

JUSTIFICATIONS OF:

- **THE RESTRICTIONS IN THE PROPOSED NATIONAL WILD ANIMAL RECOVERY OPERATIONS (WARO) CONCESSION PERMIT, AND**
- **CLOSURES OF THE LAND THAT HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE NATIONAL WARO CONCESSION PERMIT**

This explanatory document is a summary of the justifications of the restrictions and closures, as provided by the conservator of each conservancy, of the land detailed in the draft permit in Schedule: Permitted Zones with Roar and Christmas Closure Periods and Schedule 5: Restricted Zones with Special Conditions over the land.

These justifications have been arrived at having regard to the provisions of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977. In particular Part 2 and Section 23 which encompasses Section 17U of the Conservation Act 1997, paragraph (a) the provisions of the Act under which the land is held and its purposes, (b) the purpose of the Wild Animal Control Act ,(c) the role of persons engaged in recreational hunting

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSERVANCIES

Location	Reason
All other public conservation land, mapped as 'not permitted', not specifically identified in this document.	Closed due to the size and/or purpose for which the land is held and/or the impracticality of managing the activity at these locations. NB: Some of these locations may be eligible for WARO activity on a case by case basis.

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Table 1: Likely restrictions for land areas OPEN to WARO (to be included in the schedule of land for which 'bulk' applications will be invited).

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Location	Closure period	Reason
Pureora Forest Park, excluding that part within the Recreational Hunting Area; Conservation Areas – Pureora; Meyer Wildlife Refuge; and Cowan Wildlife Refuge	Closed during the period 15 March – 30 April (inclusive) annually for the roar	This is an important area for recreational hunting during the roar and any concession would have adverse effects on recreational hunters during this high use period, and those effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.
Awaroa Swamp Wetland Management Reserve; Lake Kopuera Wildlife Management Reserve; Lake Rotongaro Wildlife Refuge; Lake Waikare Wildlife Management Reserve; Lake Whangape Wildlife Management Reserve; Conservation Area Kopuku Stream; Conservation Area Lake Ohinewai; Conservation Area Lake Rotokawau; Conservation Area – Lake Waikare; Conservation Area – Te Kauwhata; Conservation Area – Waikato River and Waikato River Islands; Meremere Pa Historic Reserve; Island Block Recreation Reserve; and South Shore Recreation Reserve	Closed during the period 1 April – 31 July (inclusive) annually for duck shooting	These areas are important for recreational hunting during duck shooting and any concession would have adverse effects on recreational hunters during this high use period, and those effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.

Table 2: Areas that will be EXCLUDED from the WARO ‘bulk’ concession application process.

Location	Status	Reason for Decline
Pureora Recreational Hunting Area (all of Pureora Forest Park north of SH 30, but excluding the northern outliers of Wharepuhunga No 2, Waipari and Wairehi)	Part of Pureora Forest Park (Recreational Hunting Area by NZ Gazette 1981: page 1826)	This is a Recreational Hunting Area, which is closed to commercial wild animal recovery operations (specific authorisation may be applied for).
That part of Pureora South Block that includes the Pikiariki Ecological Area and Pureora Village	Part of Pureora Forest Park	This area has high visitor use and includes housing and accommodation for DOC staff and visitors and any concession would have adverse effects on staff and visitors, and those effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.
Part of Conservation Area – Whareorino	Conservation Area	This is a chytrid fungus control area to protect the critically endangered Archey’s frog and any concession could have adverse effects on Archey’s frogs, and those effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.
Mahoenui Giant Weta Scientific Reserve	Scientific Reserve	Goats are important for the management of this reserve, which contributes towards the protection of the Mahoenui giant weta. Fire risk.
Ruakuri Caves and Bush Scenic Reserve; Waitomo Caves Scenic Reserve; Mangapohue Natural Bridge Scenic Reserve; Piripiri Caves Scenic Reserve; Marokopa Falls Scenic Reserve; and Waituhi-Kuratau Scenic Reserve	Scenic Reserve	These areas are significant tourist attractions receiving high visitor numbers and any concession would have adverse effects on visitors, and those effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.
Te Tapui Scenic Reserve and Te Miro Scenic Reserve	Scenic Reserve	These areas are important for recreational hunting of a small and localised deer herd of fallow deer that has a history of joint management between the Department and deer stalkers. This activity could cause conflict with hunters, and those effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.
Kopuatai Wetland Management Reserve; Torehape Wetland Management Reserve; Whangamarino Wetland Management Reserve; Flax Block Wildlife Management Reserve; and Opuatia Swamp Wildlife Management Reserve		These areas are habitat for highly threatened plant species and habitats that are prone to fire and that could be affected by this kind of activity, and those effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.

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<p>Cuvier Island Nature Reserve; the Aldermen Islands; and the Mercury Islands (which include: Stanley Island Nature Reserve; Double Island Nature Reserve; Red Mercury Island Scenic Reserve; Korapuki Scenic Reserve; Green Island Scenic Reserve; and Middle Island Scenic Reserve)</p>	<p>Nature Reserves; and Scenic Reserves, with secondary use as Wildlife Sanctuary's</p>	<p>Access to these islands is prohibited, except by permit granted by the Director-General of Conservation. Permission for Wild Animal Recovery on these islands will not be granted for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ These islands have remained free or have been rendered free of wild animals; and ❑ Fire risk; and ❑ Any concession would have adverse effects on protected wildlife on these islands, and these effects could not be avoided, nor adequately remedied or mitigated.
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EAST COAST/BAY OF PLENTY CONSERVANCY

Land CLOSED to WARO

TAURANGA AREA		
Location	Reason	CMS
<p>All lands within the Tauranga Area of the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy</p>	<p>The primary parcel of land in the Tauranga Area is the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park. The primary parcel of land in the Tauranga Area is the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park. Previous community consultation in relation to WARO resulted in a huge adverse response from adjoining landowners and other recreational users. The shape of this park also means the vast majority of the park sits within the 2km FSA buffer that WARO usually cannot occur in. Concession applications for the use of helicopters to ferry recreational hunters to ground hunt the higher country in the park will be considered.</p>	<p>2.2 Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park Management Policies 13. Should recommend allowing helicopter use for activities including recreation, hunting access and infrastructure servicing with appropriate conditions.</p>

ROTORUA LAKES AREA		
Location	Reason	CMS
<p>All lands within the Rotorua</p>	<p>Many of the reserves within the Rotorua Lakes Area are</p>	

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<p>Lake Area of the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy</p>	<p>relatively small and are immediately adjunct to private land. Those reserves that hold deer in any great numbers are subject to moderate ground hunting pressure and so any WARO work would cause significant conflict with other recreational users of these areas. It would not be possible to remedy or mitigate these conflicts should they occur. These reserves generally lack the open areas of habitat useful to WARO operators.</p>	
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<p>TE UREWERA AREA</p>		
<p>Location</p>	<p>Reason</p>	<p>CMS</p>
<p>All those areas within the Te Urewera Area of the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy not including Te Urewera National Park, Whirinaki Forest Park, Kokomoka Conservation Area, Heruiwi Block Conservation Area, Mangaone Conservation Area, Okui Forest Conservation Area, Onepoto Conservation Area, Panakirikiri Conservation Area, Waikareiti Conservation Area, Waipunga Falls Scenic Reserve and Waipunga Conservation Area</p>	<p>Those areas not open to WARO activities are due to their close proximity to settlements and farmland. They have a high, active, recreational hunter use and there are agreements in place with Iwi and the community that they will not be hunted from the air</p>	

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GISBORNE/WHAKATANE AREA		
Location	Reason	CMS
Waiohau Forest, Awakeri Forest, Kohi Point Scenic Reserve, Ohope Scenic Reserve, Mokorua Scenic Reserve, Waiotane Scenic Reserve, Waimana Gorge Scenic Reserve, Waiotahi Scenic Reserve.	These areas are relatively small areas of indigenous vegetation in close proximity to farmland on at least 2 boundaries. They are quite close to local communities and are utilised for a range of recreational activities. They have strong local recreational hunting pressure where deer are present as they are utilised in conjunction with adjoining forestry lands. So any WARO work would cause significant conflict with other recreational users of these areas	
Raukumara Conservation Park East of the Motu River and west of the Raukumara Conservation Area. All of the Raukumara Conservation Area.	These areas have been withdrawn from the WARO concession process in order to implement a trial of contracted, performance based, aerial shooting and recovery operations. The WARO that take place in this area are controlled by way of management agreements between the Department and a number of WARO operators	

