

Process for Clarifying Track Hierarchy and Use for Motorised Recreation

- Step 1:** ARAC to mark tracks they want to use on map.
- Step 2:** WRC to identify:
- (a) tracks that ARAC can use for motorised recreation during this process;
 - (b) tracks that ARAC cannot use, future use subject to the outcome of this process (including disputed tracks);
 - (c) tracks that definitely cannot be used for motorised recreation;
 - (d) (with ARAC) methodology for publication of tracks map.
- Step 3:** WRC to organise research on the tracks identified in Step 2 b relating to the potential impacts of allowing motorised recreational use on:
- (a) other recreational opportunities/uses;
 - (b) heritage values;
 - (c) environmental values;
 - (d) water supply considerations;
 - (e) other relevant considerations.
- The research will also consider the *Signature Values* and assessment criteria.
- Step 4:** ARAC and WRC to work through the implications of the findings and come up with recommendations on whether the tracks researched in Step 3 should be available for motorised recreation for inclusion in the draft management plan for the Akatarawa Forest. Also investigate mitigation methods and options for discouraging misuse and/or use of areas not available for motorised recreation.
- Step 5:** WRC to revise the zoning map showing the tracks proposed for motorised recreational use as identified in Step 4. Also, work with ARAC to develop grading system and maintenance standards for agreed tracks, and preferred usage, seasonal usage and funding options.
- Step 6:** WRC to incorporate the revised zoning/track map in the draft management plan (due to be completed in July 2002).
- Step 7:** WRC to call for public submissions on the draft management plan.
- Step 8:** WRC to finalise the management plan (due for completion in December 2002). Also, publication methodology for tracks.

Any future tracks to be considered on a case by case basis using this same process (including the *Signature Values* assessment criteria) and to go through a public consultation process to amend the management plan.