



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

MEDIA RELEASE

Grass fires of most concern as Bush Fire Danger Period begins

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With the start of the bush fire danger period tomorrow, the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is encouraging residents to know and understand their fire risk, with the increased potential for grass fires.

NSW RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers said the official Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) commences in a further 92 Local Government Areas tomorrow, 1 October 2022.

“Recent rain has led to good grass and crop growth across the state especially in western areas of NSW, and with more rain predicted over spring, this vegetation will continue to flourish.

“As warm weather sets in, this will dry out, increasing the risk of dangerous and fast moving grass fires.

“Despite the wet weather, we have already seen more than 1000 grass fires across the state since July, and the risk will increase in the months ahead.”

Commissioner Rogers said the introduction of the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System will help people make informed decisions this bush fire season.

“Know your risk, and check the daily fire danger ratings. The new Fire Danger Rating System has four levels – Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic – with clear actions for each level,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“Each rating gives an indication of the consequences of a fire if one was to start.”

Permits are required in areas where the Bush Fire Danger Period is in place, and landholders using fire must notify the RFS, such as online at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify.

Most areas in NSW are now in their Bush Fire Danger Period. The following areas will commence their danger period on 1 November due to local conditions.

- › Albury City
- › Berrigan
- › Coolaman
- › Federation
- › Greater Hume
- › Junee
- › Lockhart
- › Wagga Wagga
- › Snowy Valleys

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