

Virtual Office

For the last 3 months, NPWFL have been trialling a remote workplace (remote access) where through the use of high speed broadband network, the work environment is evolving to where staff can work remotely from the office. For staff it gives greater flexibility in terms of when and where work gets done and reduces the need to pay expensive travel costs. Michelle Pewhairangi has trialled the new work arrangement and says: "You can work from home and access and utilise workplace resources through a virtual private network (VPN) connection in a secure and simple way. You can connect to office resources from anywhere in the world via the internet.

Remote Access works behind firewalls using communication servers. Remote is immediate and there is no significant wait in connecting to the remote computer. Remote workplace allows me to access;

- Business Email, Contacts and Calendar
- Shared files, intranet
- Personal files
- Documents, images and forms
- Your office computer desktop
- Business Banking
- Accounting Programs

I can now work from home or anywhere as if I was in the office. Some of the benefits of Remote Access are;

- Increased Productivity – by extending the workday, workplace,
- Reduced non- production time
- Increased Flexibility – Flexible Work environment
- Savings in vehicle running costs"

Email, wireless access, and access to company specific applications staff conduct their jobs seamlessly while away from the office.

The availability of a laptop and cell phone are important devices which enable me to work effectively and productively from home while maintaining contact with the office and are essential to remote workers.

As the boundaries of the workplace are shifting it seems in the future it is likely that many companies will move to a virtual office setting, and indeed a long term goal for Ngati Porou Whanui Forest Ltd.

Michelle Pewhairangi
Han Rakau Joint Venture Administrator

Fire Season

Annual national Forest and Rural fire seasons are from 1st October to 30th April, Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd are a member to Eastland Rural Fire District, an organization from members of Ernslaw One, Juken Nissho NZ, PF Olsen and Company Ltd, Hikurangi Forest Farms, Gisborne District Council, Associates members Ministry Agriculture & Forests, Department of Conservation, Wairoa District Council, NZ Fire Service.

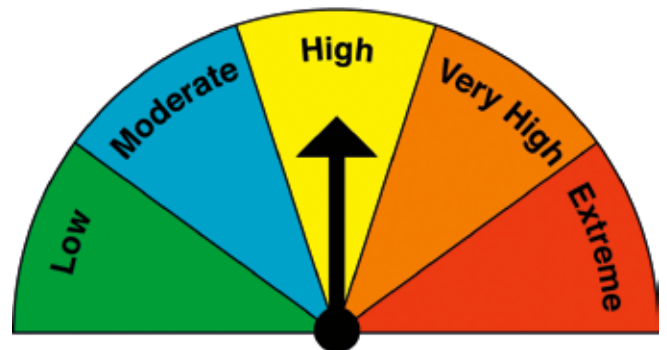
NPWFL protect 10,000 ha Hansol JV and Landowners commercial forests, 2,800 ha of Crown Forestry commercial forests located at Tokomaru Bay, Te Puia Springs, Ruatoria, Tikitiki & Te Araropa, Tokararangi forest on the East Cape is the largest of 2,000 ha.

Fire Prevention, protection & training planning schedules are reviewed and updated annually at Eastland Rural Fire District committee meetings to ensure National Rural Fire Authority & O.S.H compliances.

Fire prevention and awareness information are distributed to the public by Radio Ngati Porou daily broadcasts and NRFA fire safe booklets from Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd.



Fire Danger Today



Daily fire weather index readings from National Rural Fire Authority & Gisborne District Council provide a numerical charting system, the I.T. data reports to forestry managers the day to day levels of fire risks.

Fire Response Plan...The protection of all commercial forest areas on the East Coast region and the coordinated efforts from staff and crews are key areas of responsibility for the Eastland Rural Fire District during the fire season.

Willis Hapi plays a key role in planning all company fire prevention activities and says "Safeguarding Ngati Porou Land Owners forest assets against wild fires is a key activity, of paramount importance during the fire season, for Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd"

Dial 111 ... to report a wildfire