

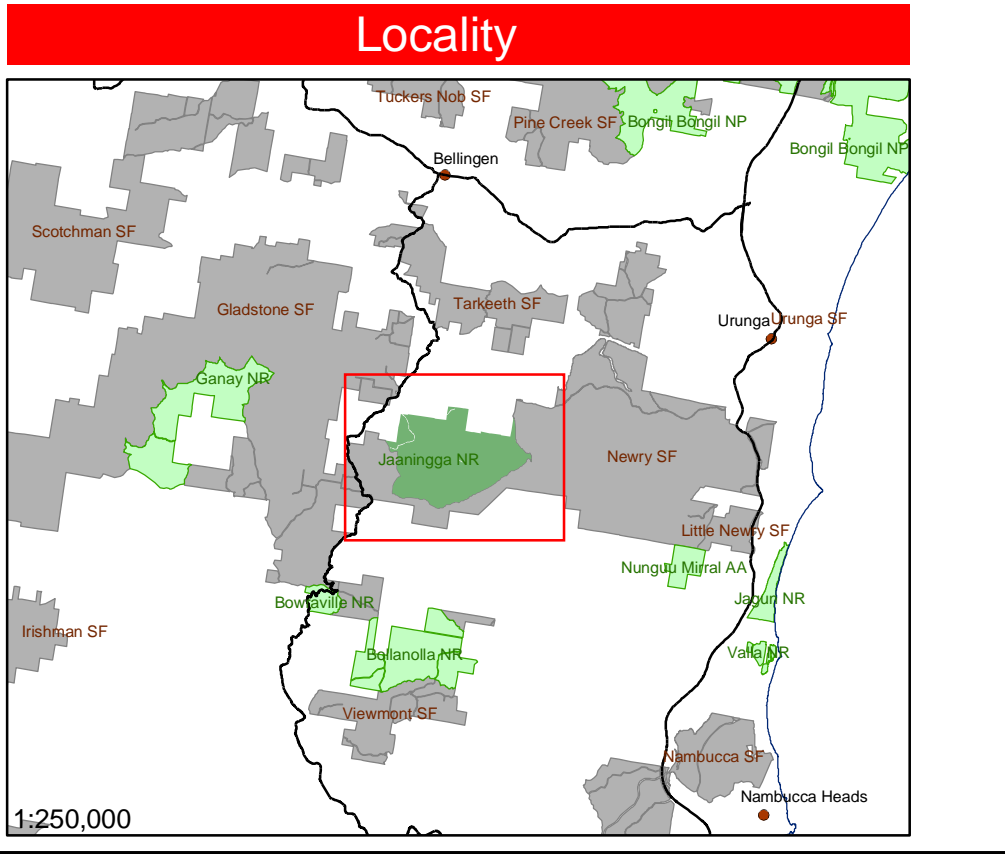
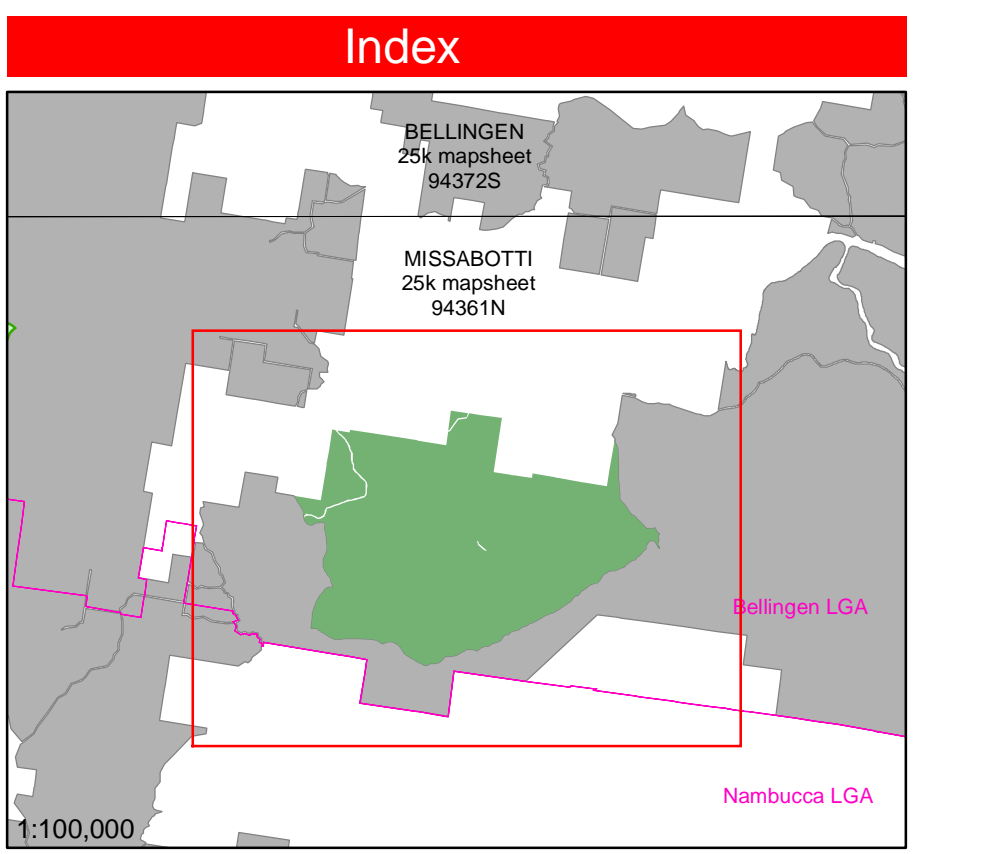
**North Coast Region
Jaanninga Nature Reserve
Fire Management Strategy (Type 2)
2005
Sheet 1 of 1**

