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Do people who play in nature care for nature – we think so!

Dear Club Committees,

We hope your winter trips were fun and adventurous, and that you are now looking forward to some longer evenings and warmer conditions in the hills.

In this mail-out we have included information on the FMC Mountain and Forest Trust, an application form for the current Huts and Tracks funding round, a flyer regarding a one-off canyoning scholarship available to your members and a one-page questionnaire, 'Keeping Our Fires Burning' that seeks to identify those places or huts that clubs identify with through long association and to assess club and club member contribution to voluntary hut and track maintenance and conservation projects.

FMC thinks it is common sense that people who love being in nature are more likely to take action to care for nature. FMC is evidence of this at a national level. With your support we have advocated successfully for increased protection of our recreational opportunities and nature for over 80 years. At a hands-on level we see contributions from a multitude of clubs and individuals in all corners of New Zealand who maintain huts and tracks, assist with ecological restoration projects and advocate for their special places.

However, not everyone sees what we see, and some people challenge whether the outdoor recreation community contributes at all to conservation in New Zealand. We want to put our finger on this pulse and create a qualitative document that makes our value as an outdoors community clear to the government, conservation boards and DOC. Your support is appreciated

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