Land OPEN to WAROs with Conditions

Location	Proposed Condition	Reason /CMS Provision
Te Urewera National Park	<p>WARO are permitted in the Te Urewera National Park with the exclusion of the Galatea Foothills and the catchments of Lakes Waikarimoana and Waikareiti.</p> <p>WARO are not permitted during the period 15 March – 30April and 20 Dec - 31 January inclusive annually within the permitted areas above.</p> <p>The concessionaire acknowledges that lands within the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy may be subject to Treaty of Waitangi grievance claims; and that the concession activity may be terminated in accordance with clause 18 above. Where the concession activity is terminated as a result of the land being</p>	<p>The catchments around Lakes Waikaremoana and Waikareiti contain a great walk and the lakes themselves are extremely popular with a variety of local and overseas users. The Te Urewera NPMP has said aircraft use in these areas is considered inappropriate due to their high recreational use.</p> <p>The East Coast Hawkes Bay CMS policy 3.4.2.8 specifically excludes aircraft operations such as WARO in the Galatea Foothills as does 9.9.2 (b) of the Te Urewera NPMP.</p>

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	<p>required for the settlement of that claim, no compensation is payable to the concessionaire and the concessionaire agrees that it has no claim in law or equity or what so ever against the Grantor.</p>	
Whirinaki Forest Park	<p>WARO are permitted in Waipunga, Kokomoka and Whirinaki Forest Park, with the exclusion of the north block of the park and the southern block in the park.</p> <p>WARO are not permitted during the period 15 March – 30April and 20 Dec - 31 January inclusive annually within the permitted areas above.</p> <p>The concessionaire acknowledges that lands within the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy may be subject to Treaty of Waitangi grievance claims; and that the concession activity may be terminated in accordance with clause 18 above. Where the concession activity is terminated as a result of the land being required for the settlement of that claim, no compensation is payable to the concessionaire and the concessionaire agrees that it has no claim in law or equity or what so ever against the Grantor.</p>	<p>2.1 Whirinaki Visitors</p> <p>Helicopter landings have not been authorised in the past on public conservation lands and waters within a one-kilometre radius of Minginui village, in order to exclude aerial hunting of venison from this area, in deference to local hunting traditions. The department intends this restriction to continue.</p> <p>Management Policy 7 supports the encouragement of the recreational hunting as part of the management of the Whirinaki Forest park.</p>
Kokomoka Conservation Area	<p>WARO are permitted in Waipunga, Kokomoka and Whirinaki Forest Park, with the exclusion of the north block of the park.</p> <p>WARO are not permitted during the period 15 March – 30April and 20 Dec - 31 January inclusive annually within the permitted areas above.</p> <p>The concessionaire acknowledges that lands within the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy may be subject to Treaty of Waitangi grievance claims; and that the concession activity may be terminated in accordance with clause 18 above. Where the concession activity is terminated as a result of the land being required for the settlement of that claim, no compensation is payable to the concessionaire and the concessionaire agrees that it has no claim in law or equity or what so ever against the Grantor.</p>	

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<p>Waipunga Conservation Area</p>	<p>WARO are permitted in Waipunga, Kokomoka and Whirinaki Forest Park, with the exclusion of the north block of the park WARO are not permitted during the period 15 March – 30April and 20 Dec - 31 January inclusive annually within the permitted areas above.</p> <p>The concessionaire acknowledges that lands within the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy may be subject to Treaty of Waitangi grievance claims; and that the concession activity may be terminated in accordance with clause 18 above. Where the concession activity is terminated as a result of the land being required for the settlement of that claim, no compensation is payable to the concessionaire and the concessionaire agrees that it has no claim in law or equity or what so ever against the Grantor.</p>	
<p>All Areas within the Gisborne Whakatane Area not listed as being closed for Waro</p>	<p>The lands which are open for WARO activities may contain numerous tracts of privately owned land. It is the concessionaire’s responsibility to ensure that they do not utilise private land without prior permission. The department takes no responsibility for the use of Vertebrate Toxic Agents on private land and it is strongly advised that concessionaries adhere to the 2km buffer from any private land boundary.</p> <p>WARO are not permitted during the period 15 March – 30April and 20 Dec - 31 January inclusive annually within the permitted areas above.</p> <p>The concessionaire acknowledges that lands within the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy may be subject to Treaty of Waitangi grievance claims; and that the concession activity may be terminated in accordance with clause 18 above. Where the concession activity is terminated as a result of the land being required for the settlement of that claim, no compensation is payable to the concessionaire and the concessionaire agrees that it has no claim in law or equity or what so ever against the</p>	

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TONGARIRO/TAUPO CONSERVANCY

Land CLOSED to WARO

Location	Reason
Tongariro Forest Conservation Area (including Pukepoto Ecological Area)	Low-moderate deer numbers due in part to by-kill from aerial 1080 management regime. Deer numbers are at present maintained at these levels by recreational hunting and 1080 by-kill.
Rangataua Conservation Area and Rangataua No.2 Conservation Area	Parts of the area are very accessible to recreational hunters and receive moderate hunting pressure. Area has previously been closed to WARO and changing this would require consultation with Ngati Rangī that will not be completed in time for the September 2009 concessions.
Erua Forest Conservation Area	Low-moderate deer numbers due in part to aerial 1080 management regime. Deer numbers are at present maintained at these levels by recreational hunting and 1080 by-kill.
Opepe Scenic Reserve, Ohakune Lakes Scenic Reserve; Pakuri Scenic Reserve; Raurimu Scenic Reserve; Mangatepuhi Scenic Reserve; Hukupapa Scenic Reserve; Ohinetonga Scenic Reserve; Whakapapa Island Scenic Reserve; Whakapapa Marginal Strip; Waimarino Scientific Reserve; Rangataiki Conservation Area; Waituhi/Kuratau Scenic Reserve; All Lake Taupo Northern and Western lakeshore Reserves.	Many are too small to be worth considering. Boundary and neighbour issues likely to arise. Highly visible to the public in some sites. Few or no deer in some reserves.
Kaimanawa Forest Park gazetted as the Recreational Hunting Area in the North East of the Forest Park	Gazetted as a RHA under the WAC Act. Recreational hunting is the primary means of controlling deer. Policy under section 7.7 and 8.5 of the Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan.
Tongariro National Park outside south of the Makatuku and Waihouhounu Rivers	Areas with low deer density that can be maintained by recreational hunting; some parts likely to have boundary issues and be highly visible to the public (Raetihi Hill, Ohakune Mt Rd); some parts have ill defined boundaries with private land (area south of the Waihouhounu River).

JUSTIFICATIONS FOR RESTRICTIONS ON WARO OPERATING PERIODS

Area	Conditions	Reasons
Tongariro National Park	The Concessionaire shall only conduct the concession activity in the permitted area of Tongariro National Park during the period 1 May to 31 October (inclusive).	To avoid the periods of highest recreational visitor use and the roar period. Policy under section 4.4.3.6 of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (NPMP)
	Concessionaires are required to provide notification at least one day prior of their intention to operate to the Ruapehu Area Office, Private Bag, Whakapapa Village, Mount Ruapehu. Ph (07) 892 3729 or fax (07) 892 3814.	High visitor use and potential concern and reports of helicopter activity means DOC staff need to be aware when WAR is potentially taking place. Policy under section 4.4.3.6 of the Tongariro NPMP
	The Concessionaire shall provide harvest/hunting effort returns as requested to the Technical Support Officer based at the Tongariro Taupo Conservancy Office; Private Bag, Turangi. Ph (07) 386 8607 or fax (07) 386 7086.	Provides some information on animal abundance and WARO effectiveness. Policy under section 4.4.3.6 of the Tongariro NPMP
Kaimanawa Forest Park	The Concessionaire shall only conduct the concession activity in the permitted area of Kaimanawa Forest Park during the period 1 June to 31 October (inclusive).	To avoid period of high recreational hunter use (nationally important area), including the sika roar period.
	Concessionaires are required to	To be able to inform recreational hunter working group of upcoming WAR operations

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	<p>provide notification one month prior to the permitted operating period of their intention to operate to the Area Manager, Turangi Taupo Area based at Private Bag, Turangi. Ph (07) 892 3729 or fax (07) 892 3814.</p>	<p>prior to the operating season (in line with MOU with Hunter Working Group).</p>
	<p>The Concessionaire shall provide harvest/hunting effort returns as requested to the Technical Support Officer (Animal Threats) based at the Tongariro Taupo Conservancy Office; Private Bag, Turangi. Ph (07) 386 8607 or fax (07) 386 7086.</p>	<p>Provides some information on animal abundance and WARO effectiveness. To inform Recreational hunter working group who have an interest in deer management.</p>

