



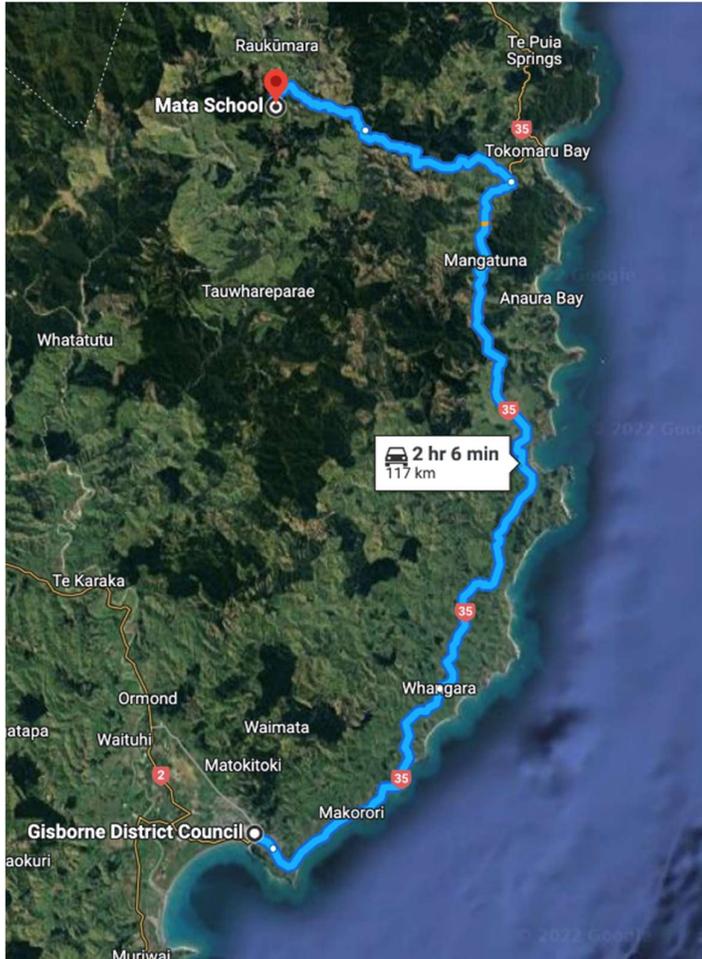
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Huiarua Forest Public Access Policy

March 2026

Land, Values, Operational Activity and Values Information Summary



Huiarua Forest: Huiarua Road, Mata District. NZTM Map Reference:1 952 425 (N) - 5 785 377
 Matanui Forest: Accessed off Fernside Road, Tauwhareparae. Mata District. NZTM:
 2035300mE, 5770000mN

Introduction

Huiarua and Matanui Forest are plantation forest developments located in the Mata District of the East Coast of New Zealand.

The closest town is Gisborne, approximately 117kms South.

The Huiarua and Matanui Forests are located in the Waiapu Catchment and the Waiapu (East Coast Ecological District)

Huiarua Forest 4922 Hectares

The site is currently new planted forests (2022-2025) with some older woodlots, a large section of 2013 Planting, with existing farm tracking. There is a village area consisting of the Mata School and associated housing and Buildings.

Matanui Forest 1197 Hectares

The site is currently (early 2025) part farmland and new forest (2022) some older woodlots including a second rotation woodlot (2021 replant), with existing farm tracking.

The current Huiarua Matanui Forest is bounded on all sides except the Southeast by existing Exotic Forest. To the Southeast and a small part North, by Pastoral farming

Logic Forest Solutions Ltd (LogicFSL) has been engaged as Forest Manager by Ingka Investment Management NZ Limited in the Huiarua and Matanui Forest.

Ingka Investment Management NZ Limited is a New Zealand Registered Company with its parent Company based in the Netherlands.

LogicFSL is a 100% New Zealand owned, Gisborne based forest management company providing a range of services to both small woodlot and corporate forest owners primarily in the East Coast region, and more broadly throughout New Zealand.

Huiarua and Matanui Forest Physical Characteristics.

The predominant Land Use is Production Forest, however large areas of Indigenous Reserves have been created and maintained, and new plantings of Indigenous Species have been undertaken in Riparian areas and high-risk slopes

Species planted in the Huiarua and Matanui Forests include *Radiata pine (Pinus radiata)*, *Manuka (Leptospermum scoparium)*, *Redwood (Sequoia Sempervirens)*, *Totara (Podocarpus totara)*, *Beech*.

The underlying geology of the forests is (predominantly): Neogene and Quaternary mudstone and sandstones over Crushed argillite, crushed greywacke.

The topography of Huiarua and Matanui Forest can be described as moderately broken, but generally rolling terrain, with short sharp slopes leading into incised and eroded gully systems.

The property is located within the Waiapu River Catchment.

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Cultural values

Heritage assessment of Physical and Spiritual Heritage sites within the Forest

There are no known or recorded physical archaeological sites within the Huiarua Matanui Forest area.

LFSL commissioned an Archaeological Survey of the Forest by InSitu Heritage Ltd in September 2024.

This survey included a review of LiDAR data which found not potential physical archaeological sites related to pre-1900 Māori occupation of the landscape.

In April 2025 Consultation was carried out with Iwi parties who responded to requests for consultation on the Cultural Values of the Block.

From this consultation LFSL requested that parties consider the known information, and what further information they can offer on the Cultural Values of the Forest.

From that point;

1. All parties agree to gather information, learn stories (especially of Non-physical sites, sites of journeys, and possible waahi tapu) and
2. Revise decision regularly taking into account the gathered and new information.
3. If at any point in this revision process the sites warrant reclassification, we can do that immediately.

Social Programs underway in the Forest

The Huiarua Forest area is part of several unique Social Programs all aligned with the term Mahi Wairua.

