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## *Evaluation of the Rotorua Mountain Bike Club First Response Unit*

This research aims to evaluate Rotorua Mountain Bike Club's First Response Unit (FRU). Specifically, the research will investigate the FRU's operations, the experiences of those treated by the FRU, and mana whenua understandings of the FRU. The research project will also investigate how the FRU practice manaakitanga within the rohe in which they operate. The Rotorua Mountain Bike Club (RMTBC) and FRU are based in the Whakarewarewa State Forest Park (WSFP). Mana whenua for WSFP are represented by multiple collectives, including the entity Central North Island Iwi Group Holdings and Ngā Hapū e Toru (who comprise the hapū of Ngāti Hurungāteranga, Ngāti Te Kahu, and Ngāti Taeotu). In 1993, the RMTBC was founded to front a community initiative to advocate and create amenities for mountain biking (MTB) in the WSFP. MTB trails in the WSFP have since been recognised as world-class and now attract tourists from elsewhere in Aotearoa, Te Waipounamu, and abroad. A large increase of visitors since the 1900s has resulted in more injuries in the WSFP.

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