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ForestrySA to begin fuel reduction burns at Wattle Range

ForestrySA will begin residue burning at Wattle Range this month, as it steps up its commitment to bushfire prevention.

Plantation residue burning involves the burning of plantation debris left following logging operations. It reduces fuel loads and facilitates cultivation.

This year's program will include the burning of bluegum debris from trees harvested during 2015. It will begin this month and continue throughout June, weather permitting.

The burns will take place in plantation land between Penola and Furner.

Acting Chief Executive Jerome Coleman said reducing forest fuel loads was also a proven way to reduce the intensity of a bushfire and risk of damage to homes, property and biodiversity.

"All burns will be carried out by experienced fire management staff in accordance with strict guidelines. Every effort is made to reduce the impact of smoke drift on the local community and to reduce residue burning where possible."

Columns of smoke may be visible from Claywells and Manga Roads while the burns are in progress.

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