



North East Forest Alliance

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Dear Mr Chappel,

Compartment 13 of Moonpar State Forest is identified on the Forestry Corporation website as now being active. As it appears that the Forestry Corporation have made no attempt to identify the den, roost and nest trees of Yellow-bellied Glider, Southern Greater Glider and Powerful Owl as required by the CIFOA, NEFA requests an immediate Stop Work Order until the required searches are undertaken.

Ms Townley's report is attached (including the locations of the two probable den trees identified).

Ms Townley made eight observational records of Southern Greater Glider and heard three calls of Yellow-bellied Glider and Powerful Owl. One pair and one single Southern Greater Glider were recorded in what were assumed to be their den trees. These records were provided to the Forestry Corporation and entered in bionet.

I note that historically there are records of Southern Greater Glider, Yellow-bellied Glider, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Powerful Owl, and Stuttering Frog within compartment 13 of Moonpar State Forest.

Since 1 January 2019 Bionet includes the following records for compartment 13:

- 8 records of Southern Greater Glider from the Scientific Licence dataset (Ms Townley's records)
- 3 records of Yellow-bellied Glider from the Scientific Licence dataset (Ms Townley's records)
- 4 records of Scrub Turpentine from the SFNSW Biodata

The Forestry Corporation is aware of the past and current records of Yellow-bellied Glider, Southern Greater Glider and Powerful Owl in Moonpar State Forest, and the identification of den trees.

It is apparent from the records to date that the Forestry Corporation have made no attempt to search for and identify any of these species or their den, roost and nest trees as required by the CIFOA.

The CIFOA Conditions (Table 2) identifies Nest, roost or den trees of these species must be searched for during broad area habitat searches and Table 4 identifies that 50m exclusions are required around nests of Powerful Owl and dens of Yellow-bellied Glider and Southern Greater Glider. These can only be identified by nocturnal searches and Forestry Corporation only undertake their broad area habitat searches during the day and thus have no chance of detecting these.

Based on the above assessment we request an immediate Stop Work Order while the required nocturnal searches are undertaken. NEFA requests an urgent response to this request.

Yours sincerely,

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