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ForestrySA warns hoon drivers to stay out of the forest

ForestrySA is warning hoon drivers to stay out of its native and plantation forest areas, as wet weather sets in across South Australia.

ForestrySA rangers have witnessed reckless driving in plantation areas in recent weeks, causing major damage to roads, tracks and firebreaks, making them impassable for forestry vehicles.

They warned this behaviour could compromise the safety of other forest users, as well as the safe passage of firefighters and appliances in summer months when the muddy tracks have hardened.

Under ForestrySA regulations, all vehicles must keep to established roadways and entry into fenced areas, or after dark, is not permitted.

Motorists caught breaking the law may be fined.

ForestrySA Ranger Trevor Wynniat warned rangers were carrying out regular patrols of all forest areas and offenders would be caught.

“They are causing environmental damage and damage to ForestrySA’s property, which can result in imprisonment,” he said.

“Offenders could also be subjected to anti-hooning legislation, which may lead to vehicles being impounded.”

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Photograph: Ranger Trevor Wynniat inspects the deep ruts left by hoon drivers in a ForestrySA firebreak near Cafpirco, in the South East. Photograph courtesy of ForestrySA.

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