

Wildfire Response Plan

The Response Plan should cover the following topics:

- Contact names and telephone numbers
- Communications
- Rendezvous points
- Important hazards
- Access points
- Water supplies
- Equipment
- Priority protection areas
- Neighbouring landowners
- Helicopter authorisation
- Audit, monitoring and quality assurance
- Further documents

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Wildfire Response Plan (WRP) provides specific risk and tactical information for Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) personnel responding to wildfire incidents on or near the land.
- 1.2 The WRP should provide a description of the farm / estate and an outline of the activities that take place on it.
- 1.3 The Plan should also identify the key people to contact in event of a wildfire and the resources that are available on the farm / estate to assist the FRS with suppressing the fire.

2 CONTACT NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- 2.1 List all key estate/farm personnel with contact numbers (landline and mobile). Give a primary contact and list others in order that they should be contacted if the primary contact is not available.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Insert details of any communications equipment and explain any other relevant considerations regarding communications. For example, consider any radio frequencies used, any mobile phone or radio black spots etc.

4 RENDEZVOUS POINTS (RVPs)

- 4.1 List rendezvous points with grid reference (use a six figure reference for use with paper maps and/or 12 figure references within Mobile Data Terminals - to be added by the FRS).

5 IMPORTANT HAZARDS

- 5.1 Many hazards are found in most locations but list specific hazards on the farm / estate and their locations.

6 ACCESS POINTS

- 6.1 Provide details about access points to moorland and other areas.
- 6.2 Identify other access issues, such as: locked gates, restricted road width, turning areas.

7 WATER SUPPLIES

- 7.1 List locations of reliable water supplies with grid references (preferably 8 figure).

Identify if the farm / estate has other equipment that could be used for moving or storing large volumes of water, such as: bowsers, pressure washers, slurry tankers, 45 gallon drums etc.

8 EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 List equipment that can be requested for use at a wildfire incident.

9 PRIORITY PROTECTION AREAS

- 9.1 Insert details about any areas which should be protected as a priority – consider sites that have protected status (e.g. SSSI, SAC) and areas of particular economic value to the estate.
- 9.2 If the estate is unsure about the location of protected status areas then consult <https://magic.defra.gov.uk>, or contact Natural England or other relevant agencies e.g. National Park Authority, AONB.

10 NEIGHBOURING LANDOWNERS

- 10.1 List neighbouring landowners who may need to be contacted or who may be able to help with labour or equipment.

11 HELICOPTER AUTHORISATION

- 11.1 Set out if there are any arrangements for requesting a helicopter.

Acknowledgement

This information is based on the format provided by Northumberland Fire Group for the Wildfire Operation Manual produced for the Scottish Government that was later adopted as [National Operational Guidance](#) for the UK Fire & Rescue Services.

An example of a widely accepted fire plan format (from Northumberland FRS) is available here: <https://www2.gov.scot/Publications/2013/10/6118/27>