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The Chairperson  
Manawahe District Society Incorporated  
1707a Manawahe Road  
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Whakatane

**ATTN: Veerle Poels**

Dear Veerle

**LOGGING TRUCKS MATAHI/MANAWAHE ROAD**

Logging trucks or any other registered vehicle are permitted to use any public road. Council maintains Manawahe and Matahi Roads to the same standard as all other roads. They are though difficult roads due to the topography. Council also maintains on behalf of Western Bay of Plenty District Council a small part of Manawahe Road up to the Whakatane boundary.

It is not clear from your letter where your concerns are but our most recent inspection about two weeks ago revealed no out of the ordinary issues. We shall have another look.

We do get informed regarding forestry operations and the forest companies have a protocol for road safety reasons of having a one way system using Hamilton, Pongakawa Valley and Manawahe Roads when logging out to State Highway 30. I am aware that they are currently logging out to State Highway 2 part of which is on road maintained by Rotorua, but mostly by Whakatane District.

I hope this helps your society with its concerns.

Yours faithfully

Peter Dine  
**Works Manager**