



ACT Rural Fire Service
Standard Operating Procedure 1.24
Regional Fire Management Plans

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Purpose

This Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) provides a framework to clarify and outline procedures relating to the creation, approval, review and reporting of Regional Fire Management Plans (RFMPs).

Scope

This SOP applies to the ACT RFMPs approved by the ESA Commissioner to meet the requirements of the Strategic Bush Fire Plan (SBMP). The RFMPs are produced to provide guidance to the development of Bushfire Operations Plans (BOPs).

Procedures

1. Creation

Under the Act, TAMS must supply to the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ACTESA) Commissioner (the Commissioner) draft RFMPs in accordance with the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (SBMP). The draft RFMPs are produced for five (5) year periods and must 'detail the timing, type and location of fuel-reduction, access and infrastructure activities proposed to be taken in the ACT.

TAMS in developing RFMPs, must consult with the Community, ESA and the Conservator.

2. Approval

Once a draft RFMP is received the Commissioner will consider if the plan is consistent with the *Emergencies Act 2004*, and the SBMP. The Commissioner may also consider the interactions with NSW Fire Management Plans were appropriate.

Approved RFMPs will be made publicly available through links from ESA and TAMS websites.

3. Review

The RFS, TAMS and EDP (Conservation Planning & Research) in preparing the TAMS BOP, will review the RFMPs considering factors that may underpin significant changes. As per the SBMP, these may include unplanned bushfires, urban development both 'green field' or interface, or significant changes to bushfire fuel accumulation.

The ESA Commissioner will seek advice annually from the RFS Chief Officer whether the changes require an update to the published RFMPs. The ESA Commissioner must approve any changes to published RFMPs.

4. Reporting

The RFS Chief Officer will provide a report regarding the annual review of the RFMPs. This report will include the progress of activities completed as identified of the RFMP in the context of the 5 year cycles.



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Supporting Documentation

Form Title	Location (document path)
ACT SBMP	http://esa.act.gov.au/community-information/publications/sbmp/
ACT RFMPs	http://esa.act.gov.au/community-information/publications/sbmp/

Related Material

Name	Location (document path)	Document Type
<i>Emergencies Act 2004</i>	http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2004-28/default.asp	ACT Legislation
<i>Territory Records Act 2002</i>	http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2002-18/default.asp	ACT Legislation

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