

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3 Transport concessionaires will be expected to meet best practice standards for safety and visitor services.	
6.5.9 Safety services 1 Safety services will be provided and maintained at a level necessary to ensure the general safety and welfare of visitors and residents.	As set out in Section 7, Hillary Outdoors will be operating in a safe manner.

TABLE 6 EGMONT NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF RELEVANCE

ENPMP Provision	Assessment
3.1.1 Kaitiakitanga To recognise the role of the Tangata Whenua as Kaitiaki of Nga Taonga o te Kahui Mouna.	While it is considered that this provision is for the Department, it is relevant to the Applicant who acknowledges the importance of engaging with nga tangata whenua of Taranaki Maunga. Hillary Outdoors will engage directly with local iwi to ensure its use of the maunga is consistent with the values of local iwi and that the maunga is respected.
3.1.2 Kaupapa Atawhai Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To strengthen the achievement of conservation goals by drawing on the cultural values of Maori in the management of the park. To ensure there is early, open, ongoing and effective communication with Tāngata Whenua about conservation issues and development within the park. 	As above, the Applicant intends to work with local iwi to ensure its activities on the maunga are carried out in a manner that respects the values of the maunga and its people. This could include cultural orientation at local marae and karakia at the start of the journey, etc. Respecting and being aware of the cultural values of an area is considered to be an important element of the Hillary Outdoors programmes. This is because it ensures there will be a greater understanding of all of the values associated with the outdoors.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the spiritual and cultural significance of Taranaki Maunga to hapū and iwi of the region is respected by the Department. 	
<p>3.2.1.6 Weeds</p> <p>To prevent the establishment of new weeds in the park and the spread of weeds into areas of the park currently free of them.</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors has specific biosecurity measures to ensure that there is no transfer of weeds or plant pests between areas. Biosecurity measures (i.e. CCD) is part of the Hillary Outdoors curriculum.</p>
<p>3.3 Use Management</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To retain the essential character of Egmont National Park as a predominantly unmodified natural area of great beauty with high spiritual values. To give the public opportunities to gain benefit, enjoyment, and inspiration from the park, as well as opportunities for recreation, appreciation and study, to the extent compatible with preservation of the Egmont National Park's natural, historic and cultural values. 	<p>The proposed activities to take place within the National Park will use existing trails, routes, huts etc and will not modify the natural environment in any way.</p> <p>The proposed activities will directly foster opportunities for participants to be involved in recreation activities on the mountain and better understand the natural, conservation and cultural values associated with the Park.</p> <p>The activities of Hillary Outdoors directly facilitate more young New Zealanders to gain benefit from, and appreciate, natural areas.</p>
<p>3.3.1 Visitor opportunities</p> <p>Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow a wide range of visitor opportunities without compromising park values. 	<p>Hillary Outdoors activities will provide opportunities for more people to have positive experiences within the Park in a safe and appropriate manner. The use will be consistent with that undertaken by the general public and there will be no effect on the Park's values.</p> <p>The manner in which the activities will be carried out will raise awareness of the Park's values and how, as those recreating in the Park, participants can manage their effects.</p>

ENPMP Provision	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To manage and raise the awareness of visitors of their impacts on park values and seek ways to minimise adverse effects. To encourage park users to be considerate of other users and not detract from the natural quiet of the park. 	
<p>3.3.1.4 Visitor Information/Interpretation</p> <p>Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To foster an understanding and appreciation of the park and its values through education and interpretation. To inform visitors about the origins, meanings and values of particular places within the park. To promote education of the public in conservation principles and the mountain environment. To promote safety for visitors to the park. 	<p>Hillary Outdoors programmes educate young New Zealanders about national parks, conservation, safety and using the outdoors and mountain environments. The proposed activities on Taranaki Maunga will facilitate this.</p> <p>Local interpretation will be provided as part of the courses on the maunga but this will be done in collaboration with local iwi to ensure that the stories are appropriate.</p>
<p>3.3.2 Concessions</p> <p>Policy: To allow for appropriate concession activities in the park while protecting park values.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where the activity is consistent with park values, guiding may be an appropriate commercial activity within the park and will be permitted. 	<p>The activities proposed by Hillary Outdoors to be undertaken on Taranaki Maunga are able to be carried out by the general public at any time and are considered to be consistent with Park values.</p> <p>All activities will be undertaken under an approved safety plan as set out in Section 7 of this report.</p>

