

Approved Amendment to Arthur’s Pass National Park Management Plan 2007 [As approved by the New Zealand Conservation Authority on 13 June 2012]

On page 57:

6.2.2.1 Hawdon and Poulter valleys and the Kakariki Karaka/Orange-Fronted Parakeet Programme

Methods 6.2.2.1(a) & (b) vi.(b) now reads “keep ATV use to the ex-4WD track in the Poulter valley and the true-right bush track to the north of Casey Stream, but also use a secondary true-left valley track if essential.”

On page 113:

6.3.6 Roads, Parking Areas and Vehicles

Policy 6.3.6(c) now reads “To allow non-motorised mountain bike use within the Poulter River valley where their use is confined to the track up the Poulter valley from the Park boundary at Mt Brown Creek to Casey Stream, then through the bush track north of Casey Stream, then back onto the former vehicle track up-valley to the site of the Trust/Poulter Hut.

Policy 6.3.6(d) now reads “Concessions may be granted for concessionaire mountain bike use as in Policy 6.3.6(c), but should not be granted for any mountain bike sporting event.”

Policies 6.3.6(e) and 6.3.6(f) are now deleted.

On page 114:

Explanation 6.3.6(c) & (d) now reads:

The General Policy allows for non-motorised mountain bike use on roads or routes within national parks, in accordance with an approved management plan, where adverse effects on national park values can be minimised, the track standard is suitable, and the benefit, use and enjoyment of other people can be protected.

The Poulter valley has been promoted by Mountain Bike New Zealand Inc. as one of a few potential biking opportunities within national parks. Its suitability is assisted by a 13 km track before reaching the Park boundary, with this track and the Park track providing a 54 km return ride along an existing Park management 4WD vehicle track. Primary use is likely as a day trip.

Mountain bike use up-valley of Trust/Poulter Hut, or on the Binser and Casey Saddle side-tracks, is not to be allowed as these areas and tracks have well-established public use patterns for walking and the benefit, use and enjoyment for these other people would not be protected by allowing bike use.

The mountain biking opportunity being created is essentially for day trip activity with limited overnight stays at Casey Hut or Trust/Poulter Hut, (noting Method 6.2.2.1(a) & (b)5). This should minimise any adverse affects on the benefit, use and enjoyment of the current public use within the valley. There are many opportunities for concessionaire-led mountain biking and for sports events outside the Park.

On page 116, Method 6.3.6(e) is now deleted.