WANGANUI CONSERVANCY

JUSTIFICATION FOR ‘OPEN’ WITH “SPECIAL CONDITIONS” AND ‘CLOSED’ AREAS

Location	Reason
Part Ruahine Forest Park (including part Ruahine Forest (West) Conservation Area) – open only during the period 1 May – 30 November (inclusive) annually.	The Ruahine Forest Park Conservation Management Plan (RFPCMP) favours the provision and encouragement of recreational hunting within the Park (5.2.7.i) and it has been long-standing practice in the Ruahine Range to have a restricted season for WARO, in those parts of the range that are open to this activity, to avoid conflict with recreational hunters and avoid times of high visitor use. The RFPCMP (5.1.9.) requires evidence of unacceptable levels of control before changes are made. Available evidence will be tested for “unacceptability” when the policies and practice are subjected to review and public consultation in the near future, via the review of the Conservancy’s Conservation Management Strategy.
Part Whanganui National Park in the area defined as ‘The River Trench’ - open only during the period 1 May – 30 September (inclusive) annually.	To minimise health and safety risks to others during periods when the Whanagnui River is most popular for other visitors (Whanganui National Park draft management plan 2006-2016, Section 4.2.1; Wanganui CMS section 31.3). This area receives high use by canoeists during October – April.
The area known as ‘one kilometre <u>buffer</u> strip along the Aorangi - Awarua boundary’ of the North West Ruahine Forest Park - closed	This area has traditionally been a closed area for WARO activity. Some consultation with iwi, deer stalkers/recreational hunters would be required if this area were to be opened up to helicopter hunting. Such consultation will be incorporated into the draft CMS development process and if warranted changes will then be sought to the WARO conditions.
Oroua to Pourangaki Catchments of the Ruahine Forest Park - closed	In addition to the reasons given for seasonal closure, that also apply to exclusion of these areas, section 4.2.2.of the RFPCMP identifies that these catchments have traditionally been closed to WARO. Evidence that recreational hunters are not controlling deer and that wild animal numbers are building to unacceptable levels is required before change is implemented. Evidence with respect to the degree of effectiveness of current hunting pressure will supplement a review and public consultation, of the approach, in the near future via the review of the Conservancy’s Conservation Management Strategy.
Takapari to Maharahara – south-western Ruahine Forest park - closed	The Ruahine Forest Park Conservation Management Plan (RFPCMP) favours the provision and encouragement of recreational hunting within the Park (5.2.7.i) and it has been long-standing practice in the Ruahine Range to have a restricted season for

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	<p>Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO), in those parts of the range that are open to this activity, to avoid conflict with recreational hunters and avoid times of high visitor use. The RFPCMP (5.1.9.) requires evidence of unacceptable levels of control before changes are made. Available evidence will be tested for “unacceptability” when the policies and practice are subjected to review and public consultation in the near future, via the review of the Conservancy’s Conservation Management Strategy.</p>
<p>The area one kilometre either side of the Mangapurua and Kaiwhakauka tracks within Whanganui National Park</p>	<p>To minimise health and safety risks to others during periods when the main tracks are most popular for other visitors (Whanganui National Park draft management plan 2006-2016, Section 4.2.1). This area receives high use by DOC staff year round. It is predicted to see an increase in mountain bike use of these tracks in the near future.</p> <p>“To control recreational and commercial hunting activities where necessary to... fairly allocate limited opportunities” (CMS section 31.3.1) - This area receives high use by recreational hunters year round as it is one of the few areas of the park that provides easy access.</p>
<p>All other areas of public conservation land not described in 1) or 2) above</p>	<p>To minimise health and safety risks to others (CMS section 31.3.1). The majority of the areas covered by this condition are small reserves bounded by private farmland. These areas are too small for effective aerial control and it would pose a safety risk to farm workers, neighbours and public using the reserves. Aerial shooting would also disrupt farm stock and interfere with other farming practices. Of exception are Egmont National Park and some larger areas in eastern Taranaki which do not contain feral deer.</p>

WELLINGTON/HAWKES BAY CONSERVANCY

Areas to be CLOSED

Location	Reason
<p>All areas of public conservation land within Wellington Hawke’s Bay Conservancy outside of Tararua Forest Park, Rimutaka Forest Park, and Ruahine Forest Park are closed - see below for closed areas within these three forest parks.</p>	<p>Deer absent or very low density of animals not adversely affecting conservation values.</p> <p>Mainly small conservation areas and are surrounded by freehold property and/or neighbouring farms and/or high use recreation areas.</p> <p>Public safety, camping, walking tracks, school camping\activities.</p>
<p>The following areas within and adjoining Tararua Forest Park are closed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Waiohine River catchment, • the Tauherenikau River catchment, • the Totara Creek catchment, and • the lower Atiwhakatu catchment; • Carrington Creek Conservation Area, • Boar Creek Conservation Area, • Telegraph Conservation Area, • the ridge from Ngamaia running 15 km to Mangahao River in the north • the area known as Otaki Forks, and • the North Manakau Rd entrance area. 	<p>Boundary and neighbour issues likely to arise.</p> <p>High year-round recreational use areas - concern for public safety and enjoyment of the area re camping, walking tracks, recreational hunters</p>
<p>The following areas within and adjoining Rimutaka Forest Park are closed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one kilometre each side of the Rimutaka Incline Walk 	<p>High year-round recreational use area - concern for public safety and enjoyment of the area.</p>
<p>The following areas within the Ruahine Forest Park are closed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Triplex/Waipawa area, Tamaki to Wharite Peak – south eastern ranges of the Ruahine Forest Park • The Sunrise Hut area • The Kashmir Road area 	<p>This area has traditionally been a closed area for WARO activity. Some consultation with iwi, deer stalkers/recreational hunters would be required if this area were to be opened up to helicopter hunting. Such consultation will be incorporated into the draft CMS development process and if warranted changes will then be sought</p>

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	to the WARO conditions.
Aorangi (Haurangi) Forest Park - Recreational Hunting Area Gazetted 17 th Jan 1986, No 11/3076, No 7 pg 220. is closed	The Concessionaire shall only conduct the Concession Activity on receipt of specific authorisation from the Conservator Wellington, and in conformity with section 27 of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977.
Kaweka Forest Park (including Recreational Hunting Area Gazetted 17 th Jan 1986, No 11/3076, No 7 pg 220) is closed	The RHA covers a large area of the Forest Park. Some consultation with iwi, deer stalkers/recreational hunters would be required if this area were to be opened up to helicopter hunting. Such consultation will be incorporated into the draft CMS development process and if warranted changes will then be sought to the WARO conditions.
All public conservation land within the Chatham Islands is closed	No deer present within the Chatham Islands.

OPEN AREAS WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Location	Special Conditions
<p>The concessionaire shall not conduct the concession activity in the available areas within the Ruahine Forest Park during the period 1 December – 30 April (inclusive) annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The concessionaire shall not conduct the concession activity without first notifying the Field Centre Supervisor based at Ongaonga, Phone (06) 856 6808 or Fax (06) 856 6709. 	<p>This area has traditionally been a closed area for WARO activity following consultation with recreational hunting groups (Forest Park Management Plan section 4.2.2). Some consultation with deer stalkers/recreational hunters/interest groups would be required if these areas were to be opened up to helicopter hunting. Such consultation will be incorporated into the draft CMS development process and if warranted changes will then be sought to the WARO conditions.</p>

NELSON MARLBOROUGH CONSERVANCY

Areas where landings are PROHIBITED

Location	Reason to decline	CMS/CMP
Cobb Valley and Mount Arthur Tablelands and buffer zone within Kahurangi National Park	The area is popular with and has a long history of recreational hunting and the Conservancy has invested considerable effort into building a good relationship with local deerstalkers. Allowing WARO activity would be likely to adversely affect a long standing relationship. Any proposed changes to the excluded boundaries will need to be discussed with the NZDA.	
The St Arnaud area and the Lake Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project Area of Nelson Lakes National Park	Excluded by NPMP	Excluded by Nelson Lakes NPMP, (Section 4.1, p.57, Implementation 4.3.18, p 79 and narrative on p. 74)
All land administered by the Department in the area known as 'Marlborough Sounds'.	A distinct environment of small, predominantly bush covered reserves interspersed with private land and accommodation.	
Farewell Spit Nature Reserve	The potential impact on wildlife values of the site (an internationally important area for migratory birds) and the gazetted airspace restriction on Farewell Spit.	
Puponga Farm Park Recreation Reserve	The land is a farm park with high levels of public usage.	

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Ferny Gair/Black Birch Conservation Area	The area is popular with and has a long history of recreational hunting and the Conservancy has a good relationship with local deerstalkers and recreationalists. Allowing WARO activity would be likely to adversely affect a long standing relationship. Any proposed changes to the excluded boundaries will need to be discussed with the NZDA.	
Molesworth Station Recreation Reserve	The lease with Landcorp precludes any aircraft landing outside of the farming operation.	
Tapuae O Uenuku Scenic Reserve	The area has high cultural values associated with the local Iwi. It is also a reserve with irregular boundaries adjacent to private land.	
Ka Whata Tu O Rakihouia – Grazing concession area.	There is a special lease for grazing held by the owner of Muzzle Station over Ka Whata Tu O Rakihouia Conservation Park. The lease gives the leaseholder the right to exclude aerial recovery of animals in the leasehold area and he has exercised this condition.	
Canaan Downs Scenic Reserve	Grazing licence in place and landing would interfere with stock management	
North West Nelson Forest Park	Access arrangement over a section of park for mining operation. Aircraft landing on site would conflict with mining activity.	
Abel Tasman National Park	Excluded by the Abel Tasman NPMP.	Excluded by Abel Tasman NPMP. A bylaw is in place although helicopter hunting for commercial deer recovery may be permitted for specific pest control programmes, of a set duration, where appropriate (Section 4.1.1.4. p.53 and implementation 8, p.59, Section 5.3.3.1.4. p.145)

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Kahurangi National Park one kilometre each side of Heaphy and Wangapeka Tracks (n.b. the prohibited zone is subject of a review of management plan)	Excluded by Management Plan	Excluded by Kahurangi NPMP (Implementation 21, p.79 and narrative on p. 76).

