



Total Fire Bans as hot weather continues

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is urging people to be prepared and remain vigilant, ahead of hot, dry and windy conditions forecast across parts of NSW for tomorrow.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons confirmed that total fire bans have been declared in the following areas for Saturday 5 February 2011:

- Greater Sydney
- Greater Hunter
- Monaro Alpine
- Central Ranges

“Forecasts are pointing towards high temperatures, in excess of 40 degrees in some areas, along with strong winds,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“This means there is an increased risk of fires and it is important that the community understand the risk and are suitably prepared.

“We’re urging people to remain alert to the very real potential for fire, and make sure their homes and families are prepared.

“With the recent warmer weather we’re already starting to see fuel dry out quite quickly, with our brigades attending over 100 bush and grass fires in the past week.

“Everybody, especially people in areas affected by total fire bans, need to be alert and exercise common sense”.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons is also encouraging people to download a Bush Fire Survival Plan from the NSW RFS website at rfs.nsw.gov.au, and fill it out with their family.

“People should use this opportunity to check their Bush Fire Survival Plan and ensure their home and property is well prepared.

“Even if there aren’t total fire bans, people still need to exercise caution and common sense,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

Total fire bans and current fire danger ratings can be found on the NSW RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 679 737.

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