

34 WILDING EXOTIC TREES

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Purpose

The purpose of these provisions is to prevent the spread of wilding exotic trees. Wilding is the term used for the natural regeneration or seedling spread of exotic trees, occurring in unintended locations and not managed for forestry production.

The District values and relies on its distinctive landscapes, open spaces and rural productive land for its social, cultural and economic wellbeing. Wilding trees are spreading across parts of the District and have visually degraded parts of the landscape, biodiversity values and can threaten the productive values of the soil resource. The spread of wilding trees has left other areas vulnerable to landscape and biodiversity degradation.

The Council manages existing wilding trees through the non-statutory document, 'The Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Strategy'. The District Plan also has a role in reducing the potential for wilding tree spread by controlling the planting of wilding potential species.

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Objective and Policy

34.2.1 **Objective - Protect the District's landscape, biodiversity and soil resource values from the spread of wilding exotic trees.**

Policy **34.2.1.1** Avoid the further spread of identified wilding tree species by prohibiting the planting of identified species.

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Other Provisions and Rules

34.3.1 District Wide

Attention is drawn to the following District Wide chapters. All provisions referred to are within Stage 1 of the Proposed District Plan, unless marked as Operative District Plan (ODP).

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Rule - Planting of Wilding Exotic Trees

Rule	Table 1	All Zones
34.4.1	Planting of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Contorta or lodgepole pine (<i>Pinus contorta</i>) b. Radiata Pine (<i>Pinus radiata</i>) c. Scots pine (<i>Pinus sylestris</i>) d. Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>) e. European larch (<i>Larix decidua</i>) f. Corsican pine (<i>Pinus nigra</i>) g. Bishops Pine (<i>Pinus muricate</i>) h. Ponderosa Pine (<i>Pinus Ponderosa</i>) i. Mountain Pine (<i>Pinus mugo</i>) j. Maritime Pine (<i>Pinus pinaster</i>) k. Sycamore l. Hawthorn m. Boxthorn 	Prohibited No application for resource consent can be accepted.

34.4.2 Exemption

34.4.2.1 For avoidance of doubt, any tree identified and scheduled in the District Plan as a protected tree shall be exempt from this rule.