

Appendix 11: Deer Kills and Helicopter Hunting Tracks in the Murchison Mountains

“Deer control in the Murchison Mountains is now conducted solely by helicopter. In total 119 deer were shot this year in the Murchison Mountains Special Takahē Area. Vegetation monitoring suggests that the current level of deer control is keeping browsing damage in the Murchison Mountains to a minimum when compared with other Fiordland sites (both WARO and Wapiti areas). Monitoring in 2015 showed a 45 % decrease in browse damage in the Murchison Mountains when compared with 2006.”

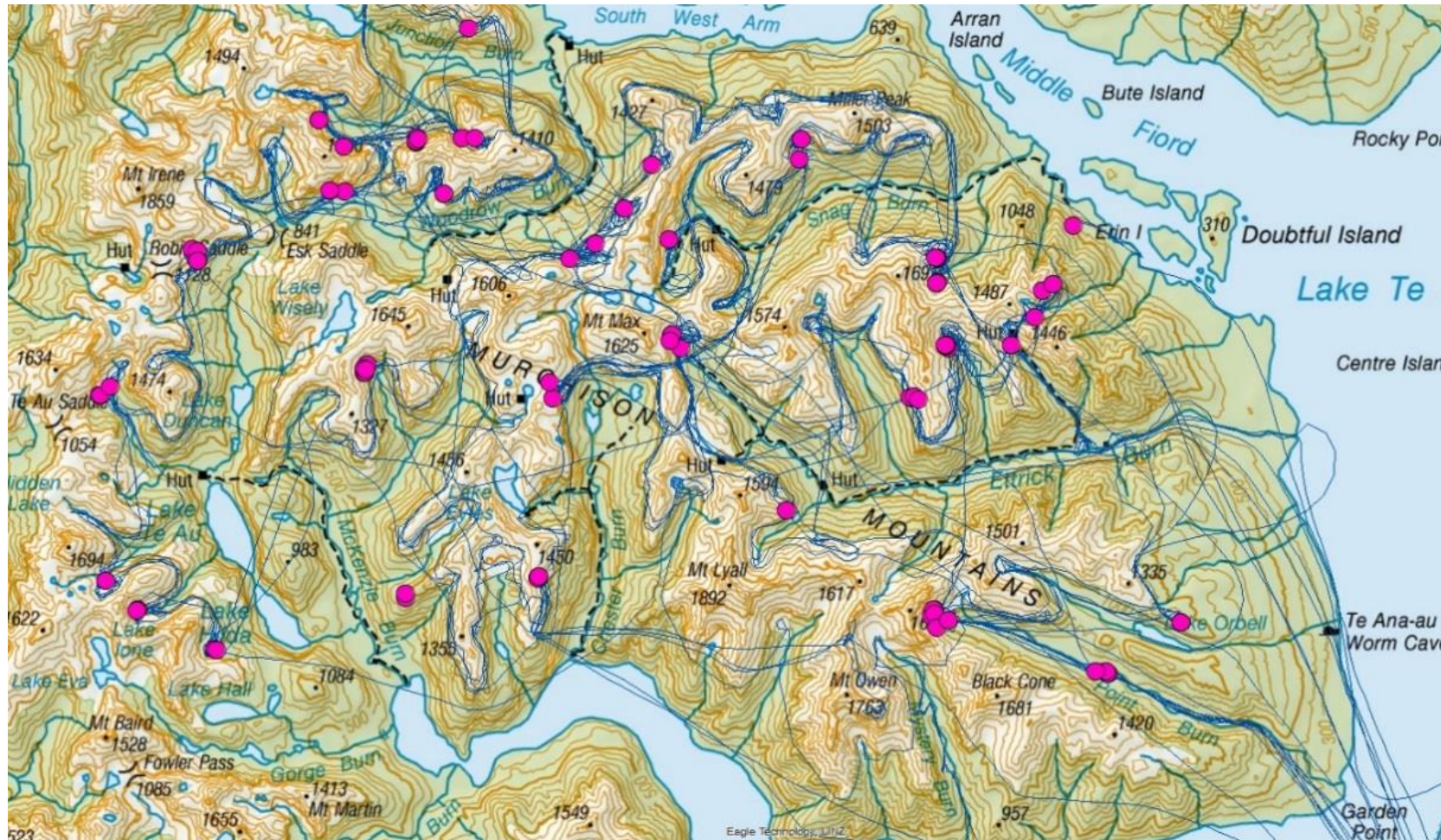


Figure 9: Murchison Mountains deer kills and helicopter hunting tracks for 2016/2017

Source: Takahē Recovery Programme Annual Report (2017-18) DOC Te Anau Area Office