

The following is an addendum to Whitewater New Zealand’s Submission on the proposed West Coast Land reclassification. Please read it alongside the rest of our submission.

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Assessment Area	NaPALIS ID	Impacted Rivers/ Catchments	National Panel Recommendation	Mana Whenua Panel Recommendation	Submitters Recommendation
HOK_43	2806269 2809720 2805513	Tuke/ Mikonui, Doctors Creek, Falls Creek and Red Granite Creek	Tarahanga e Toru Historic Reserve	Tarahanga e Toru Historic Reserve	Ecological Area
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This area is described as Hokitika's version of Wanaka's Matukituki valley. Accessible via Totara valley road giving unusual access to remote West Coast wilderness. From a recreational standpoint, this is premier country which includes 6 tracks to high points, 5 back country huts, 4 rivers, 3 canyons. All very high quality and importance to recreator. 2. The Mikonui River especially is of major significance to both whitewater kayaking and packrafting. It is both rewarding and achievable as an intermediate to advanced trip. Access is comparably easier than the other classic rivers in the area. Moreso it is of significant importance to Packrafting as the nature of river features are perfect for the budding sport. 3. Whilst the Mikonui may be less trafficked than comparable rivers nearby, its nature and how it lends itself as a perfect packrafting trip indicates that this will be a river of growing popularity, especially as packrafting is a sport in its infancy. 4. For the reasons above the classification of Ecological Area is sought as it will best protect the natural resources in this area, as well as foster paddle sports. 					