OPEN AREAS WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Location	Special Conditions
Nelson Lakes National Park	(Note exclusion zone above) no concession activity between 1 November and 31 May inclusive. (Implementation 4.4.18 and narrative on P.74 of Nelson Lakes NPMP)
Kahurangi National Park	Tasman Wilderness Area between dates of 1 December and 31 March inclusive (n.b. the subject of a review of management plan) (Implementation 24, p.79 of Kahurangi NPMP)
All land south of Wairau River	(note exclusion zones above) no concession activity with notifying South Marlborough Area Office
Uwerau Nature Reserve	No concession activity without written permission of South Marlborough Area Office

CANTERBURY CONSERVANCY

RESTRICTIONS & JUSTIFICATIONS

WAIMAKARIRI		
CLOSED AREAS TO WARO ACTIVITY – DEER CARCASS RECOVERY AND LIVE DEER CAPTURE		
Location	Reasons	CMS
That part of Lewis Pass Scenic Reserve, Lower Doubtful and Boyle Conservation Area and Poplars Conservation area in the Nina and Doubtful river catchments west of state highway 7.	High Public use and easily accessible to all recreational users. A small area of forest within in the Nina and Doubtful Catchments has also been excluded maintain a clear and defined boundary between recreational & WARO activity. (Using the state Highway as a boundary)	Section 5.2.8. Various animals pose threats to natural values in Canterbury. The most significant are: - impact of deer, tahr, and chamois on alpine, beech forest and sub-alpine vegetation. Control wild animals such as deer, pigs, chamois, and tahr in most areas by recreational hunters and /or commercial operators, unless monitoring shows this to be ineffective. Determine priority areas for wild animal control and relevant wild animal density thresholds based on their impacts on indigenous vegetation, and the significance of that vegetation.
That part of Lochinvar Forest Conservation Area in the catchment of the Esk River upstream of the confluence of Anderson Stream.	A small isolated piece of public conservation land surrounded by pastoral lease land.	APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: Red deer; Management tactics – Asset led.
That part of Molesworth Recreation Reserve that is currently leased by Molesworth Station.	Leased Area and WARO activity is excluded under the present terms of the lease	
St James Conservation Area (decision pending)	Still under review (public submission process), no decision has been made.	

RAUKAPUKA			
CLOSED AREAS TO WARO ACTIVITY – DEER CARCASS RECOVERY AND LIVE DEER CAPTURE			
Location		Reasons	CMS
North Waihao Conservation Area		The area is popular with and has a long history of recreational hunting and the Conservancy has invested considerable effort into building a good relationship with local recreational hunters and the local rural community. Allowing WARO activity would be likely to adversely affect a long standing relationship. Any proposed changes to the excluded boundaries will need to go through a consultation process with all stakeholders.	<p>Section 5.2.8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Various animals pose threats to natural values in Canterbury. The most significant are: - impact of deer, tahr, and chamois on alpine, beech forest and sub-alpine vegetation. ▪ Control wild animals such as deer, pigs, chamois, and tahr in most areas by recreational hunters and /or commercial operators, unless monitoring shows this to be ineffective. ▪ Determine priority areas for wild animal control and relevant wild animal density thresholds based on their impacts on indigenous vegetation, and the significance of that vegetation. <p>APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.</p>
Mount Studholme /Hook/Gunns Conservation Areas	Bush	Small clusters of public conservation land and very popular recreational areas. High public use, day walkers, mountain bikes, family and school events.	<p>Section 5.2.8.</p> <p>APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.</p>
Scenic Reserves along the Hunter Hills		Otaio Gorge SR, Mt Nimrod SR, Matata SR and Tasman Smith SR. very small areas. There is a high degree of front country with high recreational use in most of these areas.	<p>Section 5.2.8.</p> <p>APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.</p>

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Four Peaks Conservation Area	Isolated block, deer numbers are considered to be very low or non-existent. Subject to some recreational hunting.	Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.
Rata Peaks CA	Isolated block, small in size (900ha) with very low deer numbers.	Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.
Tenahaun CA and Mt Harper/ Mahaanui CA	Deer numbers are considered very low on both sites The PCL lands around the Mt Harper/Mahaanui experience high public usage in the spring and summer months.	Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.
Woolshed Creek/Mt Somers CA and Mt Alford CA (includes Ghost Stream CA and Sharplin falls SR) and Mt Hutt CA	Mt Somers Tracks are popular destination for both international and national visitors and receives high public use.	Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.
Clent Hills Conservation area, and corridor to Mt Somers.	The front faces of Clent Hills Conservation Area have been identified as high visual/use exposure to visitors travelling through the Ashburton Basin. And also the public utilising the tracks within this section of the Hakatere Park The area is popular with and has a long history of recreational hunting and the Conservancy has invested considerable effort into building a good relationship with local recreational hunters and the local rural community. Allowing WARO activity would be likely to adversely affect a long standing relationship. Any proposed changes to the excluded boundaries will need to go	. Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.

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	through a consultation process with all stakeholders.	
Mt Potts CA and Hakatere NHF (front faces)	This area is highly visible within a zone of high visitor use, both in terms of vehicle travel on the public road system and in terms of recreation users of the PCL. Lake Clearwater Wildlife Management Reserve forms a significant landscape element.	Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.
Sinclair Range (Mesopotamia CA and other areas of the Te Kahui Kaupeka Conservation Park)	The area is popular with and has a long history of recreational hunting and the Conservancy has invested considerable effort into building a good relationship with local recreational hunters and the local rural community. Allowing WARO activity would be likely to adversely affect a long standing relationship. Any proposed changes to the excluded boundaries will need to go through a consultation process with all stakeholders.	. Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.
All other small parcels of public conservation land ie marginal strips, riparian areas, lakes etc	Areas too small (ha), too narrow (<20m wide) for effective helicopter operations.	Section 5.2.8. APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.

TWIZEL/AORAKI – CLOSED AREAS TO WARO ACTIVITY – DEER CARCASS RECOVERY AND LIVE DEER CAPTURE		
Location	Reason	CMS & Pest Strategies
Lake Tekapo Scientific Reserve. Lake Pukaki Scientific Reserve. Ben Dhu Scientific Reserve Lake Alexandrina Scientific Area. Lindis Pass Scenic Reserve. Burke Pass Scenic Reserve. Glenbrook Conservation Area. Ben Omar Swamp. Glen Creek Block, Otamatapaio Conservation Area. Sunny Peak Conservation Area. Killermont Conservation Area. Quailburn Conservation Area. Lake Ruataniwha Conservation Area. Lake Pukaki Terminal Moraine. Godley Riverbed Conservation Area. Lilybank Road, Richmond Conservation Area. Lake Ohau Terminal Moraine Any marginal strip within the Twizel Area Office boundary.	Areas too small (ha), too narrow (<20m wide) for effective helicopter operations.	<p>Section 5.2.8. Various animals pose threats to natural values in Canterbury. The most significant are: - impact of deer, tahr, and chamois on alpine, beech forest and sub-alpine vegetation. Determine priority areas for wild animal control and relevant wild animal density thresholds based on their impacts on indigenous vegetation, and the significance of that vegetation.</p> <p>APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.</p>
Pukaki Flats Conservation Area Simons Hill Conservation Area Godley Valley, Aoraki Mt Cook National Park. Tasman Valley, Aoraki Mt Cook National Park. Hooker River, Aoraki Mt Cook National Park.	Areas with no red deer populations on site.	<p>Section 5.2.8. Various animals pose threats to natural values in Canterbury. The most significant are: - impact of deer, tahr, and chamois on alpine, beech forest and sub-alpine vegetation.</p> <p>APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.</p>
Otamatapaio Recreational Reserve	Areas that have high public use	<p>Section 5.2.8.</p>

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		<p>Various animals pose threats to natural values in Canterbury. The most significant are: - impact of deer, tahr, and chamois on alpine, beech forest and sub-alpine vegetation.</p> <p>Control wild animals such as deer, pigs, chamois, and tahr in most areas by recreational hunters and /or commercial operators, unless monitoring shows this to be ineffective.</p> <p>Determine priority areas for wild animal control and relevant wild animal density thresholds based on their impacts on indigenous vegetation, and the significance of that vegetation.</p>
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ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS TO AREAS OPEN FOR WARO ACTIVITY – DEER CARCASS RECOVERY AND LIVE DEER CAPTURE