ENPMP Provision	Assessment
<p>2. Require concessionaires involved in guiding or similar activities within the park to meet relevant national qualification standards and provide training for their staff on mountain safety, conservation issues, cultural perspectives, including interpretation skills, and the New Zealand Environmental Care Code.</p>	

TABLE 7 WHANGANUI NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF RELEVANCE

WNPMP Provision	Assessment
<p>4.7.3 Management considerations for freshwater ecosystems</p> <p>When planning and carrying out its park-management functions, the Department will avoid adverse impacts on freshwater ecosystem values and will seek to ensure that the cultural and spiritual values of the Whanganui River are appropriately respected.</p> <p>The Department will through advocacy and education, seek to reduce the risk of aquatic plant pests being spread within the Whanganui catchment and into the Park, in particular their spread via recreational water craft and other equipment and clothing.</p>	<p>The importance of managing freshwater threats and other plant and animal pests is a key part of the Hillary Outdoors curriculum. Those attending Hillary Outdoors will gain an understanding of the importance of biosecurity in the outdoors.</p> <p>All boats and any gear used on the Whanganui Awa will be thoroughly checked for any plants etc, and cleaned and dried between uses, to ensure that no aquatic plant pests are spread in the catchment.</p>
<p>6.3 The Whanganui Journey</p> <p>The Department will advocate for the safe use and practice of motorised and non- motorised water craft by users on the Whanganui Journey.</p>	<p>Hillary Outdoors’s use of the awa will be undertaken under an approved safety plan as set out in Section 7 of this report.</p>

WNPMP Provision	Assessment
<p>7 Other Activities and uses</p> <p>A. All activities in the Park that require a concession or other authorisation must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be consistent with the long-term outcomes sought for places (as identified within this plan); • be restricted to the use of existing access; • demonstrate how the activity will benefit the Park, public use and enjoyment, • or safety; • identify if the activity will have an effect on indigenous plants and animals, natural features, scenic values, historic or cultural values, sites of historic and/ or cultural importance, soil stability, water quality and the natural state of the Park. If adverse effects are identified, an assessment on how these effects can be avoided, remedied or mitigated must be provided; • demonstrate that the activity will have no adverse effects on other park users, other activities already taking place in the Park or the ability of staff to manage the Park; • identify any national or regional benefits; • note whether any further development might result from the activity and if so, 	<p>The activities Hillary Outdoors proposes to carry out within the Park are able to be carried out by the general public at any time and are considered to be consistent with Park values and the long term outcomes sought for the area.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors will only use existing access and its activities will enable young New Zealanders to use the Park in a safe and enjoyable manner while educating them on outdoor recreation and conservation.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors’s use of the awa will be undertaken under an approved safety plan as set out in Section 7 of this report.</p> <p>It is not anticipated that the proposed activity will have any effects on indigenous plants and animals, natural features, scenic values, historic or cultural values, sites of historic and/ or cultural importance, soil stability, water quality and the natural state of the Park.</p> <p>The anticipated number of students and instructors using the awa per year will be no more than 52 people over four trips. Each trip will have a maximum group size of 13 people including instructors. It is not anticipated that this number of users will impact on other users of the awa.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors has contacted Whanganui River iwi directly and their views are set out in Section 6.1.1 of this report. Generally speaking, the proposed activities are to be undertaken in a sensitive and informed manner that will not physically affect the land. Hillary Outdoors will work with local iwi to ensure it is operating in a manner that is consistent with the cultural values of the awa.</p>

