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**Northern Inland Branch  
Macleay Gorges Reserves  
Fire Management Strategy (External) 2018**  
Mapsheets 17 - 18

**GDA**

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**Map Details**  
Datum: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 1984 Projection: UTM Map Grid of Australia (MGA) Zone 56  
Noted scales are true when printed on A0 size paper.

**OWRNP RFMS Legend - Mapsheet No 17**

- Walking Tracks
- Powerlines
- Natural Features
- Rivers and Creeks
- Contour 50m Interval
- Roads
- Unclassified
- Essential - Cat 1
- Essential - Cat 7
- Essential - Cat 9
- Important - Cat 7
- Important - Cat 9
- Dormant
- Declared Wilderness
- Fire History - Five Years
- Macleay Gorges Reserves (1)
- Other National Park
- Lands Vested in the Minister
- State Forest

**Protection**

- Protect from fire and heavy machinery where possible (1)
- Protect from fire and heavy plant where possible (3)
- Southern Dry Heath / Shrubland (39)
- Rainforest

**Structures and Sites**

- Gate NPWS - Assume all gates locked
- Gate non NPWS
- Helipad
- Water Point Helicopter
- Water Point Vehicle
- Camping Area (1)
- Ray@Eckure Point

**Operational Guidelines - Natural, Cultural, Park Users and Neighbours**

**Resource**

- ALL** - Brief all personnel involved in containment line construction and/or vehicle based fire suppression operations, on site locations and the required management strategies appropriate to the site type.
- Aboriginal Cultural Site** - Aboriginal sites have been categorised with the following protective actions if possible in the event of a fire.
  - AH1 - As far as possible, protect site from fire. Do not cut down trees.
  - AH2 - As far as possible, protect site from fire. Avoid all ground disturbance including the use of earthmoving machinery, hand tool fire construction and digging sites. Avoid water bombing which may cause ground disturbance.
  - AH3 - Avoid all ground disturbance. Avoid water bombing. Site may be burnt by shuttle, back burn or prescribed burn without damage.
- Heritage Management** - The following heritage features exist and may require protective action as listed below during fire.
 

Item ID	Site Name	Site Type	Protective Action Required
17129	Yarrowitch Stone Yards	Element	Protect from fire. Caution with earthmoving equipment. RAFT if an option.
6355	Sunnyside Woodshed	Element	Protect from fire. Caution with heavy plant to avoid damage to foundations of former farmhouse, sheds and gardens to west of site.
5828	Shandy Creek Scattered Trees	Element	Protect from fire. May require protection measures.
2795	Lane Pine Stockyards	Element	Vulnerable to fire. May require protection measures.
10232	Staves Hut Ruin	Element	Traces remain. May require protection measures. Machinery exclusion.
10548	Yarrowitch Hut Yards	Element	Vulnerable to fire. Will require protection measures.
9790	Yarrowitch River Hut	Element	Vulnerable to fire. Will require protection measures.
- Threatened Fauna Management** - Avoid water bombing, which may damage site. Use of boom and sprayer around the site is acceptable if authorised by the IC. There are two threatened frog locations identified on this map sheet. Avoid the use of fire fighting chemicals. As far as possible, protect large and hollow-bearing trees. Avoid high intensity fires that consume canopies and tall logs. Where possible, 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. Surfactants may be used except where location is within 50m of a watercourse, dam or swamp. Allow saving threatened frog records as described in an enclosure zone (50m exclusion of surfactants and other fire suppression chemicals). The following threatened flora are known to occur on this map sheet. Undertake protective actions as described below if available.
 

Common Name or Flora Community	Protective Action Required
Southern Dry Heath / Shrubland	Exclude fire and machine use where possible.
Narrow-leaved Popgun	Exclude fire use if possible. Use machine use. Particular caution along the gorge rim near Yarrowitch Falls along the fence line trail.
- Threatened Flora Management** - As far as possible, avoid interline intervals of < 10 years where these species are known to occur. If possible avoid the use of earth moving machinery in locations where these species are known to occur. Where possible, protect old growth habitat trees. Surfactants may be used except where location is within 50m of a watercourse, dam or swamp.
- Threatened Property** - Sunnyside APZ, Colewicks Hut APZ, Yarrowitch River Hut and Yards APZ, Deep Gully Hut APZ. If possible, strengthen APZ areas around park assets prior to the arrival of wildfire and if possible defend them from fire. Where possible, property owners with assets at risk from a wildfire event should be kept informed regarding the progress of the fire. No smoke management issues.
- Smoke Management** - Road closure points will be determined by location of fire. Walkers on the Green Gully Track will require evacuation.
- Visitor Management** - No specific warnings.