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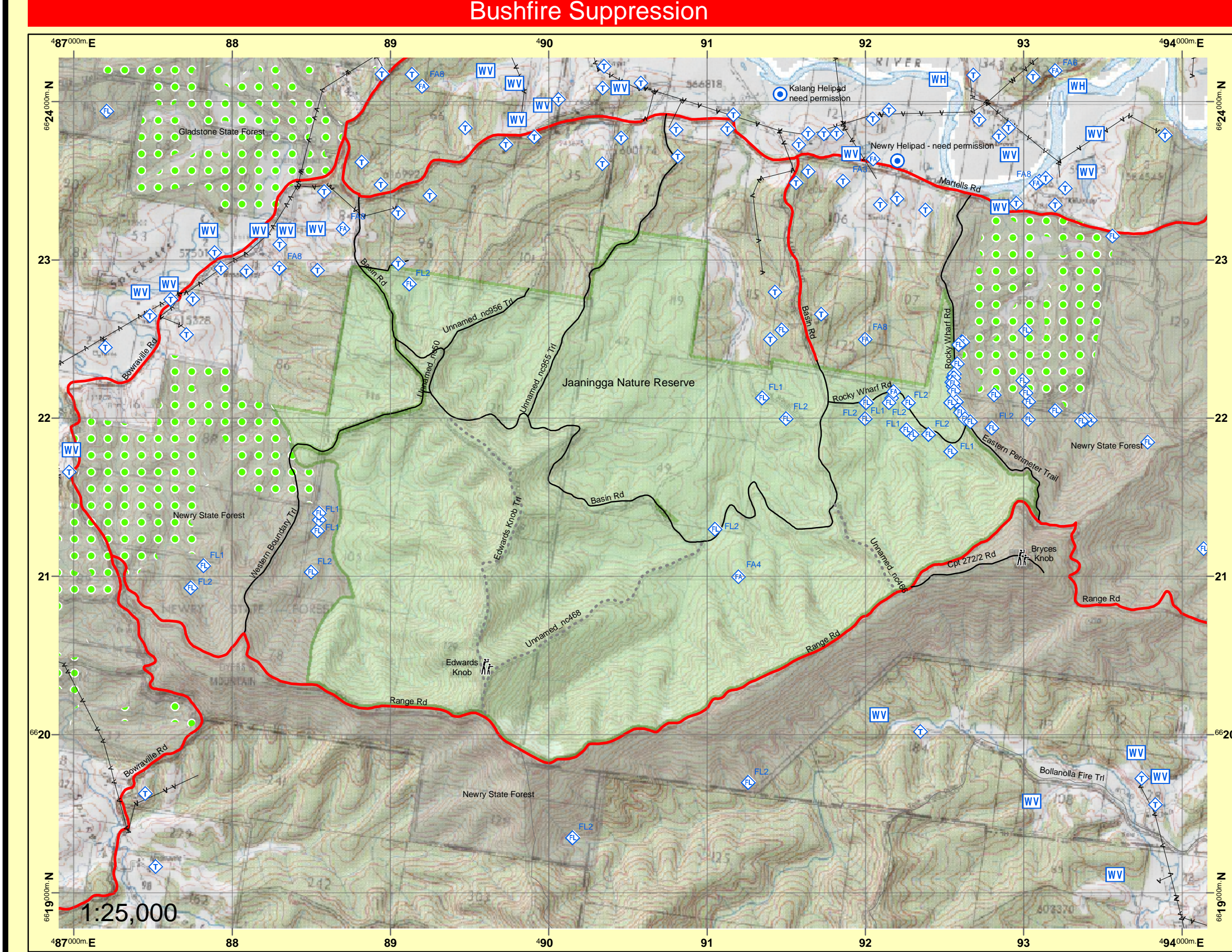
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Agency	Position / Contact	Phone
NPWS	Regional Duty Officer (24 hrs)	02 6641 1500
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	Fire Management Officer	02 6641 1500 0427 250 122
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Coffs Coast Area Office		02 6652 0900
		02 6651 9525 (fax)
Regional Office		02 6641 1500
		02 6643 5569 (fax)
Rural Fire Service	Fire Control Officer - Nambucca Fire Control Centre	02 6568 2536
	Fire Control Officer - Bellingen Fire Control Centre	02 6655 7001
NSW Fire Brigade	Emergency	000
	Bellingen Urunga	02 6655 1433 02 6655 6309
SES	Emergency	000
	Bellingen Unit Urunga Unit	02 6655 1188 02 6655 6199
Police	Emergency	000
	Bellingen Station Urunga Station	02 6655 1444 02 6655 6244
Ambulance	Emergency	000
	All other bookings	131233
Hospital	Bellingen River District Hospital	02 6655 1266
DIPNR	Coffs Harbour	02 6653 0100
State Forests	24 hour fire calls	02 6655 6950
	NE Region - Coffs Hbr	02 6652 0111
Council	Bellingen	02 6655 7300
Local Aboriginal Land Council	Bowraville LALC	02 6564 7812