WNPMP Provision	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what impact that might have on the Park and park users; and • describe the impact of the activity on cultural values and obtain the views of tāngata whenua through consultation. • Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis against the relevant legislation, General Policy, the Conservation Management Strategy and the relevant sections of this plan, including the non-exclusive list of potential adverse effects set out in Table 2. Consultation with tāngata whenua and other interested parties will be undertaken where their interests may be affected. <p>E. Concessionaires will be responsible for operating their activity safely, while adhering to the relevant legal obligations and safety standards. This includes but is not limited to, the safety of staff, clients, contractors and the general public, and may involve working with the Department to provide interpretation.</p>	<p>The application has been assessed against all the relevant sections of the Whanganui National Park Management Plan, Whanganui CMS document and the Conservation Act. On the basis of that assessment, it is considered that the activities proposed to be carried out within the Park are appropriate.</p>

TABLE 8 KAIMANAWA FOREST PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF RELEVANCE

KFPMP Provision	Assessment
<p>8.1 Concessions General</p> <p>Policies</p>	<p>The application has been assessed against all the relevant sections of this Plan, the Tongariro/Taupō CMS document and the Conservation Act. On the basis of that assessment, it is considered that the activities proposed to be carried out in the Park are appropriate.</p>

KFPMP Provision	Assessment
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applications for concessions will comply with the Conservation Act 1987 and other relevant Acts, the Conservation General Policy 2005, the Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Management Strategy and the objectives and policies in this plan. 2. In assessing and making recommendations on concession applications, the department will seek information on measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate potential adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the park’s natural and historic resources and cultural heritage; • park values; • the park’s wilderness character; • hut use and capacity; • track systems, both within and adjacent to the park; • public access; and • public use and enjoyment of the area concerned. 3. The Visitor Management Settings (refer to Appendix A) will be used to assist in assessing the potential effects of the proposed activity. 4. Protocols under He Kaupapa Rangatira will be established to ensure appropriate iwi participation in the consideration of concession applications. 5. Concessionaires and their clients may share facilities such as huts on a first-come, first-served basis with other visitors but will not be given exclusive use of any facility. 6. New concession applications and renewals of existing concessions involving use of the Rangitikei Remote experience 	<p>The activities proposed to be carried out within the Park by Hillary Outdoors are able to be carried out by the general public at any time and are considered to be consistent with Park values, including those matters listed under Policy 2.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors has engaged with Ngāti Tūwharetoa (as set out in Section 6) to ensure that it will be undertaking its activities, including cultural korero, in an appropriate and respectful manner.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors will not be using any huts in the Park but will ensure that use of campsites will be shared appropriately.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors will not be undertaking any activities within the RAZ.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors has been conducting these activities in the Park for many years. To date there have been no adverse effects on the Park or other users identified by the Department or any other party.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors’s use of the Park will be undertaken under an approved safety plan as set out in Section 7 of this report.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors is happy to pay any processing fees as required.</p>



KFPMP Provision	Assessment
<p>Zone should be restricted to comply with the Visitor Management Settings (refer to Appendix A).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Concession activity may be monitored in order to ensure that the activity is consistent with the conditions of that concession and with this plan and in order to inform future management decisions. 8. Where the cumulative effects of concessionaire activity have an adverse impact on the park or on the experience of park users, further applications for that activity should be declined. 9. Concessionaires will be responsible for the safe conduct of their operations, including the safety of their employees, clients and contractors. Concessionaires may be required to submit an audited safety plan. 10. The reasonable costs of processing, consultation and monitoring should be recovered from applicants. Not for profit activities should incur processing costs. 	
<p>8.1 Guiding</p> <p>Policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appropriate conditions will be attached to concessions for guiding operations, to protect the park and its facilities, to protect the opportunities for use and enjoyment by others and to maintain high standards of visitor safety. 2. Where environmental and/or social effects are considered by the department to be unacceptable, imposition of controls, including restrictions on group types and numbers, may occur. 3. Where the cumulative effects of all existing guiding concessions are at the limit of acceptable environmental and/or social effects, no further concessions should be granted. 	<p>While the main purpose of Hillary Outdoors’s activities in the Park is educational, it does involve experienced instructors guiding students/participants through the Forest Park.</p> <p>Group numbers and the number of times they will be using the Forest Park will be restricted to those set out in Appendix 4. This use is not considered to be of a volume or regularity to adversely impact other users or the environment of the Forest Park.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors’s use of the Park will be undertaken under an approved safety plan as set out in Section 7 of this report.</p>



