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Fire Danger Season draws to a close in Green Triangle

The 2018-19 Fire Danger Season has now come to a close in the South East, signalling the end of another busy summer for ForestrySA's Green Triangle fire crews.

Fire personnel are now debriefing on the season, which caused minimal impact on assets and local communities.

Local ForestrySA fire crews attended 10 fires during the 2018-19 season, only one of which was on ForestrySA land.

ForestrySA manages more than 12,500 hectares of native forest within South Australia's South East.

These forest areas are popular for their diverse range of native flowers, plants, wildlife and natural feature such as wetlands, limestone caves and sinkholes.

In line with ForestrySA's ongoing commitment to bushfire prevention, a team of trained fire personnel have remained on standby throughout the Fire Danger Season to protect this valued local asset and the communities that surround it.

ForestrySA Fire Manager Chris Gibson said that during this season, ForestrySA had again worked cooperatively at a regional level to manage the risk and response to bushfire.

"ForestrySA is committed to bushfire prevention, preparedness and response," he said.

"We work closely with the Country Fire Service, Victoria's Country Fire Authority, other forest managers, neighbouring landholders and stakeholders to protect both our assets and the local community."

At a glance - ForestrySA firefighting capabilities, Green Triangle:

- Trained CFS firefighting personnel, based in the Green Triangle
- Two FireKing fire trucks, a state-of-the-art G-Wagen Quick Response Vehicle, bulk water carriers and other fire equipment maintained and strategically stationed for fire response.
- A network of seven fire towers staffed by experienced spotters, assisting in rapid fire detection.
- Regional networking and engagement with other local land and forest managers.

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