Location	Reason	CMS & Pest Strategies
<p>All other land is open to WARO activity without any additional restrictions apart from closure during the Easter and Christmas period.</p>	<p>Deer pose a threat to natural values in Canterbury. Specifically; alpine, beech forest and sub-alpine vegetation.</p>	<p>Section 5.2.8. Various animals pose threats to natural values in Canterbury. The most significant are: - impact of deer, tahr, and chamois on alpine, beech forest and sub-alpine vegetation. Control wild animals such as deer, pigs, chamois, and tahr in most areas by recreational hunters and /or commercial operators, unless monitoring shows this to be ineffective. Determine priority areas for wild animal control and relevant wild animal density thresholds based on their impacts on indigenous vegetation, and the significance of that vegetation.</p> <p>APMS Canterbury 2006-2011 Appendix 6: red deer; management tactics – asset led.</p>

WEST COAST CONSERVANCY

NOT PERMITTED

Location	Condition	Reason
Kahurangi and Otukoro Topuni Areas	No activity to be conducted in these areas.	Culturally significant topuni sites.
Tititea (Mount Aspiring) Topuni Area – Mount Aspiring National Park	No activity to be conducted in this area	Culturally significant topuni area
Kahurangi National Park	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity within one kilometre on either side of the Heaphy and Wangapeka Tracks within Kahurangi National Park. (Please note that this currently forms part of a partial review of the Kahurangi National Park Management Plan and the distance may be reduced as part of the process. If this eventuates then all WARO concessionaires will be advised accordingly).	This restriction is currently included in the management plan and the area has high public use. The management plan is currently being reviewed and the distance may be reduced.
Westland Petrel Colony located within Paparoa National Park and Conservation Area	No activity to be conducted in this area.	This restriction is due to the significant bird habitat and CAA restricted area.

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Location	Condition	Reason /CMS Provision
All West Coast <i>Tai Poutini</i> Conservancy (permitted areas)	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in all areas in the West Coast <i>Tai Poutini</i> Conservancy between the period 23 March to 20 April (inclusive) annually.	This restriction is due to the significant volumes of aircraft use/ traffic in the Area.
Westland <i>Tai Poutini</i> National Park	The Concessionaire shall prior to carrying out any activity in Westland <i>Tai Poutini</i> National Park shall notify the Department of Conservation Franz Josef <i>Waiau</i> or South Westland <i>Weheka</i> Area Offices and the Mount Cook and Westland National Parks Aircraft User Group of the aircraft to be used, the location where flying is to occur and the approximate of times they will be operating in the Park.	
Kahurangi National Park	The Concessionaire shall not conduct activity in Kahurangi National Park during the period 22 December to 5 January (inclusive) annually.	This restriction is because of the high public use during this period.
Kahurangi National Park – Tasman Wilderness Area	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in that part of the Kahurangi National Park known as the Tasman Wilderness Area during the period 1 December to 31 March (inclusive) annually. Please note that this currently forms part of a partial review of the Kahurangi National Park Management Plan and the conditions of use may change as a result of that process. If this eventuates then all WARO concessionaires will be advised accordingly.	This restriction is currently included in the management plan. The management plan is currently being reviewed and the conditions of use may change.
Hooker /Landsborough Wilderness Area and Adams Wilderness Area	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in the Hooker/Landsborough and Adams Wilderness Areas during the period from the last weekend in April to the last weekend in July (inclusive) annually.	This restriction is in accordance with Himalayan Tahr Control Plan objectives namely the objectives for recreational hunting to contribute to tahr control.
Olivine Wilderness Area within the Mount Aspiring National Park	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in the Olivine Wilderness Area during the period 1 December to 31 March (inclusive) annually.	The Mount Aspiring Management Plan provides that wild animal recovery control will be carried out by private hunters. Aerial operators should be restricted

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		to outside the main period when visitors are likely to be in the wilderness area (i.e. 1 December to 31 March inclusive)
Mount Aspiring National Park	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in The Mount Aspiring National Park from the 23 of March to the 20 of April (inclusive) annually.	The draft Mount Aspiring National Park Management Plan proposes the restrictions. This is related to the recreational hunting opportunity.
Okarito South Forest (“Kiwi zone”) being Westland <i>Tai Poutini</i> National Park	The Concessionaire shall not access the Waiho Valley to Fox Glacier Valley, including the Omoeroa and Waikukupa valleys, east of State Highway 6 and the Okarito South Forest (“Kiwi zone”) being Westland <i>Tai Poutini</i> National Park for the purpose of carrying out wild animal recovery operations without the prior written permission from the Conservator, West Coast <i>Tai Poutini</i> Conservancy.	This is an intensive conservation management area for Rowi with high staff use.
Waiho Valley to Fox Glacier Valley, including the Omoeroa and Waikukupa valleys, east of State Highway being Westland <i>Tai Poutini</i> National Park	The Concessionaire shall not access the Waiho Valley to Fox Glacier Valley, including the Omoeroa and Waikukupa valleys, east of State Highway 6 and the Okarito South Forest (“Kiwi zone”) being Westland <i>Tai Poutini</i> National Park for the purpose of carrying out wild animal recovery operations without the prior written permission from the Conservator, West Coast <i>Tai Poutini</i> Conservancy.	This is an area of intense and significant levels of aircraft use.
Waitangirotto Nature Reserve and adjoining public conservation land.	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in the Waitangirotto Nature Reserve and adjoining conservation areas identified in the CAA, NOTAM without the prior written permission of the Conservator (West Coast <i>Tai Poutini</i>), which may be granted subject to special conditions.	The area has significant conservation values and bird habitat. The area has a Civil Aviation Authority NOTAM.

OTAGO CONSERVANCY

AREAS TO BE CLOSED

CENTRAL OTAGO		
Location	Reason	CMS – 21.1 Otago Animal Pests – control strategy for animals pests
Bains Conservation Area Kopuwai Conservation Area Mt Bengier Scenic Reserve Old Woman Conservation Area Lauder Basin Conservation Area Remarkables Conservation Area (part) Long Gully Conservation Area Bendigo Scenic Reserve, Historic Reserve and Conservation Area Oteake Conservation Park Earnsclough Dredge Tailings Historic Reserve Cromwell Chafer Beetle Reserve Serpentine Wildlife Management Reserve Conservation Area – Taieri Lake McKay Creek Scenic Reserve Blue Lake Recreation Reserve Canadian Flats Wildlife Management Reserve Bannockburn Sluicings Historic Reserve Old Man Range Scenic Reserve Fiddlers Flat Conservation Area Ardgour Conservation Area Michael Peak Conservation Area	<p>These areas were not included in the first round of WARO permits.</p> <p>The large tussock blocks are popular with recreational users such as hunters, 4WD clubs, fishermen, mountain bikers, trampers/walkers and people wanting a peaceful outdoor experience.</p> <p>Some of these areas are also used by guiding concessionaires including 4WD safaris.</p> <p>No consultation has occurred with any of these users concerning the possibility of allowing WARO activity over these areas. It is considered that consultation should be undertaken before a decision is made which would change the current position of not allowing WARO activity on these areas.</p>	<p>Red deer - recreational hunters will be given every encouragement to control numbers to non-impacting levels. Commercial helicopter hunting will be confined to the western mountain areas of conservancy and the Catlins. Provided animal numbers are maintained by recreational hunters at or below present low levels commercial helicopter operations will not be extended over balance of conservancy. Commercial aerial operations suspended across conservancy during Easter period for recreational hunter "roar" opportunity.</p>

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<p>Serpentine Scenic Reserve Flat Top Hill Conservation Area Manorburn Conservation Area Waikerikeri Conservation Area Aldinga Conservation Area Michael Peak(Freehold Area) Manourburn Conservation Area Lindis Conservation Area Mt Bengers Conservation Area Lindis Group All Conservation Areas and Reserves less than 50 hectares in area.</p>	<p>Our new CMS is pending and this would be the most suitable mechanism to conduct appropriate consultation.</p> <p>Other areas have no deer (e.g. Earnscleugh Dredge Tailings Historic Reserve, Cromwell Chafer Beetle Reserve) or some are located close to houses and built up areas.</p> <p>There are some areas that are small and are not suitable for WARO.</p>	
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WAKATIPU		
Location	Reason	CMS – 21.1 Otago Animal Pests – control strategy for animals pests
Te Koroka/ Slip Stream Special Area	These sites are either high public use (e.g. Ben Lomond/Moke Lake), areas where the activity could adversely impact the public (e.g. Tuckers Beach- which is getting on for urban fringe now),	Red deer - recreational hunters will be given every encouragement to control numbers to non-impacting levels. Commercial helicopter hunting will be confined to the western mountain areas of Conservancy and the Catlins. Provided animal numbers are maintained by recreational hunters at or below present low levels
Pikirakatahi Topuni Area		
Rastus Burn Recreation Reserve		
Slapjacks/ Mt Difficulty Conservation Area		
Ben Lomond Scenic Reserve		

