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Upgrade completed to Main Mountain Rd

VicForests has contributed more than \$330 000 to assist with upgrading Main Mountain Rd.

Lachlan Spencer, VicForests' Regional Manager, Central Highlands, said work to upgrade the condition of the road has been completed.

"VicForests has worked closely with Mitchell Shire to carry out this project which has been undertaken at a cost of almost \$400 000," Mr Spencer said.

"The work has included upgrading and laying bitumen along 1.8km of the old gravel road.

"This upgrade will eliminate issues relating to dust being created by traffic using the road and also reduce noise for residents.

These works have also included upgrading the driveways along the newly sealed section of the road to provide better access for house owners," Mr Spencer said.

VicForests recently held a community meeting to discuss any concerns residents may have in relation to log trucks using roads around Mt Disappointment.

"As well as the upgrade of the road surface, Mitchell Shire has cleared vegetation from the side of the road to reduce the risk to drivers on blind corners," Mr Spencer said.

"This work was completed as a direct result of discussions which took place at the recent community meeting.

"VicForests has an aim of zero harm associated with all of our work and we are determined to ensure our haulage operations are completed as safely as possible.

"This includes protecting both the community and the truck drivers who undertake these operations

"Salvage harvesting operations will continue in the Mt Disappointment region in the short term to help maximise the use of timber from trees which were killed during the Black Saturday bushfires," he said.

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