

# Waimea Rural Fire Committee

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## **Tasman District Council**

### **Suggested Reduction and Readiness plan content required for temporary events consent.**

Where possible locations and descriptions should be indicated on a map / aerial photo

#### **Reduction in risk and consequence of Wildfire starts**

- For the event area and surrounding environment of 500m around the event boundary and 100m either side of access road/s – the fuel types
  - Fuel Types and loadings (species, height, density)
  - Surrounding slopes (In degrees and if sloping down to or up to event)
- Length of grass and dryness assessment (curing) anticipated during the event
- Organisers requirements around smoking, lighting of fires (including barbeques), fireworks, Chinese lanterns, fire dancing, spark hazardous activities
- Briefing and information content presented to attendees (rules, emergency notification process, evacuation plans etc)
- Location of sleeping areas
- Number of people in attendance during the day and at night
- Location of fire / fuel breaks – type and width
- Cancellation procedure of event if the BUI of nearest Remote access weather station has a forecast or actual BUI (Build up Index) of over 80 and or a (FWI Fire Weather Index) forecast or actual of over 24 (very High). Information for this can be found here:

<http://ruralfiredanger.co.nz/w.cgi?cmd=nrfa&region=Waimea%20Rural%20Fire%20District>

#### **Readiness in case of a wildfire start**

- Water sources, both static and mobile that are available, locations and volumes.
- Requirements of attendees for fire extinguishers / water supplies
- Requirements of stall holders / commercial contributors for fire suppression
- Pumps and hoses available on site (and position)
- Hand tools available on site (and position)
- Fire appliances or smoke chasers available on site (and position)
- Named people onsite trained in fire firefighting (NZQA unit standards or NZFS TAPS modules) dedicated to fire reduction, readiness and response
- An evacuation plan with stay / go procedure and at least two escape routes to safe areas
- A plan of how emergency services will access the site by land, particularly if attendees are endeavouring to escape along the same route
- Locations of safe areas (minimum of 4 times fire flame length)
- Emergency notification process for attendees and organisers
- Tested communication plan for phone and or radio procedure to notify emergency services and for emergency services to make contact on.