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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## More areas reach Catastrophic fire danger rating

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Further areas are forecast to reach Catastrophic fire danger this afternoon, as high temperatures and strong winds reach their peak.

Revised observations and forecasts from the Bureau of Meteorology show the Northern and Eastern Riverina and southern parts of the Lower Central West Plains are expected to reach Catastrophic fire danger levels this afternoon ahead of a southerly change.

The Catastrophic fire danger conditions are likely to remain for several hours ahead of the change.

People in these areas should avoid bushland areas and ensure they know what to do if a fire threatens their area.

This is in addition to the Illawarra/Shoalhaven and Southern Ranges areas which are also under a Catastrophic fire danger rating.

There are currently more than 100 bush and grass fires burning across NSW.

Information is available on the NSW RFS website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au). People in affected areas should also monitor the NSW RFS Facebook and Twitter pages.

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