

AgriWealth Pty Limited

2006 Softwood Project



2013-2014 Annual Report

Legal Context

This annual report complies with Schedule 1 Part 4(h) of the Forestry Management Contract between AgriWealth Pty Limited and the Forestry Commission of New South Wales (now known as the Forestry Corporation of NSW) for the AgriWealth Plantation Investment 2006 Softwood Project, dated 21 June 2006.

Overview

The 2006 Radiata Pine Project is located 3 kilometres west of Batlow on the property known as Hansen. The 2007 age class trees have continued to grow well from a successful establishment.

Rainfall has been average during the reporting period, with significant dry period during summer and above average rainfall in autumn. Total rainfall at Tumbarumba from July 13 to June 14 was 997 mm compared to the long term average of 979 mm.

Stand Condition

The plantation has continued to grow well. The trees are maintaining full site occupancy across the plantation. There is some scattered wattle and eucalypt regrowth present in the plantation (refer photo below) however it is not considered to be having a significant effect on plantation growth.

There are some localised areas where very heavy blackberry competition, has resulted in some small unstocked areas, mostly located adjacent to drainage lines and gullies.



Figure 1: Hansen 2007 AC – (July 2014).

Biosecurity & Forest Health

Forest health aerial surveillance over Tumut management area in Winter 2013 included the Hansen property (refer figure 2). No significant issues were identified.

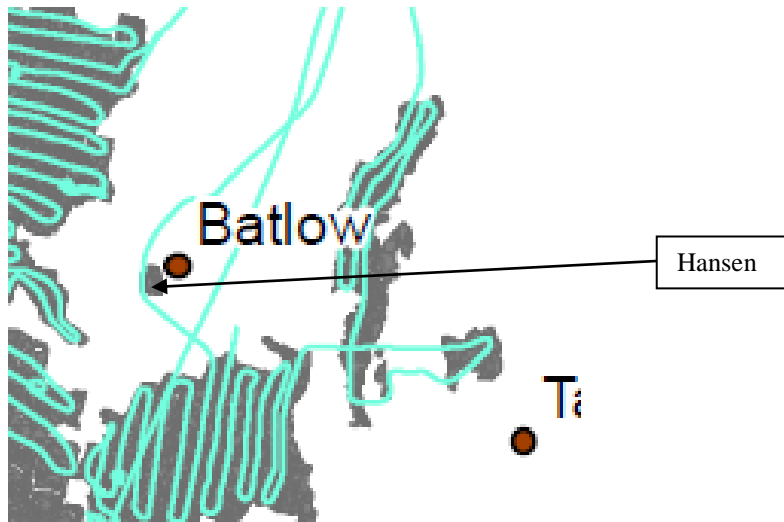


Figure 2: 2013 Tumut management area forest health aerial surveillance flight path over Hansen

Low levels of Dothistroma infection is present adjacent to drainage lines and lower sections of the plantation, with some areas of moderate infection presenting on the lowest areas. Drier seasonal conditions experienced during last spring and summer have not been conducive to ongoing significant infections of Dothistroma.

No evidence of any significant pest or disease damage has been observed.

Activities planned for 2013/2014

- Forest health aerial surveillance and monitoring
- Maintenance of roads and tracks as required – woody weed spraying
- Identification and signage of plantation fire roads to comply with Plantations and Afforestation Code amendments

Fire Incidents

No fire incidents occurred within or close to the plantation during the reporting period

Other Management Issues

Nil

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