

With reference to the Wildlands report of 8 April 2109, Author Kelvin Lloyd.

Kelvin suggests the grove of deciduous tree that may be willows and 100m upstream of the trail be removed/eradicated. One stumbling block, they are located on private property over which we have no jurisdiction. We can encourage John Twidle the owner to eradicate these but cannot make him.

Fiordland Trails Trust (FTT) have in place an active noxious weed management programme and this includes the eradication of noxious weeds to the trail edge and out 8 to 10m beyond.

FTT are willing to add to the area to be managed, the portion of wetland immediately upstream of the trail as indicated above by way of white dotted outline. This area of approx. 0.2 ha is contaminated with gorse, broom and Darwin's barberry amongst other weed species. FTT conducts weed spraying at least twice a year (spring and autumn spray) and is willing to manage this area as part of its programme going forward.

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