

ATTENTION

Wallaby control aerial 1080 operation

Kaingaroa Forest

This notice is for all persons and crew working within the 1080 operational area of Kaingaroa Forest at the time of application.



Wallaby control in New Zealand

In 2020, government funding through the Ministry of Primary Industries resulted in the creation of the national wallaby programme, Tipu Mātoro Wallaby Free Aotearoa.

Tipu Mātoro is a partnership that includes iwi, regional councils, the Department of Conservation, Forest & Bird, Federated Farmers, LINZ, farmers and other landowners.

The programme aims to:

- contain wallabies to the known population areas in the North Island and South Island
- remove all wallabies outside of these containment areas
- stop wallabies from spreading from the containment areas
- over time, slowly reduce the size of the containment areas until there are no wallabies left.

For more information on wallaby control in the Waikato region, please contact Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 or visit waikatoregion.govt.nz/wallabies.



Kaingaroa Forest aerial 1080 operation

Waikato Regional Council is leading a National Wallaby Programme Tipu Mātoro 1080 aerial operation in Kaingaroa Forest between 20 July and late August 2023, weather and operational constraints depending.

The operation is focused on controlling possums and dama wallabies. Rats, rabbits and hares will also be controlled as a result of this operation.

The operational area covers 12,000 hectares of Timberlands-managed plantation forestry on Central North Island iwi collective land.

It follows a night shooting operation of dama wallabies on Maunga Kakaramea (Rainbow Mountain) and at Wai-o-Tapu throughout May.

The operation is funded by the Ministry of Primary Industries and Timberlands, and will be undertaken by contractors, Epro Limited.

If there is likely to be any persons or crews operating within these areas during the operational period, please ensure that Epro Limited and Timberlands are aware of their location.

For further information on the 1080 operation, please contact Kane Stafford from Epro Limited on 0800 ASK EPRO or at kane.stafford@epro.co.nz.

Caution

- All access points into the operational area will have warning signs posted.
- All toxic bait will be dyed green.
- Please do not handle any bait or remove bait from site.
- Children or dogs should not be allowed to wander unsupervised in the operational area.
- Poisoned carcasses will remain toxic to scavenging animals for at least four months.

If you suspect poisoning to a person, contact your doctor, hospital or the National Poisons Centre 0800 POISON (0800 764 766).

Control method

A non-toxic non-dyed carrot prefeed will be applied at least five days before the toxic bait, to increase the effectiveness of control.

Aerially applied carrot bait containing sodium fluoroacetate (1080) is being used for this operation. The toxic bait is dyed green.

Helicopters carefully broadcast bait with 1080 over forested areas. Technology enables bait to be accurately placed at a sowing rate of 4 kilograms per hectare, which equates to about two baits every 6-8 metres.

Hazard warnings

During operations

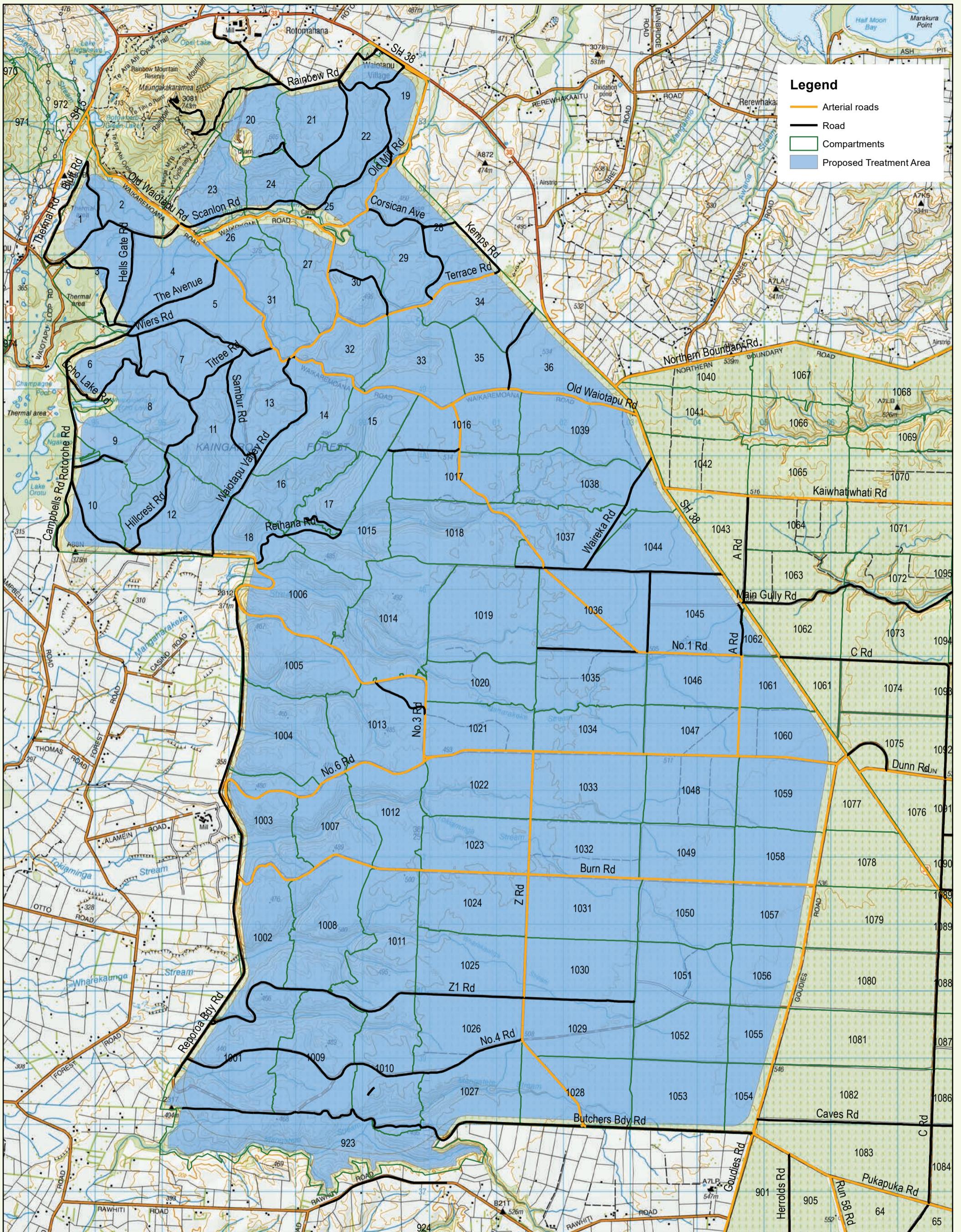
The major hazard from the aerial operation of the non-toxic pre-feed and the 1080 is the bait (averaging 10 grams) falling from a height of approximately 100 to 150 metres.

Exclusion zones are to be placed along the major arterial roads and any areas of known crew occupation.

After operations

To ensure public safety, bait or bait fragments must not be unknowingly (or knowingly) transported out of the operational area.

Before leaving the operational area, all persons must ensure that no bait has collected on tyres, mudguards, vehicle trays, attachments or the soles of footwear. All bait must be removed using protective gloves and left in the operational area. If bait is handled, ensure hands are washed thoroughly afterwards.



Kaingaroa Wallaby Aerial
Proposed Treatment Area