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Subject : FW: Incident Brief: Fraser Island (K'gari) Fire (Initial)

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FYI official brief from QFES.



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To: KLAASSEN Ben

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Dear Mr Ben Klassen,

Please find attached Incident Brief: Fraser Island (K'gari) Fire (Initial).

If you require any further information, please contact the SDCC Watch Desk as undersigned.

Regards,

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Incident Brief

Fraser Island (K'gari) Fire (Initial)

Incident Time	14/10/2020 13:23	Report ID	R19884522
Event(s)	Operation Quell		
Next Report	TBC		

Incident Details

Incident Type	Fire
Authority	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
Lodging Officer	State Duty Officer - SDCC Watch Desk

Executive Summary

Summary	<p>A large vegetation fire continues to burn through central areas of Fraser Island. The fire reportedly started on October 14 at an Orchid Beach campsite towards the northern end of the Island.</p> <p>Control of this incident was transferred to QFES on the 27/11/20 with QPWS, Traditional Owners and partners continuing to support the operation.</p>
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Area of Operations

Location	Fraser Island QLD AUS	Notified
QFES Regions	North Coast ROC	Yes
DDMGs	Maryborough DDMG	Yes
LDMGs	Fraser Coast LDMG	Yes

Incident Summary

Situation	To date the fire has burnt through over 72,000 hectares of difficult terrain with QFES,
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QPWS and QPS all closely coordinating the operational response. Today the fire has traveled quickly through bushland approximately 2.3km northeast of Kingfisher Bay Resort and moving away to the south-southeast.

After local emergency services engaged with staff from the Kingfisher Bay Resort, the resort management opted to self evacuate their holiday-makers and guests back to Hervey Bay and anticipate this to be completed by 1030hrs Monday 30 November 2020. Resort staff and emergency services are expected to remain on-site pending fire conditions. There are a number of campers and guests at various sites including the Eurong Beach Resort.

Although extensive water-bombing operations continue and fire breaks are strengthened, the fire is not expected to be fully extinguished until substantial rainfall is received. There is no rainfall forecast for the next 7 days with high temperatures in the low 30's with predominantly northwest to northeasterly winds expected.

Critical Issues

Fraser Island is a UNESCO World Heritage listed location with a number of culturally and environmentally significant sites. An assessment of fire damage to these sites has not yet been conducted.

There is a limited number of ferry / barge operations to and from the Island, local emergency services are working closely with ferry operators to meet the logistical requirements and evacuation demand.

Community Impact

Human

A number of culturally significant sites on the island may have sustained damage which may trigger a human social impact.

Economic

This incident has generated a substantial economic impact on not only island businesses but tourism operators from the greater Fraser Coast. Tourism operators and accommodation providers typically hold very high reservations this time of year based on the availability of Fraser Island and associated attractions.

Environmental

A number of access tracks may require clearing and maintenance due to fallen limbs, downed trees and heavy machinery access.

The fire will likely burn through areas of environmental significance including rain-forests in the "Valley of The Giants".

Response Operations

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Agency	Response Operations
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service	Assumed overall control of incident at 1200hrs 27/11/20 Supporting firefighting operations. Maintaining and messaging island camping permit holders as required.
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Emergency Management Coordinator liaising with LDMG & DDMG
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Queensland Ambulance Service Queensland Police Service Queensland Police Service	Emergency Alert mapping & messaging drafted. Coordinating firefighting personnel & aerial assets Positioned additional crew on the island. Positioned additional resources on the island. Liaising with all agencies involved and briefing disaster management groups and command as required.
Queensland Police Service	Assisting with the overall relocation of guests from Kingfisher Resort.
Queensland Police Service	Cultural engagement is on-going with local leaders and government agencies.
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Monitoring culturally sensitive sites.

SDCC Watch Desk

The State Disaster Coordination Centre Watch Desk operates on a 24-hour capability and can be contacted as undersigned for further information.

