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WAIRARAPA FORESTS

HCVF MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2026

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1 Summary

A full HCVF assessment Juken Wairarapa Forest estate, was completed during September 2025. The result of this assessment was that 2 HCV areas were identified in the Wairarapa Forests. Management plans have been developed for these areas and actions are being completed. The following describes the work completed to date, in 2026.

2 HCVF Areas

Poroporo

After a comprehensive survey using Best Available Information and stakeholder consultation, two areas within the Poroporo Forest Block were designated as High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) under the HCV 3 criteria, recognising its representation of rare and regionally significant lowland forest ecosystems.

The Poroporo Forest Block contains of the largest and second largest remaining forest areas of semi-coastal primary forest within the Wairarapa region: Ngaumu Bush and Te Wharau Bush. This forest type has significantly declined in area within the Eastern Wairarapa Ecological District to the extent that there is less than 3% of original forest cover remaining.

The following table outlines the monitoring criteria for this HCV.

Indicator	Method	Frequency	Date Completed
Understorey regeneration	Seedling transects (see Appendix I)	Every 3 years	commencing in 2027
Invasive plant cover	Surveillance walks	Annually	Completed in August 2026 – wilding pines to be poisoned.
Pest Animal Activity	Chew cards, tracking tunnels, ungulate control	Annually	Chew cards and tracking tunnels TBC in 2027, ongoing goat culling
Stock exclusion efficacy	Fence inspection; browse sign assessment	Ongoing	Completed in August 2026
Bird activity	Five-minute bird counts; presence/absence, or acoustic monitoring	Annual	TBC
Bat presence	Acoustic monitoring	Every 5 years	Completed in Autumn 2026 will repeat mid mid summer 2026.
Aquatic condition	eDNA and visual fish and stream assessments	Every 2 years	commencing in 2027, dependant on water flow
Photopoint monitoring	Fixed-position ground photographs at marked locations, capturing understorey and forest condition. Supplemented by drone imagery for canopy cover.	Every 2 years	Completed in August 2026

Tinui

After a comprehensive survey using Best Available Information and stakeholder consultation, one area within the Tinui Forest Block was designated as High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) specifically HCV 5 criteria.

The water easement supplying drinking water to Castlepoint Motor Camp originates from indigenous vegetation within Tinui Forest. This area meets the criteria for High Conservation Value (HCV) 5, as it provides a resource fundamental to the basic needs of the local community. This plan outlines strategies to protect and monitor the water source.

The following table outlines the monitoring criteria for this HCV. No monitored has occurred due to the area being inaccessible as the access road has a wash out. It is planned to achieve access in 2027 to allow management activities to commence.

Indicator	Method	Frequency	
Vegetation cover and health	Transect surveys and photo points	annually	commencing in 2027
Erosion and sedimentation	Photo documentation	After storm events (>50mm rainfall in 24 hours)	commencing in 2027
Pest animal activity	Chew cards, tracking tunnels	Annually	commencing in 2027 – Goat culling ongoing
Buffer Zone integrity	Mapping and inspection	Annually	commencing in 2027
Intake and pipe condition	Visual inspection	Annually	commencing in 2027
Access road/track condition	Inspection and maintenance log	Quarterly	commencing in 2027
Unauthorized access signs	Surveillance and incident reports	ongoing	commencing in 2027
User satisfaction	Annual survey/interviews	Annually	commencing in 2027
Supply interruptions	Incident log	Ongoing	No unplanned outages
Quality concerns	Complaint records	ongoing	No complaints to date.