Communications Information		
Service	Channel	Location and Comments
NPWS - VHF	23, 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point Lookout & Mt Moonbil; can delink Ch.23 if required. Good coverage throughout the reserve on Ch.23. Reverse channels 67, 72
NPWS - VHF (Fireground Comms)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine channel on fire-ground.
NPWS - VHF (Portable Repeater)	14 (orange) 16 (brown)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stored at Dorrigo / transportable. Can be located as required. Contact Regional Office, Grafton to deploy
SFNSW	34, 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt Wondurragah
RFS - PMR - UHF	44, 81 - 128	
RFS - GRN	-	
CB - UHF	1 - 99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available in most RFS vehicles. Choose channel on fire-ground with RFS.
Aircraft - VHF		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose channel on fire-ground with RFS.
Mobile Phone - CDMA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patchy in gullies, determine number on fire-ground.
Satellite Phone		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stored at Coffs Coast Area Office. Requires clear view of the sky.



Bushfire Suppression Legend

Contour interval 10 metres

Roads

- Closed
- Unclassified
- Primary (Cat 1)
- Secondary (Cat 9)
- NPWS Estate
- SFNSW Estate

Gate - non NPWS

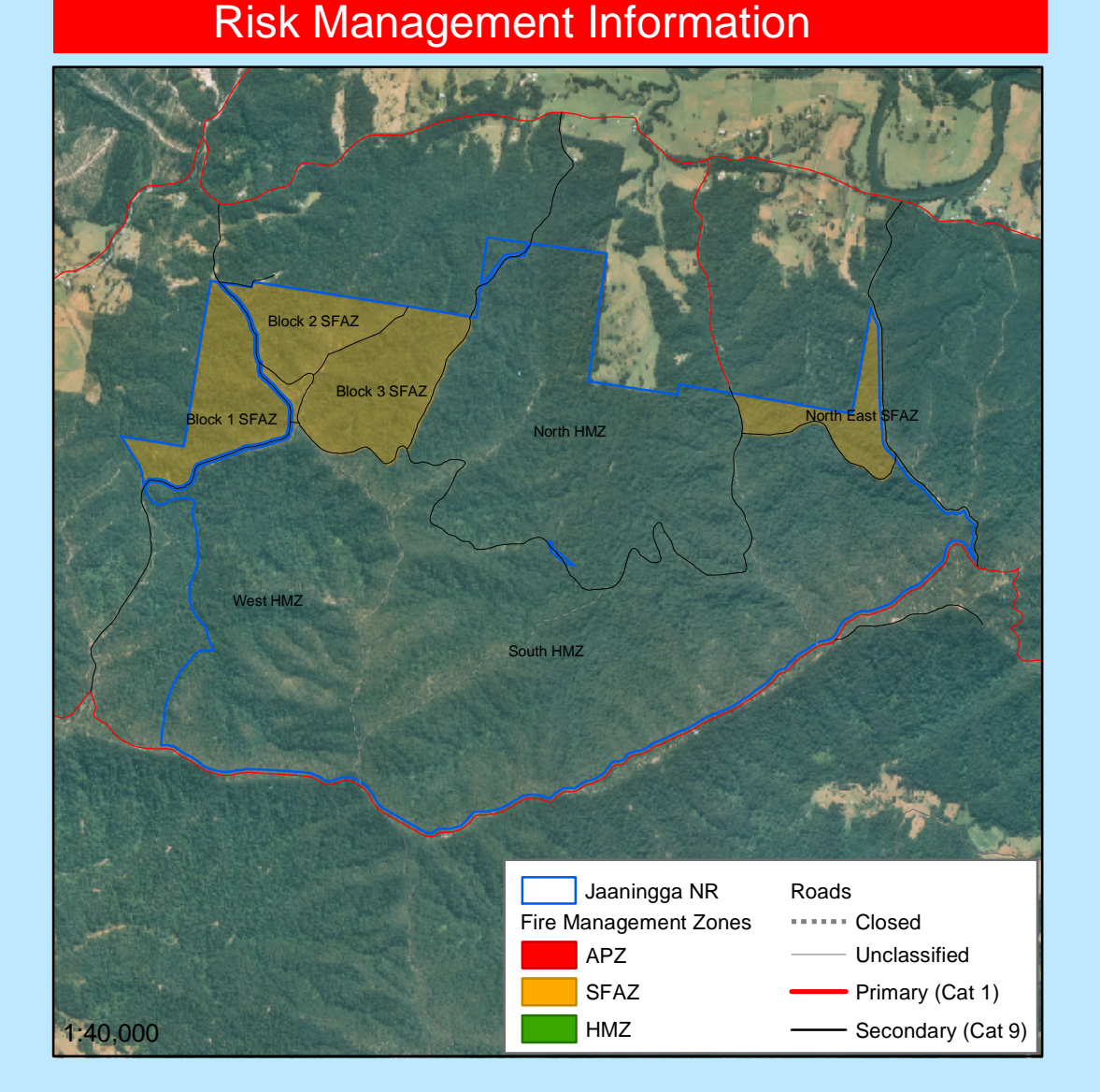
- Gate - NPWS
- Helipad
- Staging Area
- Vantage Point
- Threatened fauna
- Plantation

Water Point Vehicle

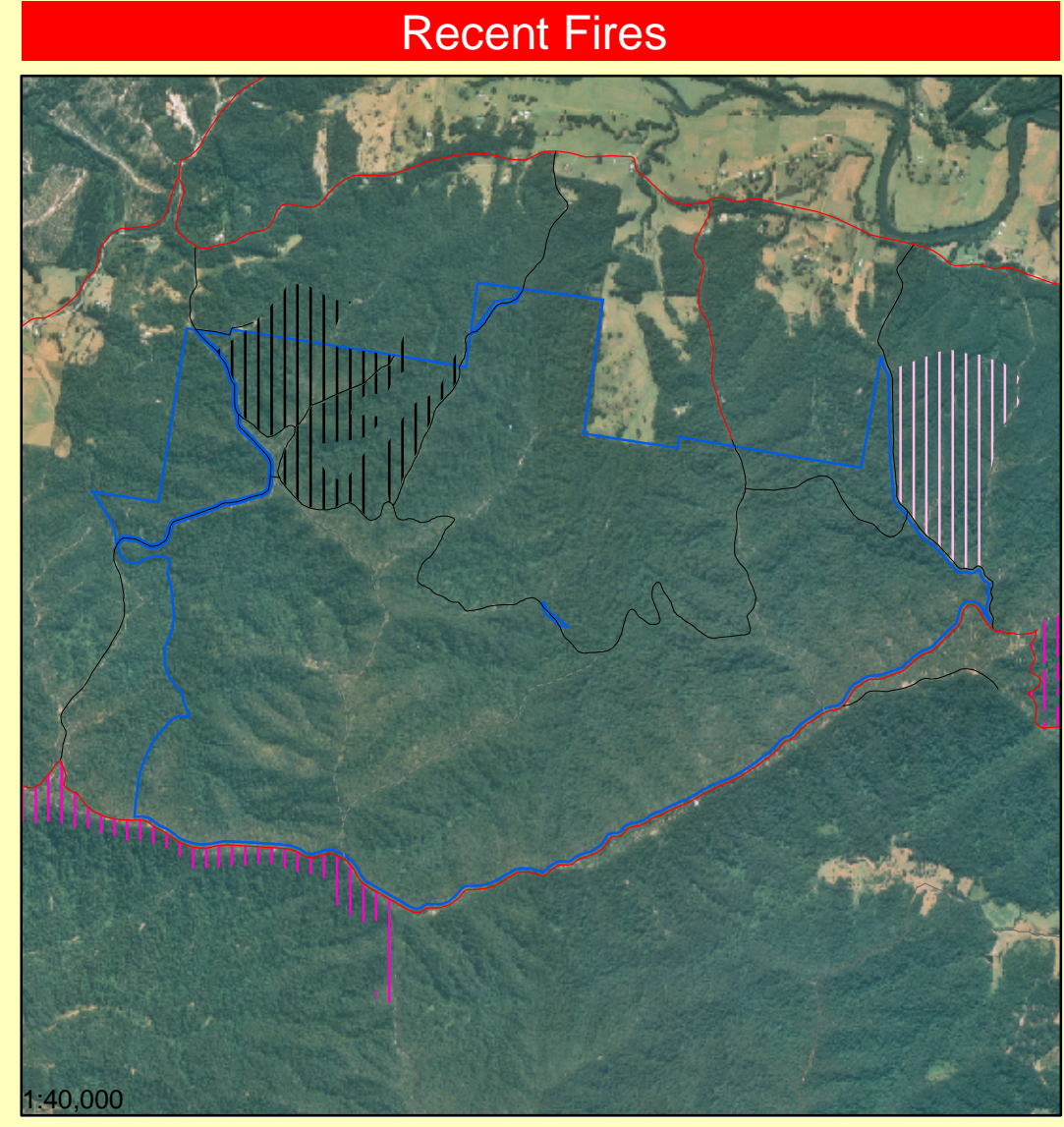
- Water Point Helicopter
- Threatened Property
- European cultural sites
- Threatened flora

