



Forest Operations Coupe Plan

for

Harvest Unit 535-503-0008-A - Jones Creek

Heyfield

535 - Little Dargo

Location of coupe centroid

Easting/Northing: (GDA-94)	519997/5886549 Zone 55
VicGrid	2697591/2479131
Latitude/Longitude:	37° 10' 2" S/147° 13' 31" E

This Forest Operations Coupe Plan consists of the following five sections:

- Section 1 - Coupe Description
- Section 2 - Contractor Direction
- Section 3 - Occupational Health and Safety
- Section 4 - Coupe Management Actions
- Section 5 - Harvesting Commencement and Completion Declarations

Plan Preparation and Endorsement

Prepared By	Signed	Date
Peer Reviewed By	Signed	Date
Endorsed By	Signed	Date

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 Contractor Section - Coupe Description

Descriptive Information		(also see Part 2: Coupe Map - Operation and Context)		
Forest type	Alpine Ash predominant			
Area of TRP Boundary	17.6			
Area of Harvest Unit (operational area)	9.0			
Regional Forest Agreement	GIPPSLAND			
Forest Management Area	Central Gippsland			
General aspect	South-easterly			
Elevation	1240 meters			
Slope	Minimum 5°; Average 15°; Maximum 25°			
Proportion of the nett coupe area > 20°	11-40 %			
		Horizon A	Horizon B	Horizon C
Soil Erosion Classification		<i>Low</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Low</i>
Soil Permeability Classification		<i>High</i>	<i>High</i>	-
Overall Soil Category		<i>Low</i>	<i>Low</i>	-
Rock cover exceeds 30% of nett area	No			

Estimated species and volumes			
Product	Grade	Volume	
Alpine Ash	B	297 m ³	
Alpine Ash	C	161 m ³	
Alpine Ash	D	32 m ³	
Alpine Ash	R	1988 m ³	
Broad-leaved Peppermint	D	6 m ³	
Broad-leaved Peppermint	R	97 m ³	
Mountain Gum	B	6 m ³	

Estimated species and volumes

Product	Grade	Volume	
Mountain Gum	C	19 m ³	
Mountain Gum	D	6 m ³	
Mountain Gum	R	226 m ³	

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Personnel	
VF Officer	
Contractor	
Operational Issues	
Silvicultural Intent	Adaptive Silvicultural Systems
Silviculture system(s)	Variable retention 1
Recommended harvesting period	Summer of 2020-2021
Description of the coupe boundaries and method used to locate boundary in the field	<p>-Northern boundary marked to extent of 1939 Alpine Ash regrowth. HBT 1 trees identified in the NW corner are identified for protection within a virtual exclusion zone on the georeferenced map. Additional mature Mountain gum have been physically excluded outside of tapes during boundary marking. A drainage line requiring 10m filter was permanently excluded on the Northern boundary between the harvest area and the TRP boundary.</p> <p>-Eastern boundary marked to exclude slope > 30 degrees</p> <p>-Southern boundary marked to extent of 1939 Alpine Ash regrowth. Southern boundary excludes slope > 30 deg. Potential Montane riparian thicket (EVC 41) within a temporary stream was identified during field marking and appropriate protection measures applied. A drainage line on the central southern boundary has had a filter strip applied in the field but has since been extended and excluded to protect a Slender Tussock grass observation.</p> <p>-Western boundary has been marked to extent of 1939 AA regrowth</p>
Operational constraints	
Social Issues	
Identified social issues	<p>-Jones Creek Logging road and Dargo High Plains road are currently actively grazed with cattle from the Dargo High Plains grazing licensees.</p> <p>-Watering points have been installed and are to be maintained along the length of the Jones Creek logging road, throughout the operation.</p> <p>-Harvest & Haulage operations must include acknowledgement of cattle in the area as part of induction and risk management.</p>
Coupe Access	
Proposed Access	Proposed haulage will be west along Jones Creek Logging Road then south along Dargo High Plains Road.
Proposed driveway length to construct	0
Proposed in-coupe road length to construct	100



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Proposed in-coupe roading requirements	Utilised existing alignment south of Jones Creek Logging Road where possible.
Proposed number of stream crossings	0
Proposed number of landings	1



