

ATTENTION HUNTERS!

WE WANT YOUR DEER HEADS!

Landcare Research has been contracted by OSPRI to collect deer samples from the area on the map below to determine the TB prevalence in wildlife within the Southern Kaimanawa Ranges. We would like to offer recreational hunters the chance to supply samples and be involved in this process.

What we need:

- Deer must be shot on Department of Conservation land within the survey area [see the Map below]
- A GPS location and date the animal was shot [GPS waypoint, a geo-referenced cell phone photo]
- A GPS track file of your hunt, and a photograph of the deer where it was shot
- The head [cut off mid-neck] and complete lungs/heart tagged and securely bagged [tags and bags supplied]
- The sex and approximate age of the deer, reproductive status of hinds [i.e. pregnant, in milk, dry]
- All this information needs to be supplied for every sample

What we offer:

- We will reimburse some of your hunting costs at a rate of \$150 per sample
- Any hunter who provides deer samples will go in a draw for a free return helicopter trip into the survey block. This will be drawn after every 10 samples supplied by hunters
- If you have the ability to shoot more deer per trip but don't want to waste the meat, talk to us about a free return trip to pick up the meat [requires 4 deer samples minimum]
- All jaws and reproductive status information will go to the Sika Foundation for herd age structure analysis



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