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## Rooiberg Team reduces fuel load ahead of fire season



Rooiberg participants reducing the fuel load by cutting trees in preparation for the fire season

In preparing for the upcoming winter fire season, WOF participants across the province have been working hard to assist landowners.

Rooiberg participants in the Waterberg district have committed themselves to protect the environment against veld and forest fires and preserve nature for the next generation.

"Creating firebreaks is one of the measures that we implement as a barrier for the fires. They assist in stopping the fire from spreading from one property to another," says Sello Motshegon, the Base Communications Representative at Rooiberg Base.

Dry trees are dangerous as they serve as fuel in veld and forest fires. The WOF participants therefore decided not only to focus on slashing grass, but to also cut the dry trees and move them to a safe area where they will be used for the rehabilitation of the soil.

"Though we are still a newly opened team, we have done so much in a short period of time and it clearly shows that there is a need for our services in this area. Our partners, stakeholders and landowners appreciate the hard work that we are doing," says Motshegon.



Matema Gwangwa,  
Provincial Communication Officer, Limpopo

## Getting ready for winter with aim to reduce fire

Working on Fire teams throughout the country have been hard at work during the last few months preparing for the 2017 winter fire season.

Some provinces have already completed their annual Yellow Card Training Camps which are aimed at ensuring that all firefighters are fit and ready to be on active duty during the upcoming fire season.

The 2017 Community Fire Awareness Campaigns are also in the process of being launched nationally. These campaigns aim to teach communities to be fire safe and to prevent unwanted veld and forest fires by raising awareness of the risks of fires. The campaigns empower those at risk to take responsibility to reduce the risk and impact of fires in their communities.

We urge all our firefighters to be vigilant on the fire line and we wish them all a safe winter fire season.

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Firefighters completing

## Naledi Team continues to bring change

The Naledi Team in Vryburg is making a significant impact on the environment and in the lives of the local community. The team has removed alien trees in the Voortrekker Street area between Vryburg and Huhudi Location.

One of the crew leaders from the Naledi Team, Tebogo Motshwaedi says, "We were there to remove the alien trees as they consume lots of water in our area. As we are approaching fire season removing these alien trees also helps prevent unwanted devastating fires during the fire season."

This project also focused on fuel load reduction. After communication with the