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Environmental and operational specification Standard	
All operations to be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014 and VicForests Utilisation Procedures except where additional specifications or variations are specified below. Where there is no comment (ie the column is blank), it should be read ' <i>No variation to the standard procedure</i> '.	
Environmental & Operational Elements	Variations, amendments or additional instructions
Utilisation Procedures Section	
Planned silvicultural system and requirements	
Planned silvicultural system and requirements	<p>Variable Retention 1. 8.97 ha was marked in the field. During coupe marking individual mature Mountain gums were excluded from the harvestable area. An additional 0.46 ha has since been excluded from the harvestable area for habitat retention, bringing the total planned harvest area to 8.51ha</p> <p>HCVs -1 x Slender Tussock-grass identified from FPSP surveys. (Species Obs is not Poa aff. Tenera. (The threatened Hairy Slender Tussock grass) -Modelled old growth is present to the north west outside of the coupe. The area of modelled Old Growth within the harvest area has been field assessed and does not meet the specifications for Old Growth Forest. -Potential Montane Riparian Thicket identified and excluded during field marking. -HBT 1s have been identified within the TRP. -Coupe is in the Mitchell River Water Catchment.</p>
Additional specifications, requirements or instructions	

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	Additional specifications, requirements or instructions	<p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any tree that is unsafe or has a high potential to become unsafe during harvest or site preparation works may be removed by a contractor prior to coupe completion in consultation with VF supervising Forester -Trees will not be retained <1 tree length of boundary for safety of burn/patrol crews. -Boundary to be made safe for burn patrols to better protect adjacent exclusion areas during and following burning. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jones Creek Logging road and Dargo High Plains road are currently actively grazed with cattle from the Dargo High Plains grazing licensees. -Watering points have been installed and are to be maintained along the length of the Jones Creek logging road, throughout the operation. -Harvest & Haulage operations must include acknowledgement of cattle in the area as part of induction and risk management. -Noxious weeds, Blackberry & Slender Thistle identified in field recce notes 2012. -Potential of Ox Eye Daisy's within and surrounding the coupe.
5.	Coupe boundaries	
5.1	Marking a coupe	Coupe has been marked using GPS, Hip Chain, Range Finder compass and clinometer. All external coupe boundaries have been marked using Pink or Orange flagging tape, internal features such as exclusion areas are clearly delineated on a georeferenced map loaded onto a tablet within the harvesting machine. An Internal filter strip has been marked with Orange flagging tape, this area has since been excluded from harvest and is clearly delineated on a georeferenced map within the harvesting machine.
5.2	Construction of boundary trails	No variation to the standard procedure
5.3	Location of Boundary Trails	No variation to the standard procedure
5.4	Converting boundary trail to fire trail	Mineral Earth fire breaks will be constructed around retained habitat clumps. Firebreaks may be required to break up the harvested area into individual burn units
6.	Excluded areas	
6.1	Activities in excluded areas	No machine is to enter any proposed excluded area unless authorised by a VF representative
7.	Harvest requirements	

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7.1	Retained Trees	During coupe marking individual mature Mountain gums were excluded from the harvestable area. An additional 0.46 ha has since been excluded from the harvestable area for habitat retention. HBT 1 trees identified during the FPSP survey program have been excluded and retained in islands for future recruitment. Majority of trees that contain habitat value are mixed species, predominantly Mountain Gum to be retained during operations.
7.2	Large Tree Protection	No variation to the standard procedure
7.3	Trees to be felled	No variation to the standard procedure
7.4	Stump heights	No variation to the standard procedure
7.6	Coupe utilisation requirements	No variation to the standard procedure
9.	Thinning requirements	
9.2	Trees to be retained	Not applicable
9.3	Thinning method	Not applicable
9.4	Damage	Not applicable
10.	Extraction tracks within coupes	
10.1	Location of Extraction Tracks	No variation to the standard procedure
10.2	Blading-off	No variation to the standard procedure
10.3	Drainage and rehabilitation	No variation to the standard procedure
10.4	Snigging on roads	A single crossing point is approved too extract timber from the top side of Jones creek logging road onto the landing on the bottom side of Jones creek logging road.
10.5	Stream crossings	No variation to the standard procedure
12.	Landings	
12.1	Location of landings	No variation to the standard procedure
12.2	Construction and maintenance of landings	No variation to the standard procedure
12.5	Bark disposal	No variation to the standard procedure
12.7	Rehabilitation	No variation to the standard procedure



