



Forest Fire Management Victoria

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PLANNED BURN NOTIFICATION

This letter is to notify you that Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) will undertake planned burning in the next few months.

FFMVic consists of specialist staff drawn from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and VicForests. These staff work alongside CFA, other emergency services and communities to carry out a fuel management program in Victoria's public parks and forests to reduce the risk of bushfire to people, property and the environment. Fuel management can include works such as planned burning, clearing works and constructing fire breaks. All of these works help to reduce the fuel (ie. flammable vegetation) load, which reduces the risk of a bushfire. If a bushfire does occur in an area where fuel management has occurred, these works can reduce its impact and intensity.

Planned burn details

- Burn Name: Mt Beauty – Moncrief Gap Track
- Burn Size (Ha): 933ha
- Burn Location: 1km Nth East of Mt Beauty
- Season: Autumn
- Burn Objectives: To achieve an Overall Fuel Hazard of Moderate or Low over 50% to 70% of the planned area.

Please Note: The indicated area on the attached map does not always represent the planned coverage area.

What to expect on the day

On the day the planned burning takes place you can expect to see smoke or smoke haze, flames, operational vehicles or aircraft. These are a normal part of the planned burn. You may also see small embers carried by the air away from the fire. If FFMVic considers that, during the planned burn, there is a danger of fire occurring on your land, either the CFA or FFMVic's own personnel may enter your land for the purpose of taking necessary steps to prevent or extinguish a fire, restrict its spread, or otherwise to protect life and property.

FFMVic will repair fences and rehabilitate land damaged during a planned burn (see <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/recovery-after-an-emergency/public-land-recovery>)

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When will the planned burn occur

Each burn is part of a three-year Joint Fuel Management Plan that outlines where FFMVic intends to carry out bushfire prevention works. Although burns are scheduled to take place in a certain year and sometimes in a particular season, this can change depending on weather and local conditions.

Due to this, FFMVic is unable to give you an exact date when this burn will go ahead - the final decision to proceed can only be made on the day of the burn, following monitoring of weather conditions and local fuel moisture levels. We recommend that you regularly seek information about proposed burns near you in order to stay informed about when the burn may occur.

More information

We encourage you to sign up for the **Planned Burns Victoria** which allows you to create a customised account for receiving automated notifications about upcoming planned burns on public land. There is no charge to register or to receive messages.

Planned Burns Victoria allows you to:

- Select any areas or specific planned burns you wish to be notified about
- When you wish to be notified (within 10 days, next 24 hrs or in progress)
- How you wish to be notified (SMS and/or email)

To create an account, or for further information visit <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/>

There are also several other ways to stay up to date about planned burns that may occur in your area:

- Contact the **Ovens District FFMVic team** on **03 5731 1222**
- Visit **Planned burns now and next 10 days** www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn
- Download the **VicEmergency app** on your mobile device to receive information about current planned burning activity
- Visit the **VicEmergency website** www.emergency.vic.gov.au
- Call the **VicEmergency Hotline** on **1800 226 226**

If there are areas of private land which you would like assessed for Fuel Reduction Burning, please contact us on the details provided.

Ovens District FFMV & local CFA work together to reduce bushfire risk where operationally feasible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we undertake this important work to protect communities, property and the environment from the impacts of bushfire.

Yours sincerely

Ovens District Fuel Management Team

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