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Tuckers Beach Wildlife Management Reserve	have no deer (e.g. Rastus Burn) or are small areas where the boundaries on the ground are ill-defined between reserve and surrounding land (e.g. Slapjacks).	commercial helicopter operations will not be extended over balance of conservancy. Commercial aerial operations suspended across conservancy during Easter period for recreational hunter "roar" opportunity.
Moke Lake Recreation Reserve	Or a combination- e.g. high public use/no deer in the Remarkables ski field.	White-tail deer - area and species currently under a hunting moratorium.
<p>North Motatapu Conservation Area. Slip Stream, Dart Valley - Mount Aspiring National Park. Caples, Greenstone Valleys gazetted Recreational Hunting Area. Gift and Lease Back Land High Country Stations ex Ngai Tahu. Whitetail Moratorium Area (being the Lower Dart Conservation Area, Mt Alfred, Earnslaw Burn, Diamond Lake Reserves.</p>	<p>These areas are also popular with recreational users such as hunters, 4WD clubs, fishermen, mountain bikers, trampers/walkers and people wanting a peaceful outdoor experience.</p>	<p>Fallow deer - greenstone/Caples forms part of a formally gazetted Recreational hunting area. Hunting may be by balloted permit only and confined seasonally. Further liaison with deerstalker groups will be undertaken to refine objectives and management. Recreational hunting will continue to be primary control source in all established fallow herds in Otago.</p>
Pikirakitahi Topuni)	Some of these areas are also used by recreation/tourism concessionaires.	
Kinloch Forest Conservation Area and Scenic Reserve	No consultation has occurred with any of these users concerning the possibility of allowing WARO activity over these areas. It is considered that consultation should be undertaken before a decision is made which would change the current position of not allowing WARO activity on these areas.	
Mt Nicholas Conservation Area		
Hanley Faces Conservation Area		
Devils Creek Conservation Area (Mt Dewar)		
Remarkables Conservation Area		
Woodbine Conservation Area		
Mount Aurum Recreation Reserve		
Shotover Conservation Area		
Coronet Peak Recreation Reserve		
Te Kere Haka Scenic Reserve		
Glen Allen Scenic Reserve		
Mount Crichton Scenic Reserve		
Whakaari Conservation Area		
Lake Rere Rec Reserve		
Ballarat Creek Conservation Area		

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Lake Hayes Wildlife Refuge		
All Conservation Areas and Reserve less than 50 hectares in area.		

WANAKA		
Location	Reason	CMS – 21.1 Otago Animal Pests – control strategy for animals pests
<p>Tititea (Mount Aspiring) Topuni Area – Mount Aspiring National Park.</p> <p>Turihuka Conservation Area, Awa Nohoaka Conservation Area, Manuhaea Conservation Area, Matatiaho Conservation Area, Roadside Attraction Reserve, Riverside Attraction Reserve, Diamond Lake Conservation Area, Hospital Flat Conservation Area, Glendhu Bluff Conservation Area, Matakītaki Bluff Conservation Area, Motatapu Bluffs Conservation Area, Colquhouns Flat Conservation Area, Station Creek Conservation Area, Minaret Burn Mouth Conservation Area, Rumbling Burn Conservation Area, Matakītaki Wetland Reserve, Coal Creek Conservation Area, Short Spur Conservation Area, Lindis Conservation Area (including Longslip Tenure Review outcome), Sandy Point Conservation Area, Mou Waho, Mou Tapu, Te Peka Karara, Locharburn Scenic Reserve, Alfern Creek Scenic Reserve, Luggate Creek Scenic</p>	<p>Mainly small conservation areas established through tenure review outcomes and are surrounded by freehold property and/or high use recreation areas.</p> <p>These areas are popular with recreational users such as hunters, 4WD clubs, fishermen, mountain bikers, trampers/walkers and people wanting a peaceful outdoor experience.</p> <p>Some of these areas are also used by guiding concessionaires including 4WD safaris.</p> <p>No consultation has occurred with any of these users concerning the possibility of allowing WARO activity over these areas. It is considered that consultation should be undertaken before a decision is made which would change the current position of not allowing WARO activity on these areas.</p>	<p>Red deer - recreational hunters will be given every encouragement to control numbers to non-impacting levels. Commercial helicopter hunting will be confined to the western mountain areas of conservancy and the Catlins. Provided animal numbers are maintained by recreational hunters at or below present low levels commercial helicopter operations will not be extended over balance of conservancy. Commercial aerial operations suspended across conservancy during high usage periods for recreational hunter "roar" opportunity.</p>

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Reserve, Fall Burn Scenic Reserve, Lindis Pass Scenic Reserve, Hunter River Conservation Area, Motatapu Conservation Area, Lake Hawea Western Shore Conservation Area Conservation Area – Clutha River/North Side Mt Iron Scenic Reserve (public & maintenance access) Rutherfords Conservation Area Hikuwai Conservation Area Dublin Bay Outlet Town Rec Reserve Boundary Creek Scenic Reserve		
Part Hawea Conservation Park referred to as CAHC	Exclusion of commercial hunting is a condition of the tenure review outcome for Dingleburn Station as an exclusive concession has been granted as part of that process.	
The Stack Conservation Area	Proximity of this area to rural development and the high recreational use through the core of the conservation areas would be at conflict if wild animal recovery activities were permitted within this reserve.	
All Conservation Areas and Reserves less than 50 hectares is to be closed	Too small to allow WARO activities and many have no deer in them.	

COASTAL OTAGO

Location	Reason	CMS – 21.1 Otago Animal Pests – control strategy for animals pests
Kakaunui Conservation Area, Te Papanui Conservation Park Rock and Pillar Conservation Area and Scenic Reserve Waianakarua Scenic Reserve Matakaea Recreation Reserve Onewhenua Historic Reserve	These areas are popular with recreational users such as hunters, 4WD clubs, fishermen, mountain bikers, trampers/walkers and people wanting a peaceful outdoor experience.	Red deer – recreational hunters will be given every encouragement to control numbers to non-impacting levels. Commercial helicopter hunting will be confined to the western mountain areas of Conservancy and the Catlins. Provided animal numbers are maintained by recreational hunters at or below present low levels commercial helicopter operations will not be

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<p>(Matakaea Topuni) Maukaatua Scenic Reserve – Topuni Area Silver Peaks Scenic Reserve</p>	<p>Some of these areas are also used by guiding concessionaires including 4WD safaris.</p> <p>No consultation has occurred with any of these users concerning the possibility of allowing WARO activity over these areas. It is considered that consultation should be undertaken before a decision is made which would change the current position of not allowing WARO activity on these areas.</p>	<p>extended over balance of Conservancy. Commercial aerial operations suspended across conservancy during Easter period for recreational hunter “roar” opportunity.</p>
<p>Conservation Area – Town of Nenthorn Macraes Bog Pine Scenic Reserve Deighton Creek Nature Reserve Redbank Scenic Reserve</p>	<p>The Macraes areas do not now allow for any hunting by our public permit system. Owing to the sensitivity and the presence of staff and other research programmes by other agencies (Landcare Research) in the area 7 days a week any commercial operation of this nature is likely to compromise the safety of staff and others.</p>	
<p>Conservation Area – Frasers Conservation Area – Kakaho Bush</p>	<p>The location of these areas is in the Herbert forest and the fact that they are very small and totally bush covered would not allow any type of aerial animal operation and should not even be shown as a possible for this type of concession.</p>	
<p>Glendhu Tussock Reserve</p>	<p>The addition of the Castle Dent T\R area to Te Papanui boundaries on to the Glendhu Tussock Reserve. This makes the area continuous with the Te Papanui Conservation Park which has been excluded from WARO. In addition there is a safety issue in relation to Glendhu reserve area</p>	

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	also which has an extensive roading system related to Rayonier Forests operational work.	
Mill Creek Scenic Reserve Waipori Falls Scenic Reserve Conservation Area – Kowhai Spur	These areas are managed in conjunction with the Mangatua Reserve and for the reasons below are excluded from WARO. There are extensive forestry operations surrounding the areas, public walking tracks, Scattered picnic grounds, public roads through the middle of the area, river use for sporting activities by schools and various clubs and the location of township at the head of the reserve. (public safety of all persons on roads, tracks, rec users etc)	
Tuapeka West Scenic Reserve	Small reserve that is surrounded by private farm land.	
Samson Hill Scenic Reserve	Area under 50ha should be excluded – too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Conservation Area – Munro’s Gully Bush Reserve	Area under 50ha should be excluded – too small for effective helicopter operations – would only encourage poaching of adjoining private land.	
Conservation Area – Glencoe Scenic Reserve	Public safety, camping, walking tracks, school camping \ activities.	
Conservation Area – Otago Pioneer Quartz (OPQ) “Historic Reserve”	Area too small for effective helicopter operations. No wild animal population in area.	
Katanga Conservation Area False Islet Recreation Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations.	