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13.	Road and construction maintenance	
13.2	Location, design and period of construction	No variation to the standard procedure
13.4	Grade	No variation to the standard procedure
13.5	Clearing	No variation to the standard procedure
13.6	Earthworks	No variation to the standard procedure
13.7	Drainage	No variation to the standard procedure
13.8	Maintenance	No variation to the standard procedure
13.9	Stream and drainage line crossings	No variation to the standard procedure
13.11	Closure and rehabilitation of roads	No variation to the standard procedure
13.13	Removal and rehabilitation of bridges, crossings and culverts	No variation to the standard procedure
14.	Quarries, borrow pits and fill disposal areas	
14.0	Quarries, borrow pits and fill disposal areas	No variation to the standard procedure
15.	Preparation, measurement, grading and extraction of logs	
15.2	Log preparation	No variation to the standard procedure
21.	Carting logs	
21.1	Carting logs - general obligations of the driver	No variation to the standard procedure
23.	Weather restrictions	
23.0	Weather restrictions	No variation to the standard procedure
26.	Sorting and using fuel and servicing machinery	
26.1	Fuel location	No variation to the standard procedure
26.2	Fuel precautions	No variation to the standard procedure
27.	Camp sites, waste disposal and forest hygiene	



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27.1	Camp sites	No variation to the standard procedure
27.3	Water points	No variation to the standard procedure
27.4	Forests hygiene (weeds, pests and disease)	Blackberry and Slender Thistle observed during reconnaissance. Potential of Ox Eye Daisy within and surrounding the coupe. As a precaution, machines will be washed prior to departure and machine movement will be avoided through infested areas to minimise the potential spread within the coupe by.
27.5	Field Washdown/Cleaning Procedure for Machinery	All machines will be washed prior to departure of the coupe

All other action will be conducted as per the Utilisation Procedures, unless outlined in the Coupe Diary by a VicForests Officer.

Habitat Retention Plan

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<p>Habitat Description and Marking</p>	<p>Protect - Areas with a higher concentration of HBT 1s have been excluded from harvest within habitat retention islands. Any additional HBT 1 trees identified during harvest will be retained along with a minimum of 4 recruitment trees. A slender Tussock-grass species obs was recorded during the preharvest surveys, although it is not the threatened, Poa aff. Tenera (hairy) the site has been excluded from machinery disturbance and retained for Habitat.</p> <p>Modelled old growth on the Northern boundary was assessed and deemed, not present. Water values have been protected by buffering of permanent and temporary streams and drainage lines.</p> <p>Recruit - The majority of the stand is uniform regrowth AA with a low number of HBT. Habitat recruitment is supported within retention islands and harvest exclusion areas across the coupe. Habitat recruitment is further supported by the retention of an additional 4 stems per HBT 1 tree identified within the harvestable area.</p> <p>Connect - Connectivity is supported by small planned net harvest area. Strategically located retention islands further serve to break up the Variable Retention 1 unit, ensuring no area exceeds 150m from retained vegetation.</p> <p>Regenerate - Large firebreaks will be constructed around all exclusion areas in preparation for a regeneration burn. 2 x blade width firebreaks will be constructed on the northern boundary to reduce the risk of escape into Modelled old growth. A fire break will be constructed SE below the central retention island and retained filter strip to break the burn into 3 stages.</p> <p>Social Stewardship. A letter has been sent to grazing licensees notifying of planned operations. A Graziers stakeholder meeting occurred on the 11/11/20. With a planned field trip / engagement on site scheduled for 3/12/2020</p>
<p>Habitat trees will be retained...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Outside the harvesting tapes, but within the 'gross coupe boundary' . As individual trees along the edge, outside the harvested area . As individual trees, scattered throughout the coupes . In patch(es)/clump(s) within the harvested area . To serve as seed trees also . Other requirements 	<p align="center">Scenario</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p>
<p>Other requirements</p>	



