

## Morrison Forest, Aotea

# Cultural Management and Monitoring Protocols

Morrison Forest has been identified as having very high cultural values and contains multiple known historic sites and a listed wahi tapu site – Hawaiki iti. All identified sites will be physically managed as outlined in the archaeological assessment and in alignment with section 9 of the Manulife Forest Management Environmental Management Systems Manual (EMS). There is also a very high chance that unknown sites will be discovered as operations progress. Section 9.2.3 of the EMS details the process for this.

The purpose of this document is to summarise the key cultural management protocols that will be followed while undertaking operations in the forest.

### Pre-operations cultural induction for harvesting crews

All crews operating in the forest will undertake a cultural induction with representatives of Ngati Te Wehi and Ngati Patupo prior to commencement of operations in the forest, to gain a background and understanding of the cultural importance of the area and the processes and protocols to be followed.

Timing: Prior to commencement of operations. The first inductions for road line salvage and engineering operators are planned to be carried out late summer 2022, before commencing work. Due to timing inductions of the clear fall harvesting crews will be arranged closer to the time that they are to commence operations in the block.

### Pre-start blessing

A pre-start blessing will be held with representatives of Ngati Te Wehi, Ngati Patupo, Manulife Forest Management and crews starting work in the forest. We will also invite the landowners and potentially Aotea residents.

Timing: Late summer 2022.

### Planning and cultural monitoring

The following representatives have been nominated by Ngati Te Wehi and Ngati Patupo to provide input to managing operations on the ground:

- Ngati Te Wehi: Davis Apiti and Raymond Mahara
- Ngati Patupo: Pita Te Ngaru and Maxine Moana-Tuwahangai

Harvest is planned to take place over a period of 3-4 years. It is proposed to break up the planning and monitoring process into logical chunks with iwi representatives to be involved in:

- Pre operation planning: On site discussions about the planned harvest methodology including the locations of roads, landings and falling and extraction methodology

- Detailed planning for harvesting of trees from historic site features. Iwi representatives to have detailed input into discussions regarding the methodology for felling and extraction of trees from site features, including potentially felling trees to waste.
- Post operation monitoring of cultural sites and general harvesting.

### Accidental discovery

In the event of the discovery of any potential historic features, koiwi or taonga, operations will immediately stop in the area of the discovery, the area will be taped off and the nominated iwi representatives will be notified immediately, along with the archaeologist. Works will not recommence until agreement has been reached as to the appropriate processes to be followed.

### Traffic Impacts

MF M NZ staff to liaise with the nominated iwi representatives regarding impacts of log trucks on the road and the proposed traffic management plan. This will include liaison with both Okapu and Mokai Kainga marae regarding any major events at the marae.

### Reporting

A quarterly report will be prepared by MF M NZ providing an overview of the works completed in the quarter and any cultural aspects relating to the work, such as harvesting around cultural sites and any environmental monitoring undertaken.

Field trips for iwi representatives can be arranged if there is interest.