

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name : MT DASHER**

**Lease number : PO 030**

### **Conservation Resources Report - Part 4**

As part of the process of Tenure Review, advice on significant inherent values within the pastoral lease is provided by Department of Conservation officials in the form of a Conservation Resources Report. This report is the result of outdoor survey and inspection. It is a key piece of information for the development of a preliminary consultation document.

Note: Plans which form part of the Conservation Resources Report are published separately.

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Fig. 7 There are opportunities for extended tramping and skiing trips along the length of the Kakanuis. Trampers are seen here traversing between Kakanui Peak (on Balmoral) and Obi (on Mt Dasher). Extended trips on the Kakanuis are also possible on skis in some seasons. These offer a greater variety of gradient and terrain than most other Central Otago block mountain ranges.



Fig. 8 The most important public access route on Mt Dasher is the legal road from Obi to the homestead. The actual road formation does however, deviate from the legal alignment so to secure public access (as required by the CPL Act 1998) the actual formation should be formally recognised as the legal road as part of the tenure review process.



**Fig. 9** There are currently 9 pastoral leases in the tenure review process along the Kakanui Range. If successful outcomes are negotiated this could lead to public access along a grand traverse from the Horse Range to Danseys Pass. This underlines the importance of considering the collective outcomes of a number of reviews rather than dealing with each review in isolation. Opportunities are opening up for continuous travel along the tops with side trips to places of interest and to destinations like Danseys Pass.



**Fig. 10** In previous reports, FMC has advocated access to the North Otago high country from a number of relevant pastoral leases under review. One example is access from Kinross, across Glencoe and the Waianakarua River to Mt Stalker and The Dasher and on to Mt Dasher. If wise decisions are made now, a wide range of recreational opportunities will be available for future generations of New Zealanders to enjoy the outdoors.



Fig. 11 Although somewhat depleted in terms of its tussock stature, the plant community in the RAP identified during PNA surveys in the 1980s does contain a wide range of sub-alpine species including *Drachophyllum* and *Celmisia* together with other high altitude plants including *Coprosma*s and *Luzula* spp. Because of their significant inherent values such communities are worthy of protection by return to full Crown ownership and control.



Fig. 12 Among the rocky crevices and upper slopes of eroded areas and scree there are natural rock gardens including such interesting plants as the southern Edelweiss. Natural features such as this certainly add to the interest and enjoyment of the recreational experience of traversing the Kakanui Mountains.