

Wildfire Risk Management Plan

Having a wildfire risk reduction and management plan is important. Wildfire occurrence is increasing in Aotearoa New Zealand, and managing the risks is key to minimising the impact to you, your assets and your neighbours.

Colours indicate importance or impact of these factors:.

Low	Medium	High
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Record of important information

Details	Notes
Location and features	
Type of planting	
Block size (hectares)	
Age/year planted	
Management regime or purpose	

Ongoing factors to be aware of

Factors	Notes
Local fire danger	
Wildfire history	
Rainfall (annual/monthly)	
Local weather patterns	
Surrounding land uses	

Access

Action	Notes	Due date
Create and maintain 4m x 4m vehicle access		
Display bridge weight limits, RAPID numbers		
Padlocked gates		
Consider 2 access ways or share with neighbours		

Water supply

Action	Notes	Due date
Create or identify a water supply for fire suppression		
Ensure fire appliances can access water supply		

Create space for pumps within 7 metres of water supply	
Consider sharing water supply with neighbours	

Identify risks

Action	Notes	Due date
Reduce or manage fuel		
Remove or minimise weeds within plantings		
Reduce thinning and logging slash		
Create a buffer between neighbouring crops, trees and rank grass		
Remove gorse, volatile weeds and scrub around the neighbourhood		
Machinery use and maintenance		
Do not use machinery in very high or extreme fire danger conditions		
Keep firefighting equipment on hand when using machinery		
Clean and maintain machinery regularly		
Attach a spark arrestor to machinery if appropriate		
Local community		
Risk from neighbouring properties		
Consider a neighbourhood early warning system		

Co-ordinate with Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Action	Notes	Due date
Find out who to contact in case of a wildfire		
Liaise with Fire and Emergency over local fire history, risk reduction and response		

One action to take now to reduce the risk of fire to your property?