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Dear Sir/Madam

Aerial possum control – Umukarikari

This is to advise that TBfree New Zealand and the Department of Conservation are planning an collaboration aerial project to target possums, rats and stoats in your area during winter/spring 2017. This operation will help reduce the pest population to the low, even numbers to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis (TB) and to protect vulnerable populations of whio/blue duck in the rivers of the western Kaimanawa Forest.

The operation is scheduled for September/October 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 over a the entire operational area. For further information on 1080, please visit www.1080thefacts.co.nz. Any exclusion areas which don't involve the use of sodium fluoroacetate may be treated using other toxins such as potassium cyanide, diphacinone or Pindone.

TBfree New Zealand & the Department of Conservation have 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 occuring 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 for the collabrative operation between both organisations.



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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 and the Department of Conservation.

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

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I would be most grateful if comments could be submitted by **17 August 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 the website www.tbfree.org.nz or contact 06 3532710. If you have any questions regarding Department of Conservation goals in Kaimanawa Forest, please visit the website www.doc.govt.nz/turangi or contact 07 3847106.

Yours sincerely



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