

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association
National Office
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Wellington 6141

22 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Aerial possum control – Tutaekuri

This is to advise that TBfree New Zealand is planning an aerial operation to target possums in your area during winter/spring 2017. This operation will help reduce the possum population to the low, even numbers to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis (TB).

The operation is scheduled for late August/September 2017 but timing will be weather-dependent. Please find enclosed an operational fact sheet that includes a map of the proposed operational area. We kindly request you read this carefully, as it contains vital information about the operation. The operation will be using sodium fluoroacetate, also known as 1080 and will include deer repellent. For further information on 1080, please visit www.1080thefacts.co.nz.

TBfree New Zealand has contracted Epro Ltd to carry out this aerial operation. Their contact details are:

Contact Person	Phone	Email
Operational Controller	07 3784852	control@epro.co.nz

Consultation has been occurring since November 2016 via the 2017 National Plan for TBfree Pest Control Operations document, and we are now conducting further consultation with the local community and other interested parties. Following this, final operational plans will be prepared and permission will be sought from all consenting authorities. These will include affected landowners, Medical Officer of Health, Department of Conservation, Regional and District councils.

If you or your organization wishes to make any comment regarding this proposal could you please forward them in writing to:

Aerial Operations Coordinator
TBfree New Zealand
PO Box 9078
Terrace End
Palmerston North 4441
Vector.SNI@ospri.co.nz

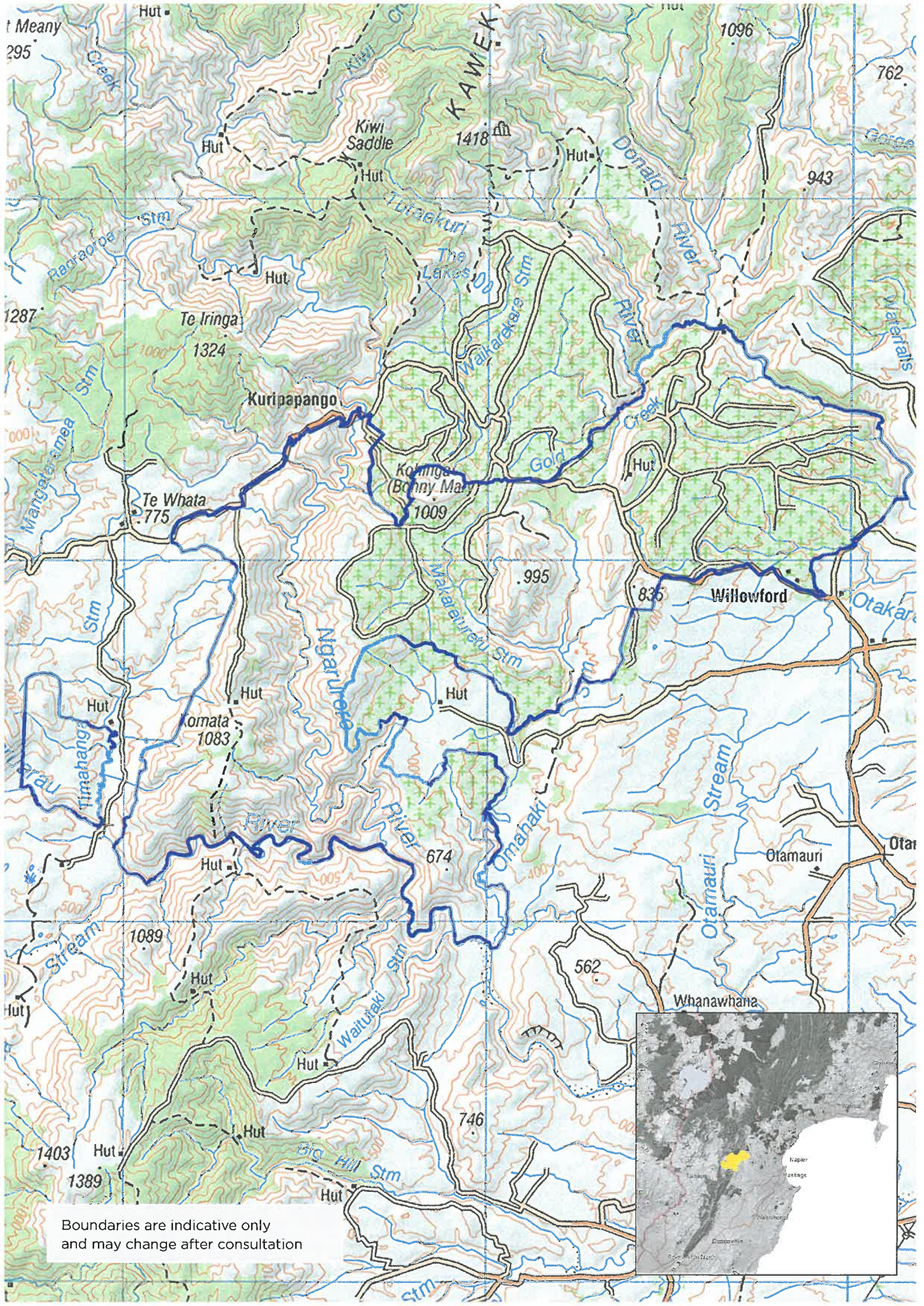
I would be most grateful if comments could be submitted by **20 July 2017**. Consideration of them will then occur prior to applications being made to the consenting authorities.

If you have any questions regarding the TBfree New Zealand programme, please visit our website www.tbfree.org.nz or contact us on 06 3532710.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Innes', written in a cursive style.

Alan Innes
Programme Manager
Southern & Eastern North Island Region



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