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** See variation page for marking procedure.*

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Hazard Type	Comments on the identified hazard where the hazard exceeds that normally expected	Hazard adequately addressed within Contractor's Safety Management System?
Was a field-based hazard assessment done?	Yes / No	
Arial Hazard		
Stags	Stags are present throughout the coupe.	
Other aerial hazards	<p>Broken out crowns and broken/hanging limbs scattered throughout the coupe.</p> <p>Any tree that is unsafe or has a high potential to become unsafe during harvest or site preparation works may be removed by a contractor prior to coupe completion, in consultation with VF representative.</p> <p>Trees will not be retained <1 tree length of boundary for safety of burn/patrol crews.</p> <p>Boundary to be made safe for burn patrols to better protect adjacent exclusion areas during and following burning.</p>	
Percentage of tress containing a high proportion of dead limbs (i.e. mature-age, psyllid, drought or fire affected)	10 % if > 50% handfall not allowed as main harvest method.	
Percentage of the trees having mature interlocked crowns	15 % if > 50% handfall not allowed as main harvest method.	
Ground Hazard		
Slope	Coupe has been marked to exclude areas of >30 degrees	
Rock	[None]	
Rock Faces	[None]	
Morganers	[None]	
Other Ground Hazards	[None]	
Have any mineshafts been located? If yes, GPS location and include coupe map.	[None]	



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Access Roads/Landings		
Grade	[None]	
Width	[None]	
Traffic & Falling Ops	Potentially high amounts of traffic on Dargo high plains road, particularly during holiday periods. Ensure everyone involved with the operations are using UHF radios when travelling to a from the coupe.	
Access	[None]	
Are there hazardous trees adjacent trees to the roads that should be removed?	[None]	
Fire	Fire Fighting equipment is required between November 1st and 30th April as per Utilisation Procedures Version 8.0	
Hand Falling	[None]	
Other	[None]	
Is there any power lines/cables in or around coupe?	[None]	
Are there neighbours that will need to be notified of operations?	Notification letter has been sent to grazing licensees. Meeting on site with local graziers 11/11/2020	
Safety Comments		

Additional hazards identified				
<i>Describe hazard</i>	<i>Action Required</i>	<i>Responsible person</i>	<i>Date Required</i>	<i>Complete Y/N</i>

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Forester Section - Coupe Management Actions

Issues identified						
1. Situation	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Apiary zone within 1600m	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Apiary zone within coupe	Apiary Zone 1	Not Present	Not Present			
Bicentennial Trail in coupe	Bicentennial Trail in coupe	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Bicentennial Trail within 500m of coupe	Bicentennial Trail with 500m	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Fire Fuel Management Zone in coupe	3 - Landscape Management Zone	17.62	17.62	Coupe within Fire Management Zone 3: Landscape Management.	No restrictions on timber harvesting or regeneration activities.	No further action required.
Forest Management Zone within 200m	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	Present	Present	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas adjacent to coupe boundary.	Protection requirements will be determined during field marking of the coupe in accordance with the VicForests Operating Procedures and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Modelled exclusion zones have been excluded from harvesting operations.
Forest Management Zone within 200m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone adjacent to coupe boundary.	No further action required.	No further action required.
Forest Management Zone within 500m	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	Present	Present	Modelled Code of Practice for Timber Production exclusion areas adjacent to coupe boundary.	Protection requirements will be determined during field marking of the coupe in accordance with the VicForests Operating Procedures and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	Modelled exclusion zones have been excluded from harvesting operations
Forest Management Zone within 500m	GMZ : General Management Zone	Present	Present	General Management Zone adjacent to coupe boundary.	No further action required.	No further action required.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	CFP : Code of Forest Practice	1.27	1.27	Permanent streams and slopes greater than 30 degrees identified during field survey.	Protection requirements will be determined during field marking of the coupe in accordance with the VicForests Operating Procedures and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	All hydrology features have had either 10m filters or 20m buffers applied during field marking and have since been excluded from harvesting operations. Areas of Slope > 30 degrees in the eastern section of the coupe were excluded from harvesting operations.
Forest Management Zone within coupe	GMZ : General Management Zone	16.34	16.34	General Management Zone within gross coupe boundary.	Operations will be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production.	No further action
Non-State Forest in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Other situation issues	Other situation issues	[n/a]	Present	Public land lease within vicinity of coupe Alpine Grazing License.	Licencee notified of planned operations at a stakeholder meeting on 11/11/2020.	A letter has been sent to grazing licensees notifying of planned operations. A Graziers stakeholder meeting occurred on the 11/11/20.