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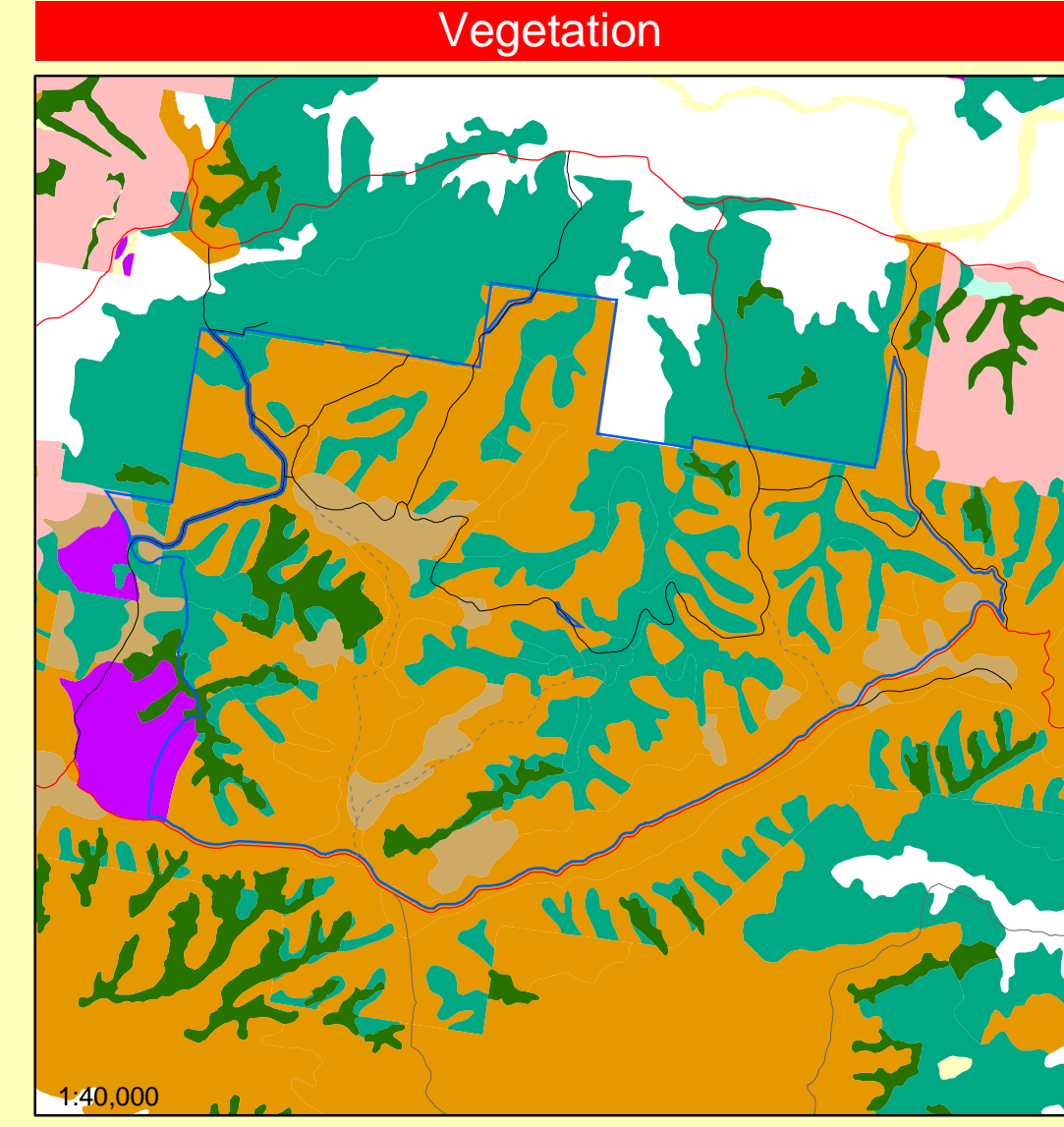
Suppression Strategies		
Current FDR	Forecast FDR	Suppression Strategies
Low - Mod	Low - Mod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake direct, parallel or indirect attack along existing containment lines. Where practicable consider maximising the fire area in accordance with the requirements of any proposed prescribed burns.
Low - Mod	=> High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to minimise the fire area and secure the flanks as soon as possible, undertake direct, parallel or indirect attack along the closest containment lines. Pay particular attention to the flank on the next predicted down wind side.
High	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake indirect attack along existing or newly constructed containment lines. Secure and deepen containment lines along the next predicted downwind side of the fire. If applicable consider broader than normal containment strategies to avoid wasted effort and high risk of failure.
All	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure there is sufficient time to secure containment lines prior to the fire impacting upon them; otherwise fall back to the next potential line.



