



Wai-o-tapu weed management



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Maintenance of wilding pine within the reserve to protect and enhance Wai-o-tapu's geothermal values.

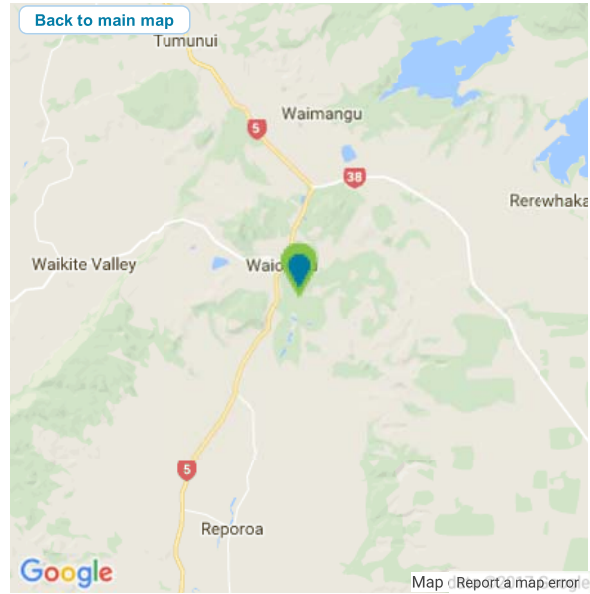
The project has two parts which focus on weed management. The first is to undertake wilding pine control within ~40ha of a significant geothermal area on Runanga owned land (Scenic Reserve). The work continues to build on previous wilding pine control undertaken in 2008 and seeks to maintain the progress made on pine control at the site to date.

The goal is to provide sustained maintenance of wilding pine within the reserve to protect and enhance the geothermal values. The second purpose of this project is to develop an integrated weed management plan (with a focus on wilding pine) across the Wai-o-tapu site/ecosystem.

We wish to prepare this plan in conjunction with other landowners and the current leaseholder on Runanga land. We see this plan as providing guidance to managing the entire geothermal site in a holistic manner to achieve sustained and efficient wilding pine and weed control at a site scale.

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