

SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE

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23/8/04

Doug Mills
N.P.W.S.
Southern Directorate,
Threatened Species Unit.

RE: BREACHES OF THE IFOA-TSL IN COMPARTMENT 207, CLYDE SF No 835

Dear Doug,

An audit of compartment 207 was conducted on the 26/8/04 by SEFR. The audit involved driving along 207/1 Rd and 207/3 Rd. The following breaches were found.

BREACH 1

5.6 Tree Retention

d) Regrowth Zone Recruitment Tree Retention

ii. Retained recruitment trees must show potential for developing into hollow-bearing trees. Retained recruitment trees must have good crown development, and should have minimal butt damage and should not be suppressed. Mature and late mature trees must be retained as recruitment trees where available.

GPS coordinates for breaches of the above prescription;

A: 245490/6067637

B: 245074/6067791

C: 245467/6068180

D: 245952/6068312

E: 245688/6068226

F: 244431/6068056

Points C, D and F had R trees marked that were suppressed. At point F the R tree was about .5m from the marked H tree that was the cause of the suppression. These trees were also not mature or late mature trees, which the prescription requires, even though they were available by the evidence of large stumps near by. Points A, B and E had very poor R tree selection. These were not as suppressed as the previous ones but were of a very poor quality and like the above were not mature or late mature as the prescription requires.

BREACH 2

5.6 Tree Retention

g) Protection of retained trees

ii. In the course of conducting specified forestry activities, logging debris must not, to the greatest extent practicable, be allowed to accumulate within five metres of a retained hollow-bearing tree, recruitment tree, stag, *Allocasuarina* with more than 30 crushed cones beneath, eucalypt feed tree, or Yellow-bellied Glider or Squirrel Glider sap feed tree. Logging debris within a five metres radius of retained trees must be removed or flattened to a height of less than one metre. Mechanical disturbance to ground and understorey must be minimised to the greatest extent practicable within this five metres radius. Habitat and recruitment trees must not be used as bumper trees during harvesting operations.

GPS coordinates for breaches of this prescription;

E: as above

G: 245302/6068119

We would request that you investigate these breaches that are not in the spirit of the IFOA as soon as possible and prosecute SFNSW to the fullest extent possible for their failure to adequately protect habitat for our threatened and endangered species.

If you require further information please contact me and I am available to meet in the field to show you these breaches.

Regards,

Scott Daines.