

## Notice

14 January 2020



Game Animal Council  
NEW ZEALAND

## **Additional Matukituki pre-feed operation**

The Department of Conservation is carrying out a predator control operation in the Matukituki Valley (as part of the nationwide Tiakina Ngā Manu programme).

Due to poor weather in November and December an additional non-toxic 'prefeed' is required.

From 4pm Tuesday 14th January 2020 to Thursday 16th January a contractor will be aurally sowing non-toxic 'pre-feed' bait within the East and West Branches of the Matukituki Valley (weather permitting). The non-toxic baits are about 3cm long, cylinder shaped and fawn coloured. They weigh about 6 grams. The pellets are spread at 2kg/ha.

The non-toxic pellets will be applied in the same areas as the toxic bait will be. A helicopter will distribute the pellets according to predetermined flight paths controlled by GPS.

It is recommended that people do not enter the area during the operation.

If difficult weather conditions occur the operation could continue into Friday 17 January.

The operation on Monday 25th November involves only non-toxic pellets. There will be a separate notification prior to the aerial sowing of toxic pellets.