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Game Animal Council
NEW ZEALAND

Tahr monitoring alert – MU's 1 and 3

From now until early May, DOC is using helicopters to gather data on tahr populations on public conservation land within the South Rakaia-Rangitata and Gammack-Two Thumb Management Units – MU's 1 and 3 (see the map below).

Helicopters will fly at low levels across parts of the management units and carry out intensive 2km x 2km grid monitoring over short 20–30-minute periods. No control work is taking place. Hunters and other backcountry users in these areas can expect helicopters operating in the early morning and late evening during settled weather windows.

We are working with DOC to minimise potential overlap with key hunting times, particularly the peak of the roar period from late March to early April including Easter, and will advise hunters once the work is finished in each of the management units.

