

FIRE SEASON IS NOT OVER YET !!



So far this summer, Eastern areas have not experienced the forecast drought or the hot and very dry strong northerly and westerly winds.

Except for Wairarapa, regular rain has kept the trigger Build-Up Index below Danger Code Blue and we haven't had any Code Red / Purple "spike" days.

This does not mean that there is no Fire Risk. Everyone still needs to take care to prevent any fire starts. In these conditions, crew should still be taking fire prevention measures, not only to protect the forests, but to ensure crews are safe and you can continue to work.

If you have a fire, everyone loses.

- Ensure people working in the bush or cutover have a safe escape route.
- Ensure crews have an alternate safe place.
- Keep hydrated with water. (V and Powerades dehydrate the body).
- Take extra care with any spark hazardous activities.
- Keep machinery clean (This will help prevent overheating on these very hot days).
- Discuss the daily fire risk at your tailgate meeting.

For more information and explanation of fire risk, go to your FMNZ Forest Fire Risk Management Plan.