

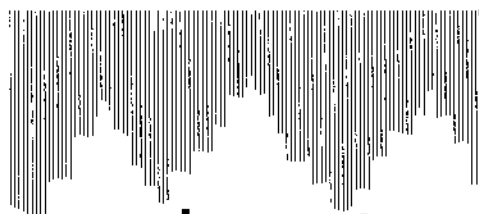
CONSERVATION COVENANTS

Many Crown Forestry Licences contain Conservation Covenants under the Conservation Act 1987. These covenants provide for the protection of the native vegetation and the land itself.

THE OFFICE OF CROWN LANDS

The Office of Crown Lands, within the Department of Survey and Land Information (DOSLI), is responsible for the administration of Crown Forestry Licences, and for the Crown's interest in the Crown Forest Land under those licences.

In administering the Conservation Covenants and Public Access Easements contained in Crown Forestry Licences, the Office of Crown Lands works closely with the Department of Conservation. The Commissioner of Crown Lands is assisted in head office by the Manager, Crown Forest Land, and by Property Managers in each DOSLI office.



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WHAT IS CROWN FOREST LAND?

When Crown forestry assets are sold, the land under them remains the property of the Crown. This land is known as Crown Forest Land. Crown forestry assets are the improvements on the land, including plantations of exotic trees (not native forests), roads, buildings etc.

In addition to the purchasers of Crown forestry assets, there are other groups with an interest in using the Crown Forest Land, eg, trampers, hunters, and so on.

This pamphlet explains how Crown Forestry Licences and the Crown Forest Land over which they are granted are administered and what steps have been taken to protect the interests of recreational users of the land.

CROWN FORESTRY LICENCES

Purchasers of Crown forestry assets have been granted Crown Forestry Licences. For this they pay an annual licence fee of seven percent of the land value, revised at three-yearly intervals. Licensees may:

- Sell the trees while retaining the licence; or
- Retain ownership of the trees and sell the licence; or
- Sell the trees to one party and assign the licence to another; or
- Grant sublicences or other rights of occupation to other parties.

CONDITIONS OF CROWN FORESTRY LICENCES

Unless there are special conditions attached to a licence, Crown forestry licensees are entitled to use the land, subject to the terms of the licence, for any lawful purpose, whether or not it relates to afforestation.

There can be special conditions in the licence to protect the land. For example, in areas that are prone to erosion, licensees may be obliged, as a result of decisions by the regional catchment authority, to replant the land in trees as each stand is harvested.

Crown Forestry Licences also provide for the return of the land to Maori claimants if this is recommended by the Waitangi Tribunal. However, the licensee's interests, particularly in any tree crop on the land, are protected should the land be returned to Maori ownership.

RECREATIONAL USE

Every Crown Forestry Licence provides for public access to the land for recreational purposes. This right of entry is limited to access on foot.

The licensee is entitled to control access to the land on foot for the following reasons:

- The safety of the public or people working on the land; or

- The protection of trees, buildings, plant, equipment, etc on the land.

Permission for other kinds of access, eg with animals, firearms or by vehicle, is at the discretion of the Crown Forestry Licensee or other legal occupier of the land.

PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENTS

Some Crown Forestry Licences contain Public Access Easements, which allow public access by foot, horse-back, bicycle, motorcycle or light motor vehicle.

The occupier of the land (who is the licensee, or someone else who has been lawfully permitted to occupy the land by the licensee) is entitled to restrict access over a Public Access Easement, but only during the hours of darkness, or to protect people or property.

The land occupier is not obliged to maintain any of the access ways over the Public Access Easement Area. However, if the access (or any part of it) has to be closed through lack of maintenance, the occupier is obliged to notify the Office of Crown Lands.

Notices giving details about Public Access Easements are required to be put up where the easement meets a public road. If a Public Access Easement is closed, the land occupier is also obliged to put up a notice saying so, alongside the notice marking the easement.