

Wilding Conifer Control - Operational Prescription Aerial Foliar Spray Application

General information and imagery:

<i>Prescription Reference</i>	Skippers
<i>Issued to:</i>	Alpine helicopters
<i>Date ordered:</i>	December 2020
Grounds:	86 ha made up of several smaller parcels across the hillsides around Skippers. 33 ha Mt Aurum Recreation reserve 20 ha Soho Properties – <i>final spray area tbc</i> 28 ha Ben Lomond Station 5 ha Branches Station
Situation:	<p>Skippers Canyon and the Shotover area have had a long history of Wilding Conifer invasion and control operations. Most large seeding trees have been eliminated through AFSA spray operations, and most of what remains now is Larch and Douglas Fir regrowth from the remnant seed bank. The area is now in a phase of ongoing maintenance aiming towards eventual eradication hence it is essential that continued pressure is applied to eliminate trees before they mature and spread seed to sustain their infestation.</p> <p>In the last few months thousands of trees have been removed through Chainsaw crews and Aerial basal bark application, and through these activities sites have been identified where dense re-seeding requires Aerial Foliar Spray as the most effective and efficient means of control.</p>
Mission:	Control all Wilding Conifers within prescribed blocks by Aerial Foliar Spray application (AFSA) – Metsulfuron Herbicide (Associate) https://nufarm.com/nz/product/associate/
Time frame:	1 to 3 days December/January.

Maps and Images

Skippers hill side heavily scattered with Larch saplings



Control blocks around skippers shown in pink and red

