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happy and safe  
holiday season

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## A photograph of three people sitting in folding chairs in front of a white van. The person on the left is a man with a beard and a baseball cap, wearing a black shirt and blue jeans. The person in the middle is a man wearing a camouflage cap and a high-visibility vest over a grey shirt and shorts. The person on the right is a woman wearing a white cap and a high-visibility vest over a light blue shirt and shorts. The van has a logo that says "TRAIL ANGELS" with a stylized butterfly or winged figure above it. The van's side door is open, and various items are visible inside. The background shows a grassy field and some trees.



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*



### TRAIL UPDATE

The local Department of Conservation Office has been successful in lobbying for increased staffing capacity on the Timber Trail, in the form of a dedicated Project Lead, Jessie Sinnamon, who will be leading the management and overseeing operational requirements of the Timber Trail.

Additionally they have appointed a dedicated Timber Trail Track ranger, Maadi Waikato. Maadi has worked with DOC Pureora/Maniapoto for some time, but his role will now primarily focus on the consistent and regular cosmetic maintenance and upkeep of the Trail.

The Trail is in excellent condition for the season ahead, following significant work by local contractors Mike Burgess and Bill Holloway. Over the last quarter their work collectively has included landslip clearance, track resurfacing, and larger scale maintenance of culverts, drains and watertables.

### BENNETT ROAD ENHANCEMENT

The team at Friends of Timber Trail (an incorporated society that works on enhancement projects for the Timber Trail), are working on creating a welcoming finish to the trail at Bennett Road. This is the start and finish for many and is also an important stop for many Te Araroa walkers and bike packers. On generously hosted private land, we are busy preparing for the addition of two spacious, accessible toilets (replacing a smelly single long drop), along with a shelter – so customers waiting for shuttle pickups or just wanting a reprieve from the weather can hang out.

The Building Consent for the new Bennett Rd toilet has been granted by Ruapehu District Council, and we plan to install it early in the New Year.

We need your help – much of the money has been secured via grants, and our volunteers have contributed many hours to make this happen.

We need to raise another \$30,000 to make this a reality.

You can contribute to the cause directly via [FOTT.org.nz](http://FOTT.org.nz) or find out more on the

[Timber Trail Developments](http://Timber Trail Developments)

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## DONATE NOW

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE TRAIL

**Help us create a welcome home space at Bennett Rd**

- New shelter
- Spacious flush toilets with solar lighting
- Water
- Native plantings
- Picnic tables
- Stories of Ongerue and surrounds

**TARGET**  
\$95,000

**RAISED TO DATE**  
\$59,500

Help us make this experience an even more amazing one.  
The Timber Trail is free to ride so your support makes all the difference!  
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**Bennett Road—new picnic tables**

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