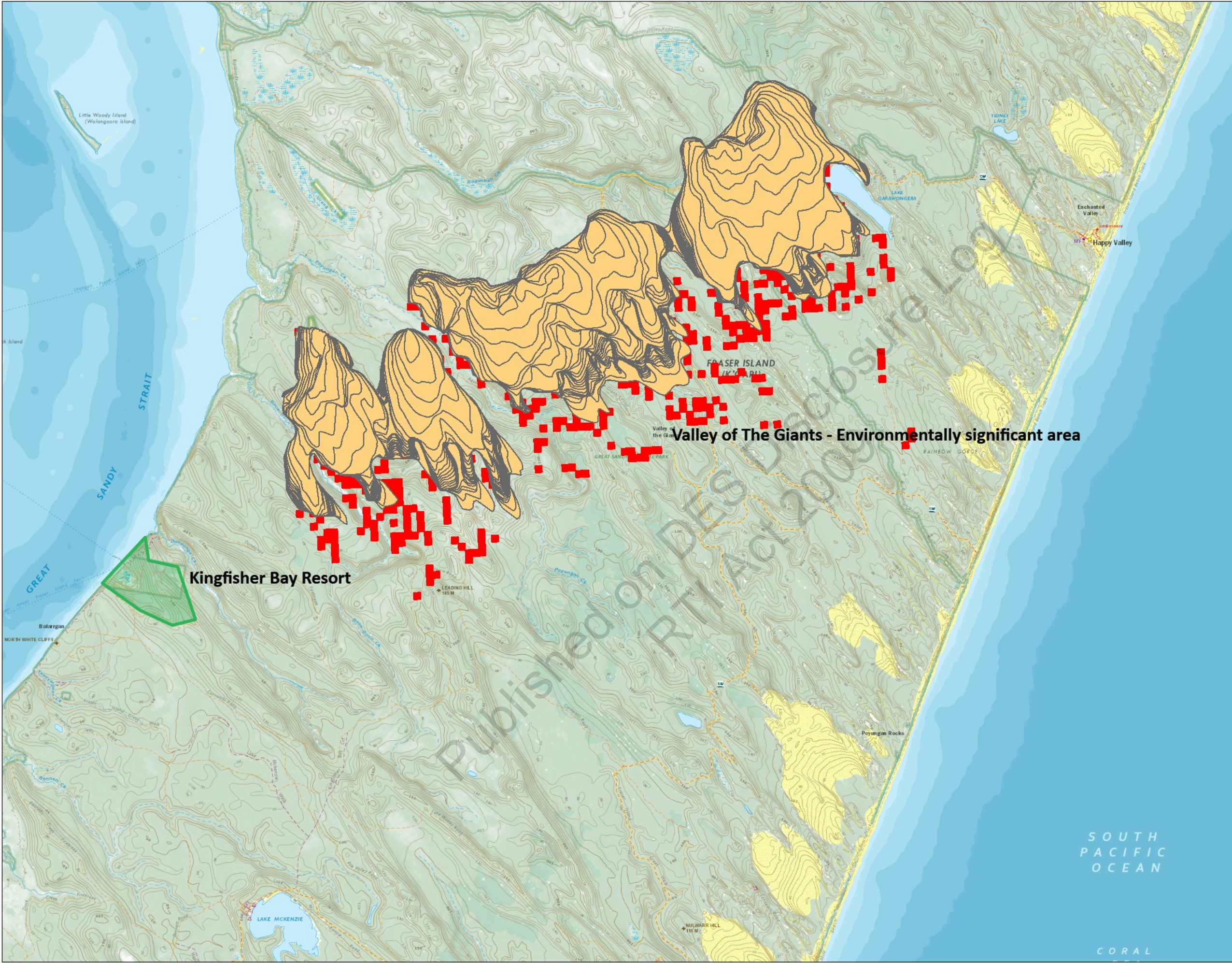
The SDCC Watch Desk is responsible for reporting on emergency and disaster management activities and providing situational awareness to enhance decision making for emergency management, disaster management and senior QFES stakeholders.

Some information is obtained from unofficial sources and may not have been verified.

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