

PER BOB MOORE

COMMUNITY MEETING - 2019 - 20 BUSH FIRE SEASON.

TIMELY TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION - PARTICULARLY THE LANDSCAPE YEARS AGO AND NOW.

6/ HEADINGS - IN YOUR MEETING ADVERTISING.

1 CAUSES - MANY - BUT LONGEST DROUGHT, WITH DIFFICULT YEARS FOR FUEL REDUCTION - AND NOT MUCH OFFICIAL WILL TO DO SO. FOR WHAT HAS RADICALLY CHANGED IN OUR LANDSCAPE OVER LAST 30 YEARS SINCE KYOTO AND SEPP HQ. THOSE REGULATIONS HAVE PERHAPS HAD CONSEQUENCES NOT INVISAGED WHEN IMPLEMENTED - LAWFUL PRACTICES OF THINNING OF REGROWTH ON PRIVATE & PUBLIC LAND WAS LARGELY CURTAILED - LEADING TO NOW IN MANY PLACES LARGE THICKETS OF SCARB. OFTEN TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE OLDER VALUABLE TREES & GRASSES. ONE OTHER OBVIOUS CAUSE - THE CLOSING OF SAWMILLS AND SO THE LOSS OF THEIR TIMBER ACCESS TRACKS.

2 WHAT CAN BE DONE - TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF FIRES ETC. BETTER FIRST RESPONSE. PERHAPS REASONS WHY BOTH ^{SEEM} ^{SLOW} TIMBER & GOOD AND ESSENTIAL BETTER TRACKS WHICH POSSIBLE FOR ACCESS & BACK BURNING.

LOCAL EXAMPLE - NORTHERN FACE GOONAWI GUL. FIRE 3 HE/09. FOR BEST PART OF A WEEK (COST \$3000+) CONTACTED NATIONAL PARKS THEN GLEN INNES FIRE COMMAND WITHIN 2 DAYS HAD A LOCAL DOZER PUT IN A PERIMETER TRACK - SO NORMAL FIRE TRUCKS ABLE TO ACCESS THAT FRONT TO SOME 40 YEARS EARLIER WALLINGRA BRIGADE PERSONEL SIMILARLY ARRANGED DOZING TRACKS IN GOONAWI GUL - EVIDENTALLY NOT KEPT USABLE.

6 APPROPRIATE FIRE PRACTICES. AFTER SUCH GOOD RAIN THIS YEAR ^{IT} WILL BE ~~THE~~ A CLASSIC GRASS FIRE SEASON - WHILEST CONTROVERSIAL THE TECHNIQUE ^{SEASONAL BURNING FROM} USED FOREVER WITH SPINIFIX GRASS IN THE KIMBERLIES TO TO COOLATAI GRASS TO ONLY HAVE IF POSSIBLE BURN ON DAMP GROUND IN SAFE SEASON, PRE AUGUST. LARGE TRACTS ON BOTH PUBLIC & PRIVATE LAND NOW SUFFERING CONSEQUENCE OF EXTRA HOT FIRES - GERMINATION OF EXTRA THICK STANDS OF VARIOUS WOODY WEEDS & BLACK PINE (IE TWO MAJOR TIMBER PLATEAU FIRES IN 10 YEARS) MAY I SUGGEST THE NAMES OF TWO VERY EXPERIENCED PEOPLE TO MOVE NEW FIRE CONTROL POLICY FORWARD - [REDACTED] NAT PARKS ALSO RESEARCH INTO WILD FIRE FROM GRASS GIVEN OFF WE MUST ALL THANK THE HUGE EFFORT BY ALL FIRE AGENCIES PARTICULARLY THE S.A. CONTINGENT