



MEDIA UPDATE



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FORESTRYSA FIRE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Fifteen ForestrySA plantation forest fire-fighters, including a Command Vehicle, three Fire Kings, and two Fire Tankers were dispatched early this morning (Thursday January 11) from Mt Gambier to provide assistance and relief to Mt Lofty Ranges ForestrySA fire crews that are currently working on protecting plantation assets threatened by the Mt Bold fire.

'It appears that over 200 hectares of relatively mature plantation has been burnt already' said State Operations Manager Brent Donaldson.

'Most of this plantation was located in SAWater land, where the pines are under ForestrySA management.'

While the total cost to ForestrySA is yet to be calculated, it will be in the order of several million dollars' said Mr Donaldson.

ForestrySA State Fire Management Officer, Dave Stevens, has also been despatched to the fire to undertake a CFS liaison role with the Incident Management Team.

Incident Summary:

Location: Mt Bold

Area Burnt: 210 hectares pine

ForestrySA Resources: 15 ForestrySA fire fighters, 3 Fire Kings, 2 Fire Tankers, 1 Command Vehicle

Year to Date Summary:

Fires attended by ForestrySA: 67 compared to 8 for the same period last year.

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