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Issues identified						
1. Situation	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Permanent fire break in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Permanent fire break within 500m of coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Private land within 500m	Private property	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Private land within coupe	Private property	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Recreational hut in coupe	Recreation hut	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
VF Reserve in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
VF Reserve within 500m	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
VF SMA in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
VF SMA within 500m	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Walking track in coupe	Walking track	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Walking track within 500m of coupe	Walking track	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
2. Stand	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Allocation Order Stratum	Ash	11.95	11.95	Coupe overlay indicates 11.95ha of Ash Species within the gross coupe boundary.	Harvest in accordance with the Allocation Order to VicForests and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	No unallocated areas within the coupe. Coupe will be harvested in accordance with the Allocation Order and Code of Practice for Timber Production.
Allocation Order Stratum	Mixed Species	5.66	5.66	Coupe overlay indicates 5.66ha of Mixed Species within the gross coupe boundary.	Harvest in accordance with the Allocation Order to VicForests and Code of Practice for Timber Production.	No unallocated areas within the coupe. Coupe will be harvested in accordance with the Allocation Order and Code of Practice for Timber Production.

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Issues identified						
3. Soil and Water	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Designated Water Catchment within coupe	MITCHELL RIVER	17.62	0.00	Coupe located within Mitchell River water supply catchment	Mitchell River catchment restrictions: Seasonal closure access restrictions apply above 900m ASL where no harvesting and associated activities allowed between 1 July - 30 September. Coupe above 900m ASL. Seasonal closure applies. No harvesting and associated activities to occur prior to 1 October and after 30 June.	Harvesting activities will not occur between 1st July and 30th September
Designated Water Supply Catchment within 500m	MITCHELL RIVER	170.01	0.00	Coupe located within Mitchell River water supply catchment	Mitchell River catchment restrictions: Seasonal closure access restrictions apply above 900m ASL where no harvesting and associated activities allowed between 1 July - 30 September. Coupe above 900m ASL. Seasonal closure applies. No harvesting and associated activities to occur prior to 1 October and after 30 June.	Harvesting activities will not occur between 1st July and 30th September
Other water issues	Other water issues	[n/a]	Not Present			
Slope Class within coupe	0-20 Degrees	13.28	0.00	13.28 ha of slope between 0-20 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	No action required
Slope Class within coupe	20-25 Degrees	3.36	0.00	3.36 ha of slope between 20-25 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	No action required
Slope Class within coupe	25-30	0.70	0.00	0.70 ha of slope between 25-30 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	No action required
Slope Class within coupe	30+	0.27	0.00	0.27 ha of slope >30 degrees within coupe.	Harvest in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Production, Management Procedures and Utilisation Procedures.	Coupe has been marked to excluded areas of > 30 degrees in the eastern section of the coupe.
Water quality risk within coupe	Low or Moderate Water Quality Risk	[n/a]	Present	Soil Assessments have determined the overall Water Quality Risk (Soil Erosion category) to be Low or Moderate within this coupe.	During the coupe-marking stage, each waterway site will be assessed and minimum buffer or filter widths applied according to section 3.2.1 of the Code of Practice for Timber production (2007).	All hydrology features have had either 10m filters or 20m buffers applied as per section 3.2.1 of the Code of Practice for Timber production (2007).

