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UPDATE ON LAST NIGHTS FIRE ACTIVITY IN THE WINGELLO, PENROSE BUNDANOON AND EXETER AREAS [MORTON FIRE]

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During the afternoon fire activity significantly increased in the area to the south of Teudts Rd Penrose and impacted on a number of properties at that location.

Prior to the arrival of the southerly change last night there were additional resources staged in the area to respond to any run of the fire or new ignitions. These crews were also ready to conduct property protection measures if required. These strike teams were from FRNSW and local and out of area NSW RFS crews.

When the southerly arrived there was a substantial increase in fire activity that turned the fire and potentially could cross Penrose Rd and threaten properties from Penrose to Bundanoon. However with the resultant rise in humidity and lowering of the temperature the fire activity abated quickly and crews were able to control the fires edge.

The Bushfire Warning Level was raised from WATCH and ACT to EMERGENCY WARNING at 1.09 am and a phone based Emergency Alert was issued to advise the community of what they should do.

The Morton Fire is currently at ADVICE

Building Impact Assessment Teams will inspect several properties within the burnt area to collate information on any extent of damage.

Today crews will continue to patrol and mop up any hot spots.

Milder conditions will follow the southerly change for the next couple of days and a reassessment will be carried out today on the overnight movement of the fire and a review of containment strategies.

Residents should be aware that the Morton Fire is still not contained and may impose further threats until it is declared out.

The message from the NSW Rural Fire Service is unchanged:

→ Remain vigilant and monitor the location and movement of the fire

- o Follow the RFS SHT Facebook page
- o Use the 'Fires Near Me' app on your smartphone
- o Refer to the NSW RFS Website and look for 'Major Fire Updates'

→ Review your Bush Fire Survival Plan and ensure that you sit down with all members of the family and discuss what all will do if impacted by fire. If you do not have a Plan ask yourself 'Why Not? And ensure you know what you will do if fire impacts

→ Be prepared to act quickly if the situation changes

A further update will be posted this afternoon or sooner as required