The forest, and its on site Kaitiaki, contribute to efforts to ease social problems for the Ngati Porou community on the East Coast and into urban areas of nearby Gisborne.

In a first of its kind program the land, pests, and assets of the forest are available for, and resulting in, a reconnection with the land for many Ngati Porou families who never would have had the opportunity, who are receiving the experiences, and direct resources in the way of food, from land in their wider Rohe.

These programs need to remain confidential for their success and other reasons, and will be an important stakeholder in consultation on Public Access.

Biodiversity values

The two forests include diverse forest remnants with both mature and regenerating vegetation. Nine key blocks have been surveyed, showing varying conditions due to past grazing. Several RTE species were observed, including *Jovellana sinclairii*, *Lophomyrtus obcordata*, NZ dabchick, North Island robin, and longfin eel. However, ecological fragmentation and browsing have degraded many of these blocks.

Operational Plans

The main Operational management objectives for the next five years are:

- Construction of tracks for the continued Afforestation
- Continuation of Afforestation with Exotic Production species and Indigenous Permanent Species
- Implementation of Archaeological and Cultural Assessment Recommendations into Management plans.
- Pest Control for control programs.
- Continue Ecological Management programs as developed.
- Woodlot Harvest planning for remaining woodlots on the property
- Woodlot Harvesting and Earthworks
- Woodlot Replant

Pest Management

Logic Forest Ltd manage Pest Control around and within the forests.

Currently Production Pests are being managed on a monthly schedule and also on as-needed basis with a Contract Pest Controller and an on-site caretaker.

A social Program uses meat from Pest Operations within Huiarua and Matanui.

This program is important to the community and forest owner and its operations and success need to be considered in any decisions on Public Access to the forests.

The current access policy for Huiarua Matanui Forests.

Recreational access (if any) is being managed via Logic's permit access system and issued as required. We would also advise:

- No camping or fires to be permitted within the forest without prior permission.
- Forest access will be limited in times of High Fire Risk.
- No forest access will be granted whilst forest operations are undertaken in that area of the forest.

Health and Safety Factors to consider

The forest has inherent hazards of

- Steep slopes
- Erodible soils within the planted areas and roads and tracks
- Pest Control operations
- Biodiversity Monitoring operations
- Management, Compliance, and Supervision activities

There are multiple parties responsible for safety of workers and operations within the forest and a very detailed Safety Plan and PCBU¹ Agreement is in place and maintained as matter arise.

All PCBUs have a duty of care to their workers and Logic Forest Solutions have an overriding duty of care to all persons who access and use the (worksite) forest to provide a safe work environment to our contractors (who then have a duty of care to their employees).

This cannot be done effectively when Public Access may interact with operations.

Cultural Factors to consider

Opening up the site to public carries threats and opportunities to the cultural values. Currently there are no physical sites recorded however the owner, and manager will work with Iwi and, if any are discovered or knowledge is gained, these will be protected. Cultural values must be considered, and this could include use of the forest for gathering food and taonga.

Heritage research has been carried out. The Manager also has an accidental discovery protocol that has proven results in other forests to action if further information comes to hand.

Mana Whenua involved in early consultation will continue to research the journeys and possibility of sites of the area and inform the Forest Owner and Manager of new information.

Social Program Factors to consider

The properties are home to a confidential social program. Confidentiality and security is critical to the success and safety of participants.

Without going into detail here, or in any other public forum, the social programs in place at the Huiarua and Matanui Forests are a high priority for those involved, the forest managers and forest owners Ingka Investments New Zealand Ltd.

Forest Certification and Biodiversity Responsibilities to consider

HCV 3 and 4 Classification

The forest has some areas which will be assessed as High Conservation Values 3. This means the forest has concentrations of biological diversity including endemic species, and rare, threatened or endangered species, that are significant at global, regional or national levels. Other areas have been identified as reserves and there are identified GDC Protection Management Area. The improvements from stock removal and Pest Control could, in the future, elevate these reserve areas to High Conservation Values.

Public access could represent a risk to the success of these operations and future values and must be considered.

However, these can also be managed effectively through the Permit System

The forest will have High Conservation Value 4 Very High Erosion Risk under the Forest Stewardship Certification Standards.

¹ PCBU is defined as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking

It is unlikely public access to any level proposed would risk this. If earthworks such as track construction is considered in the future these will be designed to minimise risk. None are currently proposed.

Recreational User Groups Interest

There is very low interest of recreational user groups to access the land. The forest is very remote. It has some local hunter interest which is managed by the on-site Caretaker and Permit System.

If interest increases over time the Public Access review cycle can assess any more interest at the time.

Forest Owner Aspirations

Ingka Investments NZ Ltd have clear aspirations of land ownership which involves public access and will work with Logic Forest Solutions and the public to enable, where practical, at the right time, and satisfying the risk factors mentioned in this summary. There is a willingness for a well-structured access policy to be supported by the Forest Owner.

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2026 Affected Party Questionnaire and Submission.

In March 2026 Logic Forest Solutions consulted on potential public access options for the block.

Logic Forest Solutions are the Forest Manager on behalf of Ingka Investments New Zealand Ltd.

The survey gathered information on the interest in public access to the forest, and the factors that parties value or are aware of existing in the forest.

Information was also gathered on how public access could impact or enhance these values.

Outcome for Public Access, following consultation.

Given the low public interest, sensitive social programs on the site and, remoteness, and presently unknown but evolving values identification for the area, it is assessed that **Public Access can be suitably managed through the existing Permit system.**

Next Review

Review of any changes to values or interest should be on a 2-year cycle, or when any significant values are identified (such as cultural or Rare and threatened species) arise.

The next review is planned for March 2028.

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