

Rural Recovery Services For landholders affected by Alpine Fires July 2009

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Stock Containment Areas

Post fire, a well designed stock containment area can assist with temporary hand feeding of stock while pastures recover, reduce soil erosion and better control weed contamination from imported feed. During a fire they can be used as a safe area for stock so constructing one now is a good investment for the future. For information on benefits contact:

Ian Gamble, DPI Wangaratta 03 5723 8671

Whole Farm Planning

Fences may have to be replaced as a result of the fire. Landholders now have the opportunity to reflect on their current farm layout and make changes for improved management. Whole farm planning can assist in developing a new farm layout. For advice contact:

Greg Bekker, DPI Benalla 0417 340 236

Weed and Pest Animal Management

For advice on control measures to minimise the likelihood of weeds becoming established on your property following fire, or pest animals impacting on livestock, contact:

Greg Johnson, DPI Wodonga 02 6043 7967

Crown Land Boundary Fencing

Reimbursement of insurance excess to the value of \$400 is available for claims made for Crown land (Park and State Forest) boundary fences that have been damaged or destroyed by the 2009 bushfires (wildfire or fire suppression back-burn). For an application form, contact:

Greg Ferrier, DPI Rutherglen 02 6030 4609

Soil conservation - Erosion Control

With large areas of bare ground, the potential for erosion of valuable topsoil is great. For information on soil protection measures, contact:

Craig Turton, DPI Wangaratta 02 6043 8682

Livestock – Feed Planning

Managing livestock with reduced feed supplies is an enormous challenge. For advice on feeding strategies to get stock through, contact:

Greg Ferrier, DPI Rutherglen 02 6030 4609

Alison Desmond, DPI Benalla 03 5761 1643

Livestock – Animal Health

For issues or concerns about livestock affected by the fire, contact: Animal Health Field Services:

Wangaratta 03 5723 8600/Wodonga 02 6043 7900

Pasture Management

Fire changes and botanical composition of pastures can lead to reduced growth rates and a reduction in carrying capacity. For advice on pasture recovery, seed mixes and establishment techniques, contact:

Kate Sargeant, DPI Seymour 03 5735 4352

Ian Gamble, DPI Wangaratta 03 5723 8671

Horticulture

Vegetables: Rob Dimsey, DPI Bairnsdale 51520619

Rubus industry: Mark Hincksman, 5954 4004

Agronomy: Harold Adem, DPI Tatura, 5833 5231

Water supplies—Farm Dams

Rainfall on paddocks with minimal ground cover can lead to siltation of farm dams, reducing their capacity and contribution to water quality programs. For more information, contact:

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