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Dear Hugh

This is the comprehensive answer to my letter to Paul Green. Do you have any further requests for access additional to this? All

Public Access - Landcorp Tauwera and Raurimu Farms

Thank you for your letter regarding public access across the Tauwera and Raurimu farms in light of the sale of part of Tauwera farm and further proposed sales.

My staff have investigated the current legal right of way easements. I can confirm the following public access arrangements exist. See map over page for more detail.

1. Access Road No 1: SH 47 to Whakapapa Intake.

We can confirm that the public have walking and vehicular access along this road. One hundred metres from the road end there is a Genesis sign warning, that if you are continuing in a vehicle from that point, drivers do so at their own risk (or words to that effect), as the road is slightly unstable. Walking access is available.

2. Two roads between Access 1 and Access 3 from SH 47.

- GR S19:295293. Kapoors rd. The public have vehicle and walking access along this road. This road crosses Tauwera farm.
- GR T19:300309. John McDonald rd. The road is crown forestry land leased to the Marakeet family. The public have walking and vehicle access along this road.
- Pukehinau Road. The public has vehicle and walking access along this road. Note that 200m from SH 47 the bridge has been removed, which limits vehicle access from the state highway, however vehicle access is provided from John McDonald road.
- Donahars track. There is a public access easement along this road.

In regards to the current sale of part of the Taurewa block there are no immediate public access issues. The rivers around the block all have a public right of way, so hunters and fisherman can use the Whakapapa river for example.

Public Access - Wider Landcorp Farm

3. Raurimu Block. Watsons Mill Road: SH 4 to Tongariro Forest

There is public access on the formed road, however it falls short of the Tongariro Forest boundary at one end point. The department is seeking

DOC need to do now is add their signs setting out the public's access rights at the start of these access points. Many thanks for your query that started it all.

Let me know whether you have any more suggestions!

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clarification with Landcorp about this and aims to extend the easement to the forest boundary.

4. Covenant with public access on the western side.

There is a conservation covenant over Landcorp land east of Raurimu. The covenant is a ROW for the public to enable access into Tongariro Forest from Raurimu along Tepure Stream. Refer to the map.

5. Access Road No 3: SH 47 to Mangatepopo Intake.

We can confirm that the public have walking and vehicular access along this road. However the same applies here, in that there is a warning sign regarding the road, which is 500m back from the end of the road.

You will note from the map the current agreed easements and public access arrangements. The department would like to hear from the Deerstalkers Association about any additional access points they would like in the area. If you could draw it on the map provided with grid references that would be useful. If you want to meet with the department to discuss access we would be happy to do so.

Finally, the department is in the final stage of negotiations to purchase the long point block, which leads to the Whakapapa/Otamawairua confluence. It is shown on the map in blue.

The department shares your views in regards to ensuring there is free public access for recreational users and will endeavour to advocate on behalf of interest groups such as yourselves

Yours Sincerely

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