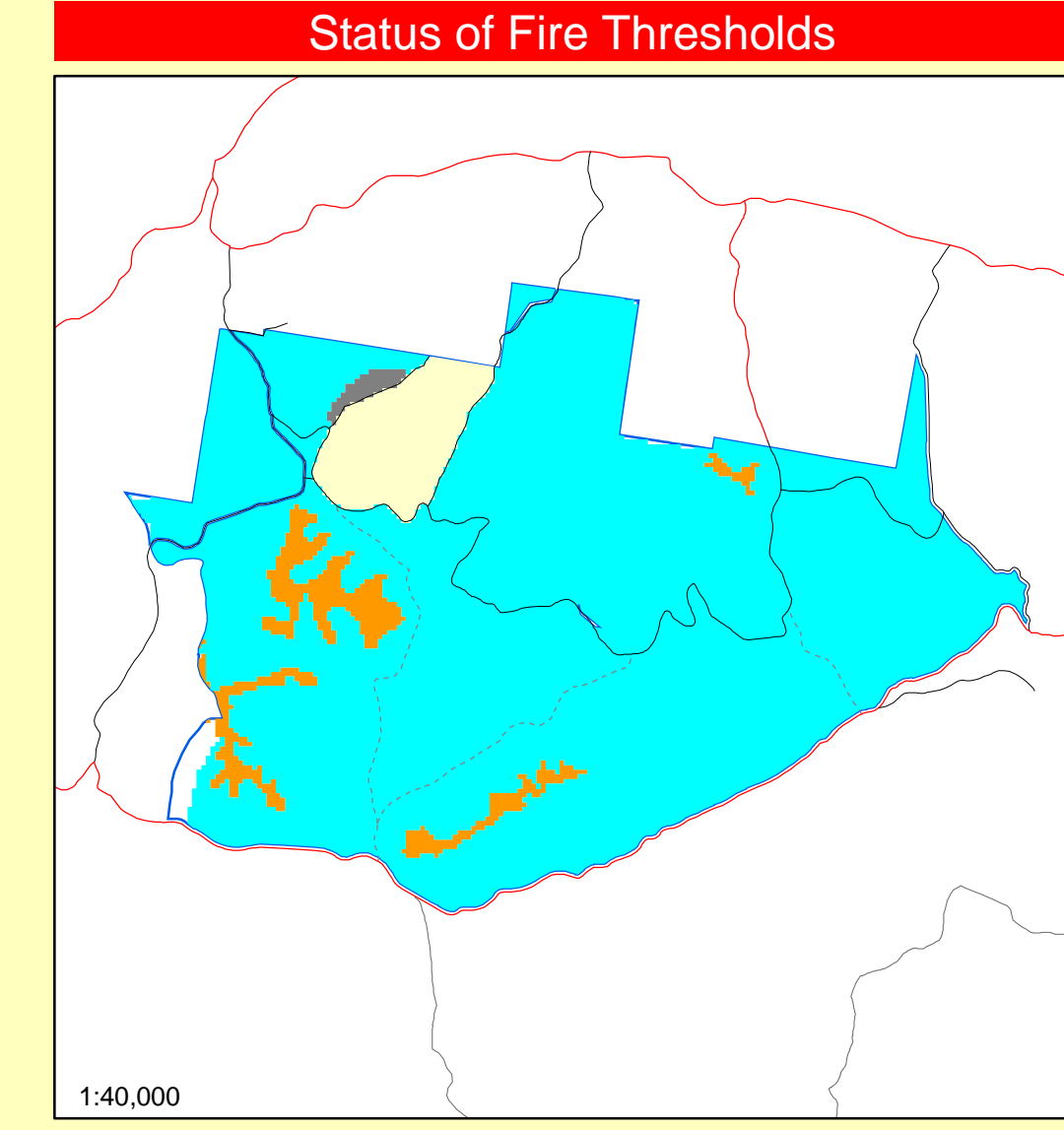
Fire Management Zones			
Asset Protection Zones	The objective of APZs is the protection of human life and property. This will have precedence over guidelines for the management of biodiversity. Maintain Overall Fuel Hazard at Moderate or below.		
Strategic Fire Advantage Zones	The objective of SFAZs is to reduce fire intensity across larger areas. Maintain Overall Fuel Hazard at High or below, however adherence to guidelines for biodiversity will take precedence where practical.		
	Zone	Action	Responsibility
	Block 1 SFAZ	Prescribed burn when overall fuel hazard exceeds High to the four identified zones in conjunction with RFS and neighbours.	NPWS
	Block 2 SFAZ		NPWS
	Block 3 SFAZ		NPWS
	North East SFAZ		NPWS
Heritage Management Zones	The objective of HMZs is to conserve biodiversity and protect cultural heritage. Manage fire consistent with fire thresholds.		



