



# Bush Fire Preparation Map



## Nowendoc Public School

### WORKS PROGRAM

Map Reference	Treatment Strategy	Action	Responsible Agency	Support Agency	Timeframe
6	Hazard Reduction	Inspect and maintain Strategic Fire Advantage Zones (grazing or prescribed burning)	NSW Rural Fire Service	Dept Industry - Lands/ Local Land Services and private as per land tenure	Inspect annually. Overall fuel hazard levels maintained below high
E	Hazard Reduction	Mechanically maintain Asset Protection Zones through slashing/mowing/burning	Walcha Council, Dept Industry - Lands and Local Land Services as per land tenure	NSW Rural Fire Service	Ongoing
	Property Planning	Inspect and maintain the Neighbourhood Safer Place as per RFS guidelines	NSW Rural Fire Service/Walcha Council		Annual Inspection
N/A	Preparedness	Response Pre-Incident Planning	Nowendoc Rural Fire Brigade	NSW Rural Fire Service	Ongoing
N/A	Ignition Management	Manage use of fire in the environment through fire permits, hazard reduction certificates and landfill access restrictions	NSW Rural Fire Service	Walcha Council/Dept Industry - Lands/ Local Land Services	Ongoing
	Preparedness	Make a Bush Fire Survival Plan	Nowendoc residents	NSW Rural Fire Service	
	Preparedness	Maintain Residential Preparation Zones	Nowendoc residents	NSW Rural Fire Service	Ongoing



Zone	Purpose	Suppression Objectives	Zone Characteristics
<b>Asset Protection Zone</b>	To protect human life, property and highly valued public assets.	To enable the safe use of Direct Attack suppression strategies within the zone. To minimise bush fire impacts on undefendable assets.	As per RFS document Standards for Asset Protection Zones.
<b>Strategic Fire Advantage Zone</b>	To provide strategic areas of fire protection advantage which will reduce the speed and intensity of bush fires, and reduce the potential for spot fire development; To aid containment of bush fires to existing management boundaries.	To improve the likelihood and safe use of: Parallel Attack suppression strategies within the zone, and/or Indirect Attack (back burning) in high to very high fire weather conditions within the zone. To reduce the likelihood of: Crown fire development within the zone, and/or Spot fire ignition potential from the zone.	Zone width related to suppression objectives and dependant upon: • Topography • Aspect • Spotting propensity • Location of adjacent firebreaks • Mosaic pattern of treatment Assess Overall Fuel Hazard (OFH) once vegetation communities reach minimum fire thresholds within this plan. Management practices should aim to achieve mosaic fuel reduction patterns so that the majority of the SFAZ has an OFH of less than high.
<b>Residential Preparation Zone</b>	To identify that residents / property owners have a vital role to play in bush fire risk management and that they are responsible for their own property preparedness.	To increase the preparedness of residents for bush fire and ensure that vegetation in close proximity to residential assets is adequately maintained. To provide a defendable space for residents / fire fighters and complement hazard reduction works carried out within Asset Protection Zones / Strategic Fire Advantage Zones.	Residents / property owners should strive to achieve a 'Fire-Safe' property as outlined in the illustration above. Concerns regarding the bush fire safety of neighbouring properties should be raised with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

**LEGEND**

- Proposed Asset Protection Zone
- Proposed Strategic Fire Advantage Zone
- Asset Protection Zone
- Neighbourhood Safer Place
- Strategic Fire Advantage Zone

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