KFPMP Provision	Assessment
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Approval of guiding operations will take into account the qualifications, experience and skills of the applicant. 5. An independently audited safety plan will be required as part of all guiding applications. 6. Guides and their clients may share facilities such as huts on a first- come, first-served basis with other visitors but will not be given exclusive use of any facility. 7. Guides who are overnighing in the park will be required to carry tents or temporary shelter to accommodate themselves and their clients. 8. Guides will be encouraged to raise the conservation awareness of their clients and ensure that they are operating within the environmental Care Code and the Water Care Code. 9. New concession applications and renewals of existing concessions involving use of the Rangitikei Remote experience Zone (ReZ) should be restricted to a maximum party size of three people and no more than two groups in the Rangitikei ReZ at any one time as per the Visitor Management Settings (refer to Appendix A). The department will manage this through a booking system. 10. The department will recommend to the Minister that a maximum number of guiding concessions per annum for the Rangitikei ReZ be set in consultation with current concessionaires and taking into account the concessionaires' activity returns for the financial year 2005/06. 	<p>A strong element of the Hillary Outdoors curriculum is to raise the conservation awareness of students attending its courses. This will include all the applicable codes described on https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/care-codes/.</p> <p>Hillary Outdoors will not be undertaking any activities within the RAZ.</p>



APPENDIX 8. RUAPEHU ALPINE SEARCH AND RESCUE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING





**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
JULY 2019-2021
FOR ALPINE SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES
IN THE CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND**

- A. Under the approval of the NZ Police, this MOU records the matters agreed on by:
- a) The Director-General of the Department of Conservation (DOC),
 - b) The New Zealand Police,
 - c) Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL) and
 - d) The Hillary Outdoors Education Centres.
- (Hereafter referred to as the Co-operative Organisations).
- B. The agreement relates to the management, operations and training of the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation Incorporated (RARO).
- C. The Co-operative Organisations wish to set out the terms and conditions under which RARO will supply Alpine Cliff Search and Rescue (SAR) services to the Police in Tongariro National Park and Central North Island.
- D. This MOU will be reviewed by the Co-operative Organisations on a biennial basis to ensure it continues to be effective and meet their needs.

1. *The Police are the lead agency accountable for Category 1 SAR in New Zealand. For the alpine areas of Tongariro National Park, Alpine Cliff Search and Rescue services will be delivered in a partnership with the RARO, as laid out in this MOU.*

2. *The Police are accountable for:*

- a) The overall health and safety of a SAR operation;
- b) Media liaison for all SAR related matters;
- c) Provision of victim support services to climbing partners, friends, relatives, and others as required;
- d) Provision of arranging backup to RARO for situations when demands on local resources are exceeded;
- e) Provision of Helicopter services for SAR purposes;
- f) Provision of Incident Controller position as required under the Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) structure. The primary Police response will be from the nearest available suitably trained on duty/on call officer;
- g) Provision of capable Incident Management Team (IMT) positions, if available, to operate under a CIMS structure;
- h) Provision of a capable and committed person to join the RARO Committee who will attend bi-monthly committee meetings and consistently complete actions from those meetings;
- i) The NZ Police SAR Liaison Officer will provide the administration and liaison role;
- j) Initiating a SAR operation and calling out required personnel.

3. *The Department of Conservation is accountable for:*

- a) Health and safety of DOC staff used during any non-operational SAR activities e.g. training;
- b) Training of DOC staff in alpine search and rescue techniques to Land Search and Rescue standards;
- c) Provision of capable Incident Management Team (IMT) positions, if available, to operate under a CIMS structure;
- d) Provision of up to three trained field team member positions;
- e) Provision of a capable and committed person to join the RARO Committee who will attend bi-monthly committee meetings and consistently complete actions from those meetings;
- f) Providing a location for storing SAR equipment that is well maintained;
- g) Providing a radio network for the Tongariro National Park that can be used for SAR;
- h) Supporting Police with the preparation of the “Scene Examination Report” pertaining to that section of the coroner’s report when fatalities occur;
- i) Allowing one full day every two months for staff to undertake group maintenance training.

