

31 March 2007 Radiata Pine Project

AgriWealth Pty Limited



Forests NSW Annual Report

2011-2012

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 (Forests NSW) for the AgriWealth 31 March 2007 Radiata Pine Project.

Overview

The 31 March 2007 Radiata Pine Project is located 3 kilometres west of Batlow on the property known as Hansen. The 2007 age class has been successfully established and the trees are growing well.

Rainfall has been well above average during the reporting period, with significant rainfall events during spring and summer. This period of above average rainfall has resulted in generally good tree growth for all plantation areas. Total rainfall at Tumbarumba from July 11 to June 12 was 1,214mm compared to the long term average of 980mm.

Stand Condition

The plantation has responded well to the above average rainfall continuing good growth since the last report.

Blackberry and bracken regrowth remains widespread, and while has resulted some competition to the early growth the trees have grown through the undergrowth and have established site dominance. Observations indicate that the plantation establishment continues to be successful.

Scattered wattle is present in the plantation 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.



Hansens 2007 Age Class August 12 – foreground and right background

Pest and Disease Information

Low to moderate infection of *Dothistroma* needle blight is present on the lower slopes.

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

Summary of Activities undertaken

- Maintenance of roads and tracks

Summary of Activities Planned for 2012/2013

- Maintenance of roads and tracks
- Identification and signage of plantation fire roads to comply with Plantations and Reafforestation 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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