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Residue burns planned for Mount Lofty Ranges plantation estate

ForestrySA will begin residue burning across its Mount Lofty Ranges pine plantation estate this month, ahead of the annual winter replanting season.

The burns are scheduled to take place within the Mount Crawford, Kuitpo and Second Valley pine forests throughout May and June, following recent tree harvesting activity.

Burns in commercial forest areas are undertaken to manage harvesting debris and facilitate cultivation of the site for the next crop. ForestrySA is also working to reduce residue burning where possible over coming years.

The proactive management of forest fuel loads post-harvest significantly mitigates bushfire risk, reducing the threat to the surrounding communities and ForestrySA's wider commercial interests.

ForestrySA Commercial Operations Manager Peter Merry said an encouraging break in the season and end of the local Fire Danger Season meant the burns could now be scheduled.

"All burns will be carried out by experienced fire management staff in favourable weather conditions and in accordance with strict guidelines," he said.

"Every effort is made to reduce the impact of smoke drift on the local community and neighbour notifications are now underway, as per the ForestrySA stakeholder engagement process."

Smoke may be visible in the area for several days while the burns are in progress.

For your own safety, please remain clear of the site while the operations are in progress.

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