Recent Fires	
Jaanninga Nature Reserve	
2004-05 Fire Season	
2003-04 Fire Season	
2001-03 Fire Season	



Vegetation	
Jaanninga Nature Reserve	
Rainforest	
Wet sclerophyll forest	
Swamp sclerophyll forest	
Semi-mesic grassy forest	
Shrubby dry sclerophyll forest	
Agriculture/timber plantation	
Native Regrowth	
Cleared/weeds	



Status of Fire Thresholds	
Jaanninga Nature Reserve	
Overburnt	
Vulnerable	
Recently Burnt	
Underburnt	
Almost Underburnt	
Within Threshold	
Unknown	
No regime assigned	

Operational Guidelines	
Refer to Strategy for Fire Management 2003 and Fire Management Manual 2004. Brief all personnel involved in suppression operations on the following issues:	
Resource	Guidelines
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management (NPWS FMM 4.11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No known sites in Reserve. If new sites are located consult with a senior NPWS officer.
Historic Heritage Management (NPWS FMM 4.10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites within the reserve are natural features, which would not be detrimentally affected by fire. Other sites within reserve are in areas with a low fire risk. If new sites are located consult with a senior NPWS officer.
Threatened Fauna Management (NPWS FMM 4.12 & 5.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where practicable, protect habitat areas and trees from the fire if the effects of the resulting fire frequency, season &/or intensity will have a significant or unknown impact. Where practicable, protect large and hollow-bearing trees. FA3 - Exclude fire from habitat (wetlands or rainforest). Avoid use of earthmoving machinery, chemicals. FA4 - Mosaic burns to diversify understorey. Protect casuarina stands. FA8 - Avoid frequent fire (<10 yrs).
Threatened Flora Management (NPWS FMM 4.12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FL1 - Avoid the use of earth moving machinery in locations where these species are known to occur. Avoid the use of retardant in locations where these species are known to occur. FL2 - As far as possible, exclude all fire from locations where these species are known to occur. Avoid the use of earth moving machinery in locations where these species are known to occur. Avoid the use of retardant in locations where these species are known to occur.
Threatened Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible property owners with assets at risk from a wildfire event should be kept informed regarding the progress of the fire and asked for an assessment of their current level of asset protection preparedness.
General Guidelines	
Aerial Water Bombing (NPWS FMM 4.4 / NSW Fire Agencies Aviation SOPs O2 / NPWS Guidelines for Effective Aircraft Management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of bombing aircraft should support containment operations by aggressively attacking hotspots and spot-overs. The use of bombing aircraft without the support of ground based suppression crews should be limited to very specific circumstances. Where practicable foam should be used to increase the effectiveness of the water. Ground crews must be alerted to water bombing operations.
Aerial Ignition (NPWS FMM 4.2.20, 4.4 / NSW Fire Agencies Aviation SOPs O2-4 / NPWS Guidelines for Effective Aircraft Management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerial ignition may be used during back-burning or fuel reduction operations where practicable, but only with the prior consent of a senior NPWS officer. Utilise incendiaries to rapidly progress back-burns down slope where required.
Backburning (NPWS FMM 4.8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature and humidity trends must be monitored carefully to determine the safest times to implement back-burns. Generally, when the FDI is Very High or greater, backburning should commence when the humidity begins to rise in the late afternoon or early evening. With a lower FDI backburning may be safely undertaken during the day. Where practicable, clear a 1m radius around dead and fibrous barked trees adjacent to containment lines prior to backburning, or wet down these trees as part of the backburn ignition. Avoid ignition of backburns at the bottom of slopes where a long and intense up slope burn is likely.
