

MEDIA RELEASE

Initial assessment of fire affected areas

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Building Impact Assessment teams are continuing their assessment of properties impacted by yesterday's bush fires in northern NSW.

Crews have today been able to access parts of the Busbys Flat Road fireground, including the village of Rappville, and the Long Gully Road fire.

At this stage, a total of 21 homes have been confirmed destroyed but this number will rise as teams inspect more properties.

Fifteen of these homes have been destroyed in the Rappville area, while a further six have been destroyed at the Long Gully Road fire.

Confirmed property losses, as of late this afternoon, are:

- > 21 homes destroyed, 4 damaged, 52 saved in the direct area of the fire
- 2 community facilities including a hall destroyed, 5 damaged
- > 35 outbuildings destroyed, 7 damaged

At this stage, an estimated 35 percent of the Busbys Road Flat fire area has been assessed, and 20 percent of the area affected by the Long Gully Road fire yesterday.

BIA teams will continue their assessments tomorrow.