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Work party information

Date/s	18 th & 19 th February 2012
Task description	Work Party – Relocate & Bury 600m of Mains Power Cables
Contact persons	Dean Johnston, Sue Alexander 03 942 5659 or dean-johnston@clear.net.nz
Meeting point	Middle Hut Gate
Start time	9:30 am
Finish Time	5:30pm Saturday. Flexible on Sunday 4:30pm –5:.30 pm)
Accommodation	Forest Lodge (Saturday night)
Meals	<p>BYO lunches and Sunday breakfast</p> <p>Saturday – bring chicken pieces and veges (pre-prepared) to roast for a combined shared meal</p> <p>Please make sure that your dinner contribution is on the table in Snowline kitchen by 4 pm so that it can be cooked communally.</p>
Work required	<p>The power will be disconnected this Thursday 17th. We will hand dig one section of trench 300mm deep crossing the old Landrover track 30m long. It is too steep for a digger. Cam will also be digging up the road just beyond Middle Hut gate so we can access the cable. So there will be limited access to Snowline.</p> <p>The main trench will have been dug by machine this week before the work party (300 mm deep, 150m long) along the lower part of the Landover track to Middle Hut site. The next section will 200m long but 1m deep in the “new” section of road.</p> <p>We will then all lift the three cables one by one dragging uphill approximately 100m and locate adjacent the trench. With luck the cable will be just long enough to fit in the trench. The cables must be protected above and below by a flat plastic board (100mm wide by 5mm thick), we will cable tie the board strips above and below the three cables creating a sandwich. The board will be hacksawed whenever a change of direction is required. We will drill holes in the board for the cable ties</p> <p>The finished sandwich is placed into the trench and back filled. The digger will be utilised wherever possible.</p> <p>The lower 150m section of cables will be moved up and sideways around the spur below the road and nestled into the vegetation and anchored to new posts. We will hammer approximately 10 Waratah posts into the ground.</p> <p>Special clamp grips will be fitted to the cable and connected to the anchor posts.</p>
Number of people	Approximately 20 people needed. It is hoped much of the work can be completed the first weekend. Otherwise some of us will be back.....
What to bring	<p>Boots, gaiters and trousers for walking up & down the slopes adjacent Middle Hut site and road, potentially through prickly Spainaid plants.</p> <p>Bring your own gloves to protect hands. If you have one, please bring a battery drill, spare battery (all fully charged) and hack saws.</p> <p>We will need a few spades, picks, grubbers and shovels.</p>
Additional notes	Remember you are going to the mountains, so put in chains for your vehicle and bring warm clothes (wet weather, wind proofs, hat and gloves).