Command & Control (NPWS FMM 4.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first combatant agency on site may assume control of the fire, but then must ensure the relevant land management agency is notified promptly. On the arrival of other combatant agencies, the initial incident controller will consult with regard to the ongoing command, control and incident management team requirements as per the relevant BFMC Plan of Operations.
Containment Lines (NPWS FMM 2.2, 3.9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of new containment lines should be avoided, where practicable, except where they can be constructed with minimal environmental impact. New containment lines require the prior consent of a senior NPWS officer. Where practicable, containment lines should be stabilised and rehabilitated as part of the wildfire suppression operation. All containment lines not required for other purposes should be closed at the cessation of the incident. All personnel involved in containment line construction should be briefed on both natural and cultural heritage sites in the location.
Earthmoving Equipment (NPWS FMM 4.2.20, 4.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earthmoving equipment may only be used with the prior consent of a senior NPWS officer, and then only if the probability of its success is high. Earthmoving equipment must be always guided and supervised by an experienced officer, and accompanied by a support vehicle. When engaged in direct or parallel attack this vehicle must be a firefighting vehicle. Containment lines constructed by earthmoving equipment should consider the protection of drainage features, observe the Threatened Species and Cultural Heritage Operational Guidelines, and be surveyed, where possible, to identify unknown cultural heritage sites. Earthmoving equipment should be washed down, where practicable, prior to it entering NPWS estate.
Fire Advantage Recording	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All fire advantages used during wildfire suppression operations must be mapped and where relevant added to the database.
Fire Suppression Chemicals (NPWS FMM 4.2.20, 4.9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetting and foaming agents (surfactants) are permitted for use in wildfire suppression. The use of fire retardant is only permitted with the prior consent of the senior NPWS officer, and should be avoided where reasonable alternatives are available. Exclude the use of surfactants and retardants within 50m of rainforest, watercourses, dams and swamps. Areas where fire suppression chemicals are used must be mapped and the used products name recorded. The Threatened Species Operational Guidelines are to be observed.
Rehabilitation (NPWS FMM 5.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where practicable, containment lines should be stabilised and rehabilitated as part of the wildfire suppression operation.
Smoke Management (NPWS FMM 3.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential impacts of smoke and possible mitigation tactics must be considered when planning for wildfire suppression and prescribed burning operations. If smoke becomes a hazard on local roads or highways, the police and relevant media must be notified. Smoke management must be in accordance with relevant RTA traffic management guidelines.
Visitor Management (NPWS FMM 3.6, 4.13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reserve may be closed to the public during periods of extreme fire danger or during wildfire suppression operations.

Fire Thresholds	
Overburnt	Fire thresholds have been exceeded. <i>Protect from fire as far as possible.</i>
Vulnerable	The area will be Overburnt if it burns this year. <i>Protect from fire as far as possible.</i>
Recently Burnt	Time since fire is less than the optimum interval, but before that it was within threshold. <i>Avoid fires if possible.</i>
Within Threshold	Fire history is within the threshold for vegetation in this area. <i>A burn is neither required nor should one necessarily be avoided.</i>
Almost Underburnt	The area is close to its threshold and may become underburnt with the absence of fire. <i>A prescribed burn may be advantageous. Consider allowing unplanned fires to burn.</i>
Underburnt	Fire frequency is below fire thresholds in the area. <i>A prescribed burn may be advantageous. Consider allowing unplanned fires to burn.</i>
Unknown	Insufficient data to determine fire threshold.

NB. Fire thresholds are defined for vegetation communities to conserve biodiversity.