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Kia ora Korua,

Just letting you know that Thane and I visited the Gabites block in Maymorn today to discuss the proposed recreational access to the Pākuratahi forest with Drew and Gillies group.

Having discussed the proposals on site Parks would support the proposed recreational access to the park in principle.

There are a few points we discussed that will be relevant:

- We recommended that the proposed access meet recreational track standards(attached), having thought about it afterwards if the rail trail is to be rerouted here it should also meet <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/assets/new-zealand-cycle-trail-design-guide.pdf>
- The area above the kiwirail tunnel should be avoided
- Our preference would be for bridal trail access here, we discussed horse float parking at Maymorn station, however that seems to be managed by Kiwi rail so our preference would be if this could be accommodated near the small bridge that is going in but can understand if this is not feasible. Improving access here ties in with Toitū te Whenua – GW Parks network plan action 314 (horse riding – Maymorn)
- GW did not commit to any maintenance of the new track.



Cheers,



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