

Auld Creek Project

RECREATION & ACCESS

Overview

Throughout the Fast-track consenting process, consideration has been given to access to recreational trails, tracks and activities in around the proposed mine operations and processing plant site. Should our approvals be granted for the Auld Creek Project, Rua Gold will maintain access to the Alborn Track via the re-routed road and four-wheel drive tracks located off Quigleys Road.

KEY EFFECTS

The proposed processing plant site is located alongside Soldiers Road, approximately 3kms from the intersection with State Highway 7. To ensure access to all recreational activities are maintained, Rua Gold is proposing the following mitigation:

- Closure of part of Soldiers Road east of Harwood Road with public access to the eastern section of the road being provided via Quigleys Road.
- Upgrades to Quigleys Road would include widening and surface upgrades including partial sealing of the road way.

Access to all trails and tracks including the Alborn Track and associated four wheel drive tracks currently accessed by Quigleys Road will continue to be available throughout construction and throughout the mine life.

There will no longer be any active mining operations in the DoC managed land, as a result there will be no impact to Globe Hill bike track.

MANAGEMENT MEASURES

There is not anticipated to be any closure of access to properties along Soldiers Road throughout the construction or throughout the mine life.

Upgrades to Quigleys Road will be conducted in accordance with NZ regulations and not impede access to tracks or trails.

The social impact management plan will outline key management measures.

MONITORING

If the Auld Creek Project is successful in being approved in the Fast-track process, we expect to work closely with NZ TA to ensure compliance with requirements for the re-routing of Soldiers Road and Quigleys upgrade.

Rua Gold will provide regular updates at our Community meetings on progress in this area.

CONCLUSION

Rua Gold does not anticipate any long term disruptions to any of the currently used recreational activities in the area surrounding the proposed plant site or mining operation.

Further community consultation would take place should any adjustments or enhancements need to take place prior to or throughout the mine life including the construction phase.

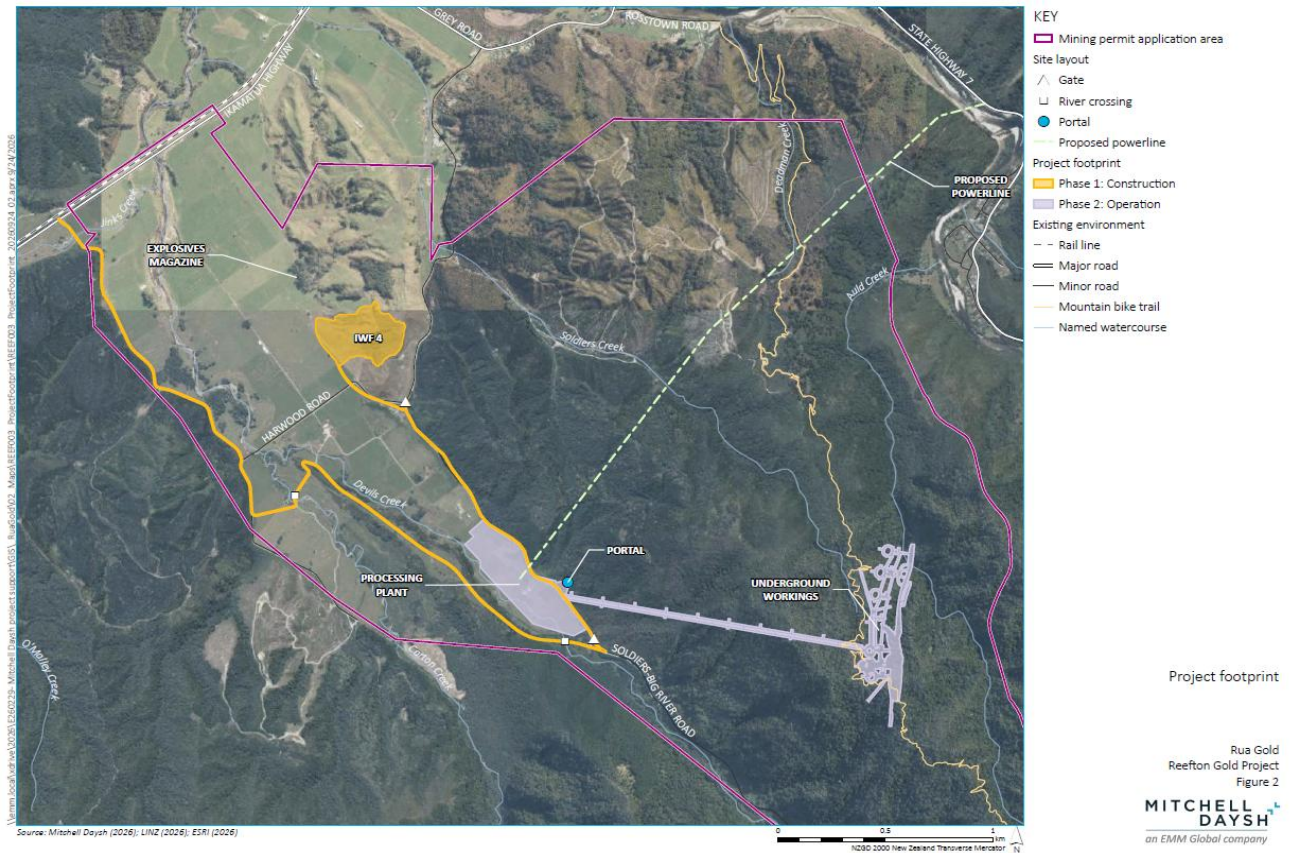
Any changes to traffic flow and roading must be approved by Buller District Council and will be consented outside the Fast track process.

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