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Issues identified						
4. Biodiversity	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Barred Galaxias streams in coupe or within 500m	Barred Galaxias catchment in coupe or within 500m	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Greater Glider Habitat Within 100m (Modelled Class1)	Modelled Greater Glider Habitat within 100m	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Old Growth Forest in coupe	Old Growth Forest	0.85	0.00	Modelled old growth detected in overlay process.	Old growth desktop assessment completed 20/10/2020. Field assessment of centroid 2780231 will be required if harvesting is planned in this area.	Old growth field assessment was undertaken on 26/11/2020 and found to be not present
Old Growth Forest within 500m	Old Growth Forest	Present	Present	Modelled old growth detected in overlay process.	Old growth desktop assessment completed 20/10/2020. Field assessment of centroid 2780231 will be required if harvesting is planned in this area.	Old growth field assessment was undertaken on 26/11/2020 and found to be not present
Other biodiversity issues	[n/a]	[n/a]				
Other threatened flora	Poa aff. Tenera (hairy): Slender Tussock Grass	Present	Present	Slender Tussock Grass Poa tenera species observation record within coupe boundary. The species identification from the DELWP FPSP survey data is that is not Poa aff. Tenera (hairy) Slender Tussock grass	Harvesting prescriptions for wetlands, riparian vegetation and rainforest protect the majority of the the know habitat of the threatened Poa aff. Tenera (hairy) Slender Tussock grass in State Forest. No further action.	Although it is not the threatened, Poa aff. Tenera (hairy) the site has still been excluded from machinery disturbance
Rainforest in coupe	None found	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Rainforest site in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Rainforest site within 500m	Rainforest site of significance	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Rainforest within 500m	None found	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Reference Area within 500m of coupe	Reference area	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog catchment in coupe		Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog catchment within 500m		Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Spotted Tree Frog in coupe	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		

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4. Biodiversity	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Spotted Tree Frog within 500m	* None found *	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Threatened EVC in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Threatened EVC within 500m	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Threatened fauna site in coupe	Not present					
Threatened fauna site within 500m of coupe	Not present					
Threatened flora site within 500m of coupe	Not present					
Threatened Species Observations in coupe	Poa tenera: Slender Tussock-grass	Present	Present	Slender Tussock Grass Poa tenera species observation record within coupe boundary. The species identification from the DELWP FPSP survey data is that is not Poa aff. Tenera (hairy) Slender Tussock grass	Harvesting prescriptions for wetlands, riparian vegetation and rainforest protect the majority of the the known habitat of the threatened Poa aff. Tenera (hairy) Slender Tussock grass in State Forest. No further action.	Although it is not the threatened, Poa aff. Tenera (hairy) the site has still been excluded from machinery disturbance
Threatened Species Observations within 500m of coupe	Not present					
VF Large Trees in Coupe	Not present					
VF Large Trees within 500m	Not present					
5. Historical	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Aboriginal Cultural Sensitivity Area in coupe	* None found	0.00	0.00	Consultation with AV was undertaken during the TRP approval process. No registered Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites were identified. No restriction to harvesting. No further action.		

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5. Historical	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Aboriginal Cultural Sensitivity Area within 500m	Watercourse	28.15	0.00	Area of Cultural Sensitivity within 500m of coupe boundary identified in the overlay process.	Consultation with AV was undertaken during the TRP approval process. No registered Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites were identified. No restriction to harvesting. No further action required.	No further action required.
Historic areas in coupe	Historic site	Not Present	Not Present			
Historic areas within 500m	Historic site	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic sites in coupe	Historic site	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic sites within 500m	Historic site	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic tramway site in coupe	Historic tramway	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Historic tramways site within 500m of coupe	Historic tramway	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
Other historical issues	Other historical issues	[n/a]	Not Present			
6. Landscape	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Foreground issues (0-500m)	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Landscape Issues in coupe	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		
Middleground issues (500m-6.5k)	DARGO_HIGH_PLAINS_ROAD Middleground	0.11	0.00	Coupe is within 500m-6.5km of Dargo High Plains Road. The coupe is not visible from this location due to topography and screening vegetation.	Manage timber harvesting operations to ensure landscape alterations are only subtly apparent within 5 years of the operation and shape, position and time timber harvesting operations and new roads to minimise their visual impact	The coupe is not visible from the Dargo High Plains Road due to topography and screening vegetation.
Other landscape issues	Other landscape issues	[n/a]	Not Present			
Outer issues (6.5k - 12km)	* None found *	0.00	0.00	No action required		



