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FORESTRYSA FIRE SEASON PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY IN MID NORTH

ForestrySA is readying itself for a hot, dry summer across the Mid North forest districts of Bundaleer and Wirrabara.

A range of fire preparation activities have been carried out across the 7,600 ha Mid North forest estate, to reduce fuel loads and provide clear forest access.

The official fire danger season began in the region on 1 November and ForestrySA fire suppression resources are now on standby to ensure the local forest estate and surrounding communities are best protected.

Forest Manager Gary Pearson said prevention was key and preparatory activities were ongoing at both Bundaleer and Wirrabara.

“Tracks are being cleared and graded, fire breaks and tracks sprayed and slashing carried out,” he said.

“In addition to this, chaining and heaping of burnt and dead trees left following previous fire events is ongoing at Wirrabara.

“Our crews will continue track clearing and other fire protection activities throughout summer.”

A fire tanker, quick response vehicle, Bulk Water Carriers and five trained and experienced fire staff are now also stationed in the region, to provide immediate response in the event of fire outbreak.

“These staff have been contracted through DEWNR, they work across agency lands and allows ForestrySA to tap into a state-wide fire resource in the event of a major incident,” Mr Pearson said.

“Extra ForestrySA fire crews and appliances can also be deployed from the Mount Lofty Ranges and Green Triangle forest districts, providing back-up if and when required.”

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