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Bush Fire Danger Period to Commence 1st August for Glen Innes, Inverell and Tenterfield Local Government Areas

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has confirmed the start to the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) in the Glen Innes Severn, Inverell, Tenterfield local government areas (LGAs).

Angus McDowall, A/District Manager of Northern Tablelands RFS said the BFDP will commence on Tuesday 1st August, meaning residents will need to obtain a fire permit before conducting any burns in the open from this date. Fire permits help land owners to address safety aspects before and during a burn.

“With the Bush Fire Danger Period starting on the 1st of August, property owners must be aware that any burning in the open will require a fire safety permit. We encourage property owners to remove hazards on their properties through controlled burning but this needs to be done safely to ensure their burn doesn’t become the fire that impacts their community”

To burn legally, property owners must obtain fire permits from local brigade fire permit officers or the Fire Control Centre (FCC). These permits ensure controlled burning and reduce fire spread. Contact local brigades or the FCC for permits and safe burning practices guidance.

“Property owners must also ensure they have adequate control measures during controlled burns, including sufficient equipment, water supply, and persons onsite for effective fire management. If assistance is required property owners can ask their local Fire Control Centre for assistance in carrying out safe burning on their properties”, Mr McDowall said

Property owners must notify neighbours and the NSW RFS at least 24 hours before burning. Notifications can be made via www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify or the Northern Tablelands Burn Notification Line 1300 141 119.

Brigades across the Northern Tablelands have responded to over 100 bush and grass fire incidents in the past three months, indicating that fire activity will likely increase as we move towards hotter conditions. Property owners are urged to prepare their properties by clearing gutters, removing debris, trimming vegetation, and creating fire breaks.

“These preparation tips, as well as helpful information about what to do in the event of a fire, are contained in the Bush Fire Survival Plan guide and the new Farm Fire Plan, which can be downloaded from the NSW RFS website,” Mr McDowall said.

“As well as completing or updating our Fire Plans, it is also important to have a conversation with your family so everyone knows what to do if a fire threatens your house or property.”

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