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Shepherds Hut and Stony Creek Wildlife Mgt Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations. No wild animal population in area.	
Nugget Point Lighthouse Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations. Public safety. No wild animal population in area.	
Owaka Valley Scenic Reserve	Area under 50ha should be excluded – too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Gabriels Gully Historic Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations. Public safety, walking tracks picnic grounds, viewing sites.	
Wilsons Scenic Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations. No wild animal population in area.	
Hawksbury Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Lake Waipori Wildlife Management Reserve	Wildlife Refuge	
Tunnel Rocks Scenic Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations. No wild animal population in area.	
Kaitangata Conservation Area	Area too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Conservation Area – Trotters (Ex Herbert Forest)	Area too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Conservation Area – Bush Reserve (Gabriels Gully)	Area too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Conservation Area – Boulder Beach / Highcliff Block	No wild animal population in area. Public Safety issues Wildlife area.	
Oamaru Recreation Reserve (Oamaru	Oamaru Racecourse	

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Racecourse)		
Deep Creek Scenic Reserve	Part of Te Papanui already excluded	
Allison Conservation Area	Area too small for effective helicopter operations – issue with forestry activity\roads.	
Burns Park Scenic Reserve	Too small for effective helicopter operations – area within Dunedin City – public safety	
Conservation Area – Oteake River	Area too small for effective helicopter operations, all riverbed – No wild animal population in area. Part area is leased for grazing.	
Conservation Area – Maerewhenua River	Small scrub covered riverbed areas in among private farm lands	
Conservation Area – Otekaieke River	Small scrub covered riverbed areas in among private farm lands	
Waipori/Waihola Wildlife Management Reserve	Wild life area (birds only)	
Conservation Area – Otekaieke River	Small scrub covered riverbed areas in among private farm lands	
Conservation Area – Trotters Block	Area to small for activity, safety issue with surrounding forestry	
Black Rock Scientific Reserve	Tussock area surrounded by stocked farmland, power generation activities , public road through centre	
Sutton Salt Lake Scenic Reserve	Small tussock area surrounded by stocked farmland, neighbouring houses, walking track, part leased for grazing, no wild animals.	
Trotters Gorge Scenic Reserve	Safety issues with public use, tracks\picnic grounds, university hut and grounds within reserve area.	

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Pigeon Bush Scenic Res	Area too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Conservation Area – Sandfly Bay	1. Protected Wild life area. 2. No wild animal population in area.	
Stony Stream Scenic Reserve	Tussock area surrounded by stocked farmland	
Conservation Area – Hope Hill Scenic Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Bowlers Creek Scenic Reserve	Area too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Conservation Area – Razorback Ridge / Kurunui Creek	Area should be excluded – too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Cotton Scenic Reserve	Small tussock and pine area in middle of Landcorp farm no wild animals present.	
Sandymount Recreation Reserve	Safety issues with public use no wild animals present. Adjacent to Yellow Eyed Penguin areas	
Chalkies Scenic Reserve	Area should be excluded – too small for effective helicopter operations..	
Pioneer Stream Historic Reserve	Small tussock and pine area in middle of Landcorp farm no wild animals present.	
Purakaunui Falls Scenic Reserve	Safety issues with public use	
Orokonui Nature Reserve	Wildlife reserve vested Not Doc control	
Papatowai Scenic Reserve	Public safety – roads, walking tracks	
Big Bush Conservation Area	Issue with rec hunters and forestry activities	
Purakaunui Bay Scenic Reserve	Safety issues with public use	
William King Scenic Reserve	Public Safety issues, forestry activities\roading	

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Tautuku Bay Scenic Reserve	Public safety –walking tracks & outdoor education facility	
Taieri Gorge/Outram Glen Scenic Reserve (Part)	Public Safety walking tracks, Area too small to accommodate activity.	
Otago Central Rail Trail	Safety issues with public use	
Conservation Area – Waipati Estuary	Area under 50ha should be excluded – too small for effective helicopter operations.	
Allans Beach Recreation Reserve	Protected wild life. Public safety. No wild animals	
Puerua Wildlife Management Reserve	Wildlife area	
Aramoana Ecological Area	Within Dunedin City limits, Dwellings	
Every Conservation Area and Reserve less than 50 hectares is to be closed	No deer and too small for WARO.	

OPEN AREAS WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS

WANAKA	
Location	Special Conditions
Albert Burn Conservation Area West Wanaka Conservation Area Mt Alta Conservation Area McKerrow Conservation Area Hawea Conservation Park, excluding CAHC Pisa Conservation Area Mount Aspiring National Park – All	No activity from 23 March to 20 April inclusive No activity from 22 December to 5 January inclusive. The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in Mount Aspiring National Park within 500 metres each side of the Gillespie Pass Circuit Track (Young/Siberia/ Wikin/ Valleys) and the West Matukituki track (below Pearl Flat) This restriction period is to reduce conflict during the South Westland ROAR ballot block period. This is the most significant recreational hunting event annually and is reflected in the draft Mt Aspiring National Park Management Plan. To minimise confusion this restriction would apply to all of Mt Aspiring National

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	Park within the Otago Conservancy but only the South Westland ROAR ballot blocks in the National Park within West Coast Conservancy.
Mount Aspiring National Park – Olivine Wilderness Area	No activity from 23 March to 20 April inclusive No activity from 22 December to 5 January inclusive.

WAKATIPU	
Location	Special Conditions
Pisa Conservation Area	No activity from 23 March to 20 April inclusive No activity from 22 December to 5 January inclusive.
Mount Aspiring National Park	<p>The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in Mount Aspiring National Park within 500 metres each side of the Routeburn Track, the Dart/Rees Track</p> <p>No activity from 23 March to 20 April inclusive No activity from 22 December to 5 January inclusive.</p> <p>This restriction period is to reduce conflict during the South Westland ROAR ballot block period. This is the most significant recreational hunting event annually and is reflected in the draft Mt Aspiring National Park Management Plan. To minimise confusion this restriction would apply to all of Mt Aspiring National Park within the Otago Conservancy but only the South Westland ROAR ballot blocks in the National Park within West Coast Conservancy. .</p>

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COASTAL OTAGO	
Location	Special Conditions
Conservation Area - Maclellan Forest Catlins Conservation Park Glenomaru Valley Scenic Reserve Chaslands Scenic Reserve Conservation Area - Maclellan Forest Waipati Beach Scenic Reserve Conservation Area - Tautuku Forest Tahakopa Bay Scenic Reserve Table Hill Scenic Reserve Conservation Area - Stott Acquisition Conservation Area - Tahakopa (Table Ridge) Warepa Scenic Reserve	No activity from 23 March to 20 April inclusive No activity from 22 December to 5 January inclusive.

SOUTHLAND CONSERVANCY

SOUTHLAND AREAS WHICH ARE CLOSED

MURIHIKU AREA		
Location	Reason	CMS
Longwoods Forest and Woodlaw Forest Conservation Areas	Agreement with local deerstalkers to have available for training ground for young hunters. Low density of animals not adversely affecting conservation values. Deer numbers are able to be maintained at low densities by recreational hunting over the next five years. Areas valued for recreational hunting.	Recreational hunting is a popular activity within the Southland Conservancy. The value of recreational hunting in the control of wild animals appears to be one of maintaining rather than reducing populations. For this reason recreational hunting will be encouraged to control numbers to non-impacting levels.
Leithan Bush Scenic Reserve	Area surrounded in pastoral land. Proximity of this area to rural development and high recreation use would conflict with wild animal recovery activities.	
Waikaia Bush Scenic Reserve	A large part of this area is adjacent to pastoral land. Proximity of this area to rural development and the high recreation use would conflict with wild animal recovery activities.	
Recreational Hunting Area – Blue Mountains Forest, Conservation Area	RHA hunting area. A valued hunting area. Managed by a balloted block system. The Conservation Area gets extensive use by recreational hunters and it is considered there will not be any gains by allowing WARO operations in this area, only complaints\objections from rec	

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	hunters\neighbours etc. (safety of rec hunters not visible under canopy).	
The 'Waitutu Incorporation' Freehold Block sited along the southern coastline between the Waiauarahiri and Waitutu Rivers and managed 'as if it were national park held under the National Parks Act 1980: pursuant to a Deed of Covenant dated 29 th March 1996"	While this land is managed as National Park it is not the Departments land to permit.	
All conservation Areas, Reserves and Marginal Strips that are entirely within a New Zealand Food Safety Authority 2km buffer zone.	Advisory note New Zealand Food Safety Authority 2km buffer zone. Any export of deer without the appropriate documentation imperils the industry. Operators can not legally export deer taken from public conservation land within the pesticide buffer distance of other land unless they have a pesticides declaration from these other landowner or owners. Given that the operators will struggle to get such declarations from neighbouring farmers all areas that do not have a clear 2km from the boundary to the huntable area have been excluded.	See Southlands Mapping

SOUTHERN ISLANDS AREA		
Location	Reason	CMS
All Islands adjacent to Stewart Island and all Sub Antarctic Islands	No deer on these Islands.	Recreational hunting is popular on Stewart Island and is the only area administered by the Department where white-tailed deer hunting is sought after.
All Stewart Island/Rakiura	WARO activity is minimal on Stewart Island	

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National Park	and each application will be handled by way of one-off concession.	It should be noted that recreational hunting is the main animal control. The area is not suitable for aerial animal control due to density of canopy. Only attracts minimal WARO per year.
Solander Island	No deer on this Island.	

