

Fire research experimental burns

Oct - Nov 2015

Scion fire scientists and Canterbury rural firefighters are conducting controlled fire experiments on blocks of wilding conifers during October - November 2015.

Where: Pukaki Downs Station, Mount Cook highway.

When: over 2-3 successive days between 19 October-6 November, as weather permits.

Why?

To provide data on fire behaviour and smoke dispersion for the purpose of developing fire behaviour tools for wilding conifers, essential to fire management in New Zealand.

What safety measures are in place?

- Fire crews on site at all times.
- Operations overseen by the South Canterbury Rural Fire Authority, and supported by an incident management team.
- Scion's fire research team trained and experienced in conducting fire experiments.
- Helicopter on stand-by.

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