4. *Ruapehu Alpine Lifts are accountable for:*

- a) Health and safety of RAL staff used during any non-operational SAR activities e.g. training;
- b) Training of RAL staff in alpine search and rescue techniques to Land Search and Rescue standards;
- c) Provision of capable Incident Management Team (IMT) positions, if available, to operate under a CIMS structure;
- d) Provision of up to nine trained field team member positions;
- e) Provision of a capable and committed person to join the RARO Committee who will attend bi-monthly committee meetings and consistently complete actions from those meetings;
- f) Providing location(s) for storing additional SAR equipment at strategic ski-field locations that is up to date and inspected on a regular basis and is well maintained;
- g) Supporting Police with the preparation of the “Scene Examination Report” pertaining to that section of the coroner’s report when fatalities occur.
- h) Allowing one full day every two months for staff to undertake group maintenance training.

5. *Hillary Outdoors Education Centres are accountable for:*

- a) Health and safety of Hillary Outdoors staff used during any non-operational SAR activities e.g. training;
- b) Training of Hillary Outdoors staff in alpine search and rescue techniques to Land Search and Rescue standards;
- c) Provision of capable Incident Management Team (IMT) positions, if available, to work under a CIMS structure;
- d) Provision of up to nine trained field team member positions;
- e) Provision of a capable and committed person to join the RARO Committee who will attend bi-monthly committee meetings and consistently complete actions from those meetings;
- f) Other Hillary Outdoors’ staff who provide assistance to SAR field operations and attend SAR training opportunities;
- g) Supporting Police with the preparation of the “Scene Examination Report” pertaining to that section of the coroner’s report when fatalities occur;
- h) Allowing one full day every two months for staff to undertake group maintenance training.

6. *The Police will provide funding for:*

- a) All activities related to their own staff during an operation;
- b) Helicopters for SAR operations;
- c) Helicopter time for Human Sling Load training for RARO and helicopter rescue staff as negotiated;
- d) Any extra equipment, food or supplies needed for a SAR operation;
- e) Replacement of damaged or lost equipment on operations by negotiation. This includes SAR staff personal, RARO and cooperative organisations equipment;
- f) Critical Incident Stress Defusing and Debriefing;
- g) Assistance with accessing appropriate help for psychological support after an incident if required.

7. *The Co-operative Organisations agree to use the CIMS for the management and control of SAR operations.*

8. *A NZ Police IC will attend the nominated Incident Control Point except for minor SAR operations whereby agreement the IC does not attend but is kept informed.*

9. *During SAR operations IMT shift lengths and fatigue will be managed on a case by case basis by the IC.*

10. *The Co-operative Organisations to this MOU are authorised to have the Department of Conservation VHF radio frequencies in their radios for any SAR or emergency use.*

11. *The terms and conditions of the MOU are valid until such time as a new agreement is signed. After a 24-month period the Co-operative Organisations will discuss the terms and conditions of this MOU and sign a new document if required.*

12. *The Co-operative Organisations will meet at least twice per year, pre-summer and pre-winter.*

13. *Health and Safety:*

- a) RARO will adopt the LandSAR safety management system (SMS) for its training activities and SAR Operations.
- b) Consistent with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, the Police will be the 'person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU)'
- c) During non-operational events e.g. training, the co-operative organisations will be the PCBU.

14. *Response Capabilities*

Note: These dates and response capabilities are targets which are negotiable between the Parties.

From 1 December to 31 January annually

Within this period, the Co-operative Organisations aim to:


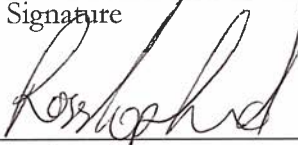
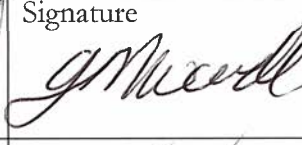
- a) Provide one person towards an Incident Management Team ready to respond to a SAR call-out within 30 minutes, and
- b) Provide three-field team members, including one person of team leader standard available and able to respond to a SAR within 45 minutes and
- c) Assist any SAR with the provision of related information, resources and equipment, and
- d) Assist with the provision of SAR-capable and/or IMT-capable staff if available.