TE ANAU AREA		
Location	Reason	CMS
The Islands of Chalky, Breaksea, Resolution, Anchor, Secretary and the Passage Islands Group (Chalky Inlet) – Fiordland National Park	These islands either have no deer on them or are currently undergoing a restoration programme, with the removal of all unwanted mammals.	Recreational hunting is a popular activity within the Southland Conservancy. The value of recreational hunting in the control of wild animals appears to be one of maintaining rather than reducing populations. For this reason recreational hunting will be encouraged to control numbers to non-impacting levels.
Murchison Mountains Special Takahe Area	Specially protected area of takahe – entry by permit only.	
Burwood Bush (Red Tussock) Scientific Reserve	Specially protected area for raising takahe.	
The Wapiti Area of Fiordland National Park	<p>It is appropriate to manage the permitting of animal control within the Wapiti Area at a Conservancy Level rather than including in the national process.</p> <p>Previously the Wapiti Area has been included in all WARO permits with an extensive list of special conditions. An animal control programme is currently being undertaken by the Wapiti Foundation with approval from the Department in this area which has resulted in the area been closed to WARO for the last three years.</p> <p>An application for the long term management of this area has been lodged with the Department.</p>	
All Conservation Areas,	Advisory note New Zealand Food Safety Authority 2km buffer zone.	See Southlands Mapping

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<p>Reserves and Marginal Strips that are entirely within a New Zealand Food Safety Authority 2km buffer zone.</p>	<p>Any export of deer without the appropriate documentation imperils the industry. They can not legally export deer taken from public conservation land within the pesticide buffer distance of other land unless they have a pesticides declaration from these other landowner or owners. Given that the operators will struggle to get such declarations from neighbouring farmers all areas that do not have a clear 2km from the boundary to the huntable area have been excluded. These areas have minimal deer numbers which can be easily kept at low levels by recreational hunters.</p>	
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SOUTHLAND OPEN AREAS WITH CONDITIONS

SOUTHLAND CONSERVANCY GENERAL		
Location	Proposed Condition	Reason /CMS Provision
<p>All Areas of Southland Conservancy</p>	<p>All areas of Southland Conservancy including Fiordland National Park, the concessionaires shall not conduct the concession activity on any area open to wild animal recovery operations, from 23 March to 20 April (inclusive) annually.</p>	<p>Commercial aerial operations suspended across Conservancy during high usage periods for recreational hunter "roar" opportunity.</p>
	<p>The Grantor, Southland Conservancy, reserves the right to vary, suspend or terminate all activities authorised by this Concession within Southland Conservancy.</p>	<p>Provide flexibility to Southland Conservancy should other control options require management of the WARO effort. For example Department control programmes are currently being undertaken in the Murchison Mountains, Secretary Island and Resolution Island. As well as Community Group programmes are being undertaken on Coal and Pomona Island as the Wapiti Area.</p>

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MURIHIKU AREA		
Location	Proposed Condition	Reason /CMS Provision
Waituna/Awarua Wetland	The Concessionaire shall NOT conduct any activity within the Waituna/Awarua Wetland area between 1 May and 31 July annually.	Commercial aerial operations suspended across this area during high usage periods for duck shooting.
Hump Ridge Track	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in Fiordland National Park within 500 metres each side of the Routeburn, Milford, Kepler, Hollyford and the Hump Ridge Track during the annual season from Labour Weekend to April 30 (inclusive) annually.	Public Safety. This area has high public use. The activity would be highly visible to the public.
Takitimu Range (Topuni Area)	The Concessionaire shall only conduct the concession activity in the Takitimu Range (Plan MS 5) and Tutuko (Plan MS 3) Topuni Areas and - Hananui (Mount Anglem) Statutory Acknowledgement Area as described in the Ngai Tahu Deed of Settlement (Plan MS 264) - subject to the following conditions: A. The Concessionaire shall remove all animals whole from the areas stated above. B. The Concessionaire shall not dispose of any human or animal waste within the areas stated above.	As per condition within the Deed of Settlement.

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SOUTHERN ISLANDS AREA		
Location	Proposed Condition	Reason /CMS Provision
All Southern Islands Area (excluding closed area)	<p>At all times the Concessionaire shall notify the Field Centre Supervisor based on Stewart Island (ph 03 219002 fax 03 219 003) before carrying out Wild Animal Recovery Operations.</p> <p>The Concessionaire shall only conduct the Activity in authorised areas of Stewart Island/Rakiura during the period 1 June - 31 January (inclusive) annually provided that:</p> <p>The Concessionaire ensures by contacting the Field Centre Supervisor based on Stewart Island/Rakiura, phone 03 219 0002, fax 03 219 0003, that the area referred to is not booked by recreational ground hunters over the period when the Concessionaire wants to conduct the Concession Activity. The Supervisor is to be contacted within the two weeks prior to proposed Wild Animal Recovery Operation being undertaken.</p> <p>Any specific coastal hunting blocks already booked by recreational ground hunters shall not be available for Wild Animal Recovery Operations by the Concessionaire.</p> <p>Recreational ground hunters may still book the same hunting block after the Wild Animal Recovery Operation has been approved and be present in the area when a Wild Animal Recovery Operations takes place</p>	This is to ensure the areas to be hunted are not already occupied by a recreational hunter.

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	<p>The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in any specific coastal hunting block of Stewart Island/Rakiura during the period 1 February – 30 May (inclusive) annually.</p>	<p>This is the period of the rut (which is longer than the red deer ROAR). It brings the bulk of the recreational hunters to the Island which is the main form of animal control on the Island. (Stewart Island/Rakiura is not good hunting for WARO due to the density of the canopy).</p>
<p>Hananui (Mount Anglem) (Statutory Acknowledgement Area)</p>	<p>The Concessionaire shall only conduct the concession activity in the Takitimu Range (Plan MS 5) and Tutuko (Plan MS 3) Topuni Areas and - Hananui (Mount Anglem) Statutory Acknowledgement Area as described in the Ngai Tahu Deed of Settlement (Plan MS 264) - subject to the following conditions: A. The Concessionaire shall remove all animals whole from the areas stated above. Bathe Concessionaire shall not dispose of any human or animal waste within the areas stated above.</p>	<p>As per condition within the Deed of Settlement.</p>

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TE ANAU AREA		
Location	Proposed Condition	Reason /CMS Provision
All Te Anau Area (excluding closed areas)	The Concessionaire within 10 days of taking deer from Fiordland National Park shall provide the Te Anau Area Manager, Department of Conservation with the Global Positioning System waypoints of each deer killed, (in an electronic form acceptable to the Grantor).	
Routeburn, Milford, Kepler and Hollyford Tracks.	The Concessionaire shall not conduct the Concession Activity in Fiordland National Park within 500 metres each side of the Routeburn, Milford, Kepler, Hollyford and the Hump Ridge Track during the annual season from Labour Weekend to April 30 (inclusive) annually.	Public safety. This area has high public use. The activity would be highly visible to the public.
Tutuko (Topuni Area)	The Concessionaire shall only conduct the concession activity in the Takitimu Range (Plan MS 5) and Tutuko (Plan MS 3) Topuni Areas and - Hananui (Mount Anglem) Statutory Acknowledgement Area as described in the Ngai Tahu Deed of Settlement (Plan MS 264) - subject to the following conditions: A. The Concessionaire shall remove all animals whole from the areas stated above. Bathe Concessionaire shall not dispose of any human or animal waste within the areas stated above.	As per condition within the Deed of Settlement.

SOUTHLAND AREAS NOW CLOSED THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY OPEN

These areas were not previously closed, however this is as a result of a much more thorough review of areas, and it is recommended they are closed to ensure there is no confusion about where approved WARO operators can or cannot go

FOR ALL AREAS OF SOUTHLAND CONSERVANCY:	
Location	Reason
All Conservation Areas, Reserves and Marginal Strips that are entirely within a New Zealand Food Safety Authority 2km buffer zone.	Advisory note New Zealand Food Safety Authority 2km buffer zone. Any export of deer without the appropriate documentation imperils the industry. They can not legally export deer taken from public conservation land within the pesticide buffer distance of other land unless they have a pesticides declaration from these other landowner or owners. Given that the operators will struggle to get such declarations from neighbouring farmers all areas that do not have a clear 2km from the boundary to the huntable area have been excluded. These areas have minimal deer numbers which can be easily kept at low levels by recreational hunters.

TE ANAU AREA	
Location	Reason
Wapiti Area	Reasons for closures detailed in Section 3.0 of report.