## Long-term Plan 2024-34

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## Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about this LTP?

In relation to the Blue Slip on the Otaki Gorge road.

It is critical to the local, regional and national communities that this slip is removed and the road reinstated to Otaki Forks.

The long term well-being of outdoor and urban communities will suffer if this road remains closed in the long term.

There are numerous cultural, historic and recreational reasons for Otaki Forks to be fully accessible to all.

The Tararua Forest Park is the busiest in the country for tramping and hunting.

Otaki Forks is the key access point to the park on the western side of the range.

Numerous Search and Rescue operations are based through Otaki Forks with the current statis of the road hindering these operations.