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SLOPES: Rabbit Shooting Operation and Resort Round-up Newsletter Survey

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This email from NPWS is forwarded for your information.

SLOPES encourages you to respond to the survey re Resort Round-up.

Regards

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Rabbit Control in the Perisher Range Resorts and around Charlotte Pass Village

The NPWS rabbit shooting program for the Perisher Range Resorts and Charlotte Pass area will recommence the week beginning Monday 16 February. Pending weather, the operation may occur over two to three consecutive nights. A qualified NPWS shooter, accompanied by a support officer, will be targeting rabbits as well as hares, foxes and feral cats. 'No Shooting' will be undertaken on weekends, public holidays, school holidays or during public events. Due to the favourable weather conditions supporting palatable grasses, Pindone baiting is unlikely to occur anytime soon.

Public notification is an important aspect of the approval and safety requirements for this program. Distributing this email to the resort lodges is one way of notifying people who may be around when the shooting is being undertaken. It would be appreciated if you could advise your members and guests about the program. Information will also be distributed amongst key public contact staff at visitor centres and entrance stations and signs will be established along main roads and key access points. You will be advised of any changes to this program.

If you have any concerns or questions about the shooting operation, please contact NPWS Resorts Environmental Liaison Officer, Dave Woods, on 64505616 or 0418689250 or email: dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au

Resort Round-up Newsletter Survey

In 2005 NPWS surveyed the resorts community for feedback on the Resorts Round-up Newsletter. Resort-Round-up was prepared for communicating a mix of information pertaining to resort interests, including policy and legislative changes, winter operation arrangements, amusing animal interactions, research findings, community events and resort management issues. Occasional articles were also included about other programs and activities occurring throughout Kosciuszko National Park. Resort Round-up was primarily aimed at resort stakeholders that have a connection to the alpine resorts through lease, licence, business, employment or operations (in contrast to general park visitors and users).

Information from the survey 10 years ago guided a change in the format of subsequent newsletters including more images, a colourful semi-magazine-like layout, a biannual production (summer and winter) and the option for an electronic delivery. Both print and email versions were supported for a number of years before the summer print version was stopped in 2012 following a change in the Government printing policy, and email attachments were replaced by email notifications directing readers to access electronic versions on the NPWS website.

It's time to review Resort Round-up again to gauge newsletter readership, the types of articles and information preferred, the frequency of publication and formatting options. It would be appreciated if you could take the time to fill-out a short and simple questionnaire. There's also opportunity for those unfamiliar with the newsletter to participate. Your responses may help us to provide you with information you wish to read and how you wish to receive it.

The survey is found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SJTDRZK>

Past editions of Resort Round-up can be found at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/parkmanagement/NPWSResortNewsletters.htm/>

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