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Issues identified						
7. Research	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Other research issues	Other research issues	[n/a]	Not Present			
Permanent Growth Plot buffer in coupe	Permanent Growth Plot buffer	Not Present	Not Present	No action required		
8. Weeds, Pests & Disease	Value	Identified by spatial overlay as	Identified during manual check as	Value Description	How the value will be managed	Management Action Taken or Prescription Applied
Pests and Disease	None identified	[n/a]	None identified			
Weeds	None identified	[n/a]	Scattered	Blackberries observed scattered throughout coupe area. Thistles generally observed along existing road alignments.		Machine washdown procedures will be in place as a precautionary approach to managing potential Ox Eye Daisies within the coupe.

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Contractor Section - Harvesting Commencement & Completion Declarations

Harvesting commencement declaration	Contractor/HTL Initial	VicForests Initial
▪ I have received a copy of the Forest Coupe Plan and a copy of the Utilisation Procedures.		
▪ I have discussed this Forest Coupe Plan with an Officer of VicForests and understand it.		
▪ I will ensure that this operation is conducted in accordance with the Forest Coupe Plan, the Utilisation Procedures and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.		
▪ I will ensure that all operators working on this coupe are aware of their responsibilities under this Forest Coupe Plan.		
▪ I will ensure that all operators hold a current FOLS with all appropriate endorsements prior to them commencing work on the coupe.		
▪ An identification of hazards associated with this coupe was conducted in accordance with the Industry Standard: Safety in Forestry Operations (Harvesting and Haulage) 2007 and the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.		
▪ The Contractor/HTL acknowledges that it is their responsibility to identify the appropriate controls for all identified hazards. VicForests acknowledges that the Contractor/HTL has a hazard control plan that identifies all addresses all identified hazards.		
▪ Landing(s) location has been agreed to by VicForests and the Contractor/HTL		
▪ Location/selection of retained trees has been agreed to by VicForests and the Contractor/HTL		
▪ I have been briefed on the identification and habitat retention strategies put in place to manage Biodiversity Values identified in this coupe as outlined in the HCV summary and retention plan		
Contractor / HTL _____	Signed _____	Date _____
Sanctioned By VicForests Officer _____	Signed _____	Date _____

The names and FOLS numbers of the crew working on this Harvest Unit are:		
HTL _____	FOLS No. _____	
Log Grader _____	FOLS No. _____	Hammer No. _____
Crew Member _____	FOLS No. _____	
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Crew Member _____	FOLS No. _____	



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Provisional Clearance Declaration

This coupe cannot be completed until a later date. This provisional clearance has been granted to the Logging Team Leader subject to the coupe being left in an approved condition.

I acknowledge that if directed by VicForests, I will return to carry out any actions that result from the temporary clearance assessment.

Contractor/HTL _____

Signed _____

Date _____

This harvesting operation has been completed to the satisfaction of VicForests.

VicForests Officer _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Harvesting Re-commencement Declaration

- I have received a copy of the Forest Coupe Plan and a copy of the Utilisation Procedures.
- I have discussed the Forest Coupe Plan with an Office of VicForests and understand it.
- A reassessment of the hazards and controls associated with the coupe was conducted in accordance with the Industry Standard: Safety in Forestry Operations (Harvesting and Haulage) 2007 and the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.
- I will ensure that this operation is conducted in accordance with the Forest Coupe Plan, the Utilisation Procedures and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- I will ensure that the operators working on this coupe are aware of their responsibilities under the Forest Coupe Plan.
- I will ensure that all operators hold a current FOLS with all appropriate endorsements prior to commencing work on the coupe.

Contractor/HTL _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Witnessed by
VicForests Officer _____

Signed _____

Date _____



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Final Completion and Clearance Declaration

This clearance to leave the coupe has been granted to the Contractor / Logging Team Leader.

I acknowledge that if directed by VicForests, I will return to carry out any actions that result from the final clearance assessment.

Contractor/HTL _____

Signed _____

Date _____

This coupe has been completed to the satisfaction of VicForests.

VicForests Officer _____

Signed _____

Date _____

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