

Agency Update

Agency	Department of Environment and Science		
Event	Operation Quell		
Update Type	Initial	Report Date	03/12/2020 10:48
Report No.	1	Report ID	R19933422

Summary

Impacts

- The key objective of the management of the Fraser Island (K'gari) fire is the protection of life and property and minimising the impacts on the natural and cultural values of K'gari
- Currently, it is estimated that the fire has affected 82,000 hectares of K'gari; equating to approximately 50% of the Island's total area
- There are multiple fire fronts including one which is currently 2.0 kilometres east from Kingfisher Bay Resort and Village

Key Activities

- The K'gari fire is currently the responsibility of QFES as Incident Control (IC)
- DES-QPWS have a Deputy IC within the Incident Management Team (IMT) and Liaison Officer within the State Operations Centre
- Significant resources have responded to this fire, including more than 74 personnel (QFES, QPWS) in 31 vehicles, heavy plant and equipment, along with aerial support (11 aircraft)
- There has been extensive aerial suppression bombing of the fire (a total of 1,522,200 litres of combined suppressants has been used to date) supported by on-ground fire fighters and mitigation works on firelines and the immediate areas around the settlements

Emerging Issues

- The forecast weather conditions, dryness of the environment, difficult access and topography and diverse fuel (vegetation) types make fire management difficult, and the fire is unlikely to be securely contained until significant rain is received
- QPWS efforts are currently focussed on supporting ground operations and has established a Recovery Cell under the IMT at the request of QFES
- The focus of the recovery cell is the rapid assessment of natural and cultural values within the affected area and assessing impacts to the area's road and fireline network, hazardous trees and visitor and management infrastructure. QPWS is planning to undertake the rapid assessments next week depending on the availability of resources.

- The Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) has a representative within the IMT and QPWS are liaising closely with them on cultural matters relating to the fire. A representative from BAC will join QPWS staff when they undertake the rapid site assessments.

Key Messages

- Nil reported.

Agency-Specific Information

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Agency Update

Agency	Department of Environment and Science		
Event	Operation Quell		
Update Type	Update	Report Date	04/12/2020 10:35
Report No.	2	Report ID	R19948022

Summary

Impacts

- Visitor access to K'gari (Fraser Island) is still restricted in the interest of public safety.

Key Activities

- IMT for K'Gari Fire has moved from Rainbow Beach to Howard (inland of Hervey Bay).
- QFES is heavily attacking the fire with 17 water bombing aircraft, including the Large Air Tanker (LAT) working to reduce the fire's intensity and rate of spread yesterday – combined the aircraft dropped just under 1M litres of combined suppressants yesterday
- Significant resources have responded to this fire with more than 90 personnel (QFES, QPWS and BAC) in 38 vehicles, along with aerial support working on K'gari (Fraser Island) today.
- Operations over the last two days have seen the head of the fire successfully steered and maintained 2km east of Kingfisher Bay Resort Village. QFES will continue to use extensive air and ground resources to slow and stop progression of the fire to the south.
- QPWS proposed a staged reopening of access to K'gari to the IMT commencing with restricted access to access to Orchid Beach and Waddy Point for residents with rental accommodation – but this has not been approved as yet given the forecast weather conditions for the weekend.

Emerging Issues

- Nil reported.

Key Messages

- Nil reported.

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Subject: Urgent - Reporting again today for Fraser Island
Importance: High

Good morning Agency Coordinators,

Thank you for the reports submitted yesterday, you all did a great job in assisting with such short notice.

The SDCC Commander advised the information received from each agency was excellent and would like to also pass on his thanks.

We were hoping to provide you with better news, however, we have received a request for this information to be updated again today.

Could you please provide this information via EMS by 11am today. Once again, please continue with your primary event as *Operation Exigent (COVID-19)* and add *Operation Quell* to include your agency specific information for Fraser Island.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and we will keep you updated with any further information as it comes to hand.

Kind regards,

Tash and Mel

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Subject: Urgent - Reporting today's for Fraser Island
Attachments: EMS How to Guide_Report on Multiple Events.pdf
Importance: High

Good morning Agency Coordinators,

Thank you for your ongoing support for the coordinated SDCC response to COVID-19.

Due to the current environment and thirst for information regarding the Fraser Island fire there has been a request from SDCC Commander, QPS Acting Superintendent John Bosnjak, for your agency to provide additional reporting for this event by **11am today**. At this stage, this is a once off request, however, depending on circumstances this may change.

As with the previous severe weather event reporting, this reporting will be submitted via an EMS Agency Update. Please continue with your primary event as *Operation Exigent (COVID-19)* and add *Operation Quell* to include your agency specific information for Fraser Island. We have attached a copy of a 'how to guide' for those new to this process.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

On behalf of the SDCC Commander we thank you in advance for your ongoing support and providing this information at short notice.

Kind regards,

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How to report on “Multiple Events”

During the an event your agency may be required to report on a concurrent event. Outlined below is how to achieve this within your Agency Situation Report.

1.
 - Click on the folder within the Event(s) field
 - Select Operation Quell by ticking box
 - Press Ok button

The screenshot shows the 'Event(s)' field in the Agency Situation Report form, which currently contains 'Operation Exigent (COVID-19)'. A red box highlights this field. An 'Active Events' dialog box is open, showing a list of events. The 'Operation Quell' event is selected, indicated by a checked checkbox and a red circle around it. The 'Ok' button at the bottom right of the dialog box is also highlighted with a red circle.

2. Your agency situation report will now report on both event as outlined below.

The screenshot shows the 'Event(s)' field in the Agency Situation Report form, which now contains two events: 'Operation Exigent (COVID-19)' and 'Operation Quell'. Both events are listed with a close button (X) next to them.

For further explanation or clarification on the contents this How to Guide please contact EMS Support on 0447 669 188 or by email at EMSAdmin@qfes.qld.gov.au.