



Bush Fire Preparation Map

BRINDABELLA VALLEY

WORKS PROGRAM

Map Ref	Source	Strategy	Action	Responsible Agency	Target / Action Date
1	BFRMP	Community Education	Provide community fire protection and preparation advice about bush fire danger period.	Rural Fire Service	annually & as required
2	BFRMP	Hazard Reduction	Inspect prior to Bush Fire Danger Period.	Rural Fire Service, Snowy Valleys Council, DPI - Lands & Forestry (Crown Lands), NSW Forestry Corporation, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Private forest growers/owners	annually
3	BFRMP	Hazard Reduction	Maintain / slash Asset Protection Zone (APZ) when overall fuel hazard reaches High.	Rural Fire Service, Snowy Valleys Council, DPI - Lands & Forestry (Crown Lands), NSW Forestry Corporation, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Private forest growers/owners	annually & ongoing as required
4	BFRMP	Preparedness	Manage & maintain Strategic Fire Advantage Zone including along primary access roads & fire trails. Undertake HR works along road verge.	Rural Fire Service, Snowy Valleys Council, DPI - Lands & Forestry (Crown Lands), NSW Forestry Corporation, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Private forest growers/owners	ongoing as required
5	proposed	Hazard Reduction	Maintain APZ around network assets / structures.	Transgrid, Essential Energy, Snowy Hydro, Telstra	annually & ongoing
6	proposed	Preparedness	Establish / maintain APZ around dwellings in Resident Preparation Area, & property fire breaks.	Private property owners	establish & maintain
7	proposed	Community Education	Develop Community Protection Plan (CPP).	Community, landholders & authorities led by Rural Fire Service	2018, review in +/- 5 years
8	proposed	Preparedness	Maintain APZ around Neighbourhood Safer Place.	Snowy Valleys Council, Rural Fire Service	ongoing

Is your property fire-safe ?

- 1 Check loading for fuel
- 2 Trim branches away from house
- 3 Repair / repair damaged roofing and weatherboards where eaves are over
- 4 Pull in firebreaks along public boundaries
- 5 Store firewood away from house
- 6 If the firebreaks move back to a well grazed pasture
- 7 Store petrol and gas safely away in shed
- 8 Draw water from dams and ponds. Don't rely on mains water supply
- 9 Keep a well maintained area with the required plants
- 10 Pump up spray nozzle
- 11 Seal under floor spaces to prevent ember entry
- 12 Check cattle grid loading
- 13 Place water pipes underground from dam pump to the house
- 14 Hose filling on internal tap to make spot fire in roof cavity
- 15 Fill water tanks to prevent loss of water for fire fighting
- 16 Keep grass out
- 17 Install gutter guards and keep gutters clear of leaf litter

Asset Protection Zone
Area cleared of combustible material surrounding a built or natural asset

Zone	Purpose	Suppression Objectives	Zone Characteristics
Asset Protection Zone	To protect human life, property and highly valued public assets and values.	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.
Strategic Fire Advantage Zone	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 wildfires to existing management boundaries.	To improve the likelihood and safe use of Parallel Attack suppression strategies within the zone. -Aspect -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 -Moisture 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.
Resident Preparation Area	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 are adequately maintained. To provide a defensible 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

- Asset Protection Zone
- Proposed Asset Protection Zone
- Strategic Fire Advantage Zone
- Proposed Strategic Fire Advantage Zone
- Neighbourhood Safer Place
- Residential Preparation Area
- Proposed Hazard Reduction
- Fire Trail

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