

Fire In The Alps – Interpretation & Resource Kit

1. Introduction

Parks Victoria manages an outstanding system of parks, reserves, heritage sites and waterways across Victoria covering almost 4 million hectares. As well as protecting the natural and cultural values of these, Parks Victoria is committed to providing visitors with an excellent and diverse range of services.

The Alpine, Snowy River and Mount Buffalo national parks are part of the Australian Alps Cooperative Management Program; working together to develop common approaches to managing the Alps.

2. Background

The fires that swept across Victoria’s North West, North East and East Gippsland Regions this summer had a significant impact on Parks Victoria assets. The fires affected 1.3 million hectares of land, 500,000 hectares of which is managed by Parks Victoria. The fires, in over 37 parks and reserves damaged an estimated 197 visitor sites, 534km of trails and 2,156km of roads.

As part of the bush fire recovery program a number of projects were identified to assist with stakeholder and visitor communications. Objectives included delivery of information to the community, visitors and stakeholder groups about the impacts the fires had on the park natural and cultural values, assisting commercial tour operators improve their business opportunities within the affected parks, and promoting understanding (in general) of the issues surrounding the fire event.

3. Aims

- ◆ Develop a ‘Fire in the Alps – Interpretation & Resource Kit’ suitable for use by rangers, tourism operators, and teachers undertaking interpretation activities relating to the recent alpine fires.
- ◆ The ‘Fire in the Alps – Interpretation & Resource Kit’ will contain
 - ◆ Face to face interpretation activities (set format)
 - ◆ Background material
 - ◆ Where to go for further information

4. Study Area

Australian Alps national parks – fire affected areas

5. Scope of the Project

Stage	Description/Product	Timeline
<i>Stage 1 – Workshop & collection of information</i>	<i>Attend and participate in the fire interpretation workshop to be held at Sawpit Creek, Kosciuszko NP. Write up the fire interpretation discussions and face to face activities in a format suitable for inclusion in ‘kit’ – a PV format will be provided but this may require modification. Compile (hard & electronic copy) a collection of useful fire related information ie park newspapers, brochures and web info.</i>	October 31 – November 1 2003 Approx 20 hours
<i>Stage 2 – ‘Kit’ development</i>	<i>Develop ‘Fire in the Alps’ interpretation and resource kit – hard copy & electronic (as much as feasible on CD)</i>	November 3 – November 7 2003 Approx 12 hours

6. Project Outputs

Key Outputs – ‘Fire in the Alps – Interpretation & Resource Kit’

Four X hard copies of ‘Fire in the Alps – Interpretation & Resource Kit’ – suitable for photocopying

Four X ‘Fire in the Alps – Interpretation & Resource Kit’ on **CD** compatible with Microsoft products (e.g. Word and Excel). It is understood that some of the additional resource information will not be available electronically and therefore not possible to supply on disc.

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7. Existing Information

A range of information will be made available at the Workshop.

“Living with Fire” Theme Kit – NSW NP&WS

8. Key Issues

- Not all material will be available electronically
- Presenting enough information in a format suitable for users to design &/or present activities

9. Consultation

Workshop attendees

10. Timeline

October 31- 1 November – Workshop

7 November – draft outline / discussion with project manager

14 November – final ‘Fire in the Alps – Interpretation & Resource Kit’

11. Project Management

Project Officer – Gill Anderson, Visitor Services & Cultural Heritage program manager, Alpine District.

12. Project Budget

A maximum of \$3,000 has been allocated to this project.

12.1 Fees and Expenses

The fee for the project will be agreed between the successful Contractor and Parks Victoria on the basis of the submitted proposal and following any subsequent negotiations.

12.2 Payment Schedule

Submissions should include the following costing details:

- Total cost (**Excluding GST**) of completing the project as specified in the brief .
The estimated GST shall be shown as a separate item.

12.3 Payment of Fees and Expenses

Parks Victoria will pay agreed costs and expenses upon presentation of a suitable tax invoice to Parks Victoria.

13. Further Information

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PROJECT BRIEF
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