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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON DRAFT NORTHERN FORESTS MANAGEMENT PLAN

ForestrySA is committed to the on-going sustainable management of the ForestrySA Plantations and Native Forests in the Mid-North of South Australia. An overarching plan for the management of these lands has been drafted titled the “Northern Forests Forest Management Plan.”

The plan sets out ForestrySA’s management approach for the Northern Forests - primarily the Wirrabara and Bundaleer Forest Reserves. The plan also considers four smaller reserves of Yarcowie, Leighton, Crystal Brook and Red Hill.

Input is now being sought from community and volunteer groups, adjoining landholders, indigenous groups, government agencies and local government that may seek to add value to the draft plan.

Marcel Griffiths, District Manager, said that the plan seeks to provide external audiences with a summary of the values and issues in ForestrySA’s Northern Forests.

“While the Northern Forests contribute to the commercial function of the Mid-North economy, their real value is as ‘Community Forests’ reflecting their significance as a recreational and conservation resource with significant heritage qualities. Bundaleer Forest Reserve occupies a special place in history as it is the birthplace of plantation forestry in Australia with the first trial plantings occurring in 1876”, Mr. Griffiths said.

The draft plan is open for comment until 15 August 2008 and can be downloaded from the ForestrySA website at <http://www.forestry.sa.gov.au>.

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