Rest of year (outside of the period 1 December to 31 January)

Within this period, the Co-operative Organisations aim to:

- e) Provide one capable person towards an Incident Management Team ready to respond to a SAR call-out within 20 minutes, and
- f) Provide two capable field team members, including one person of team leader standard available and able to respond to a SAR within 30 minutes, and
- g) Provide two capable people towards an Incident Management Team ready to respond to a SAR call-out within 90 minutes, and
- h) Provide nine capable field team members including three people of team leader standard available and able to respond to a SAR within 120 minutes, and
- i) Assist any SAR with the provision of related information, resources and equipment, and
- j) Assist with planning for this period. On request by the NZ Police, or SAR Incident Controller, acting under delegated authority, the Parties will:
 - Assist any SAR with the provision of related information, resources, and equipment;
 - Assist with the provision of SAR-capable and/or IMT-capable staff if available.

15. We, the undersigned, hereby agree to the terms and conditions set out in the Memorandum of Understanding;

Connie Norgate	Nigel Allan	Ross Copland	Jonathan Maxwell
Operations Manager for The Director-General of the Department of Conservation	Area Commander	CEO	Centre Manager
Tongariro District	Whanganui Area	Mount Ruapehu	Tongariro
Department of Conservation	NZ Police	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts	Hillary Outdoors
Signature: 	Signature 	Signature 	Signature 
Date: 1/8/19	Date: 1/8/19.	Date: 3/8/19	Date: 5/8/19

APPENDIX 9. HILLARY OUTDOORS SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER



Sustainability Charter

The earth is a finite environment, with its physical systems tightly interconnected with all life on the planet. Humanity is now in the historic position of changing the global balance of both the physical and biological environments at increasing cost to future generations. Achieving sustainability requires global values and actions that are ecologically sound, socially just and economically viable.

Following Sir Ed's legacy and words, Hillary Outdoors' purpose recognises that *"people are empowered to do extraordinary things by achieving growth through adventure and connection through participation"*. We realise this social opportunity infers obligations within the current planetary context.

When immersing people in adventure and connection, we also choose to take action towards shaping a more sustainable future. Hillary Outdoors will do this by increasing people's understanding, values and skills to inspire people in growing future more sustainable communities.

OBLIGATIONS

Hillary Outdoors obligations in relation to sustainability are to:

- Lead by example to inspire and enable people;
- Act in a restorative and regenerative manner in our local and wider environment;
- Continue to run programmes aligned with the values and authenticity of the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust;
- Look after our people, clients and partners;
- Make transparent decisions based on balanced economic, environmental and social considerations;
- Respect and learn from local Iwi and operate under a framework of Kaitiakitanga

COMMITMENTS

Teaching

Role modelling and teaching of sustainability is embedded into Hillary Outdoors programmes

- Use adventure and outdoor activities to immerse people in the wilderness;
- Show people how to enjoy the wilderness and then to inspire them to care for the natural world;
- Educate people in Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga
- Offer education that enables people to contribute to change for sustainability

Management

Sustainable practices are embedded in Hillary Outdoors management of operations by role modelling innovative ways to maximise social, environmental and economic value.

- Develop and maintain its sites using sustainable practices;
- Instil sustainability principles in procurement decisions, across products life cycles and supply chains;
- Education staff in cultural awareness; Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga; and
- Support opportunities for staff, tertiary students and alumni to actively engage with the internal and wider outdoor education industry, to drive progress in outdoor education for sustainability.

Governance

Hillary Outdoors integrates sustainability principles into its governance.

- Implement investment strategies consistent with Hillary Outdoors commitment to sustainability;
- Work strategically with partners to create innovative solutions to sustainability challenges;
- Build and maintain the planning, decision-making and governance framework required to enact the commitments of this Charter;
- Ensure the Hillary Outdoors community is involved in progress towards delivering these commitments through transparent decision-making and reporting where appropriate; and
- Engage in ongoing dialogue and collaboration with the internal and external community on Hillary Outdoors environmental impact and performance.

APPENDIX 10. DISCLAIMER

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