

19 January 2018

Dear Landowner,

The Rooiberg Working on Fire team have been fully booked for landowner assistance (production) from 15 January up to 15 June 2018.

However, the Vingerkraal team based near Mabula is available by arrangement. Should you have a need for assistance, kindly contact me on the contact numbers indicated below.

Rest assured that we are doing our utmost to rectify discrepancies created in the past and make an urgent plea to landowners making use of the teams to contact this office during production if you encounter problems. This will enable us to rectify complaints immediately. The Rooiberg team is fairly new when it comes to production and attempting to straighten out all difficulties encountered.

Also note that all crew members from Rooiberg Working on Fire base signed a declaration of non-disclosure. Crew members attached to the Vingerkraal base will also sign the declaration of non-disclosure.

The WoF teams can assist landowners with the following services:

- **Fire suppression**
- **Manual fuel reduction**
 - Manual
 - Bush clearing – cutting and removing of trees/branches out of the veld areas for example Sekelbos/Vaalbos and other bush encroachment/invasive plants. **(NO FIREWOOD GATHERING AND CUTTING)**
 - Chemical
- **Fire belts**
 - Chemical
 - Slashing
 - Hoeing
 - Burning
- **Prescribed burning**
 - Block burns
 - Patch mosaic
 - Stack burning
 - Under canopy burn
- **Clearing of road reserves**
 - Chemical
 - Slashing
 - Burning

WoF costs for services and landowner provisions:

TFPA Members:

- **Productions**
 - Crew transport return trip from base - Fire Truck = R17.50 p/km / Crew Carrier (Bus) = R13.75 p/km (Costs may fluctuate yearly e.g. fuel increases and type of transport available at the different bases)
 - Provide fuel/2-stroke and chain oil
- **Fire suppression**
 - Crew transport return trip from base - Fire Truck = R17.50 p/km / Crew Carrier (Bus) = R13.75 p/km (Costs may fluctuate yearly e.g. fuel increases and type of transport available at the different bases)
 - Crew p/person per hour – No charges
 - Ration Packs @ R68.00 p/person after an 8 hour working cycle
 - Project Manager/Divisional supervisor p/hour – R8.00 (Only applicable where there are more than 1 one team at a fire)

Non-members:

- **Productions**
 - Crew transport return trip from base Fire Truck = R17.50 p/km / Crew Carrier (Bus) = R13.75 p/km (Costs may fluctuate yearly e.g. fuel increases and type of transport available at the different bases)
 - Provide fuel/2-stroke and chain oil
- **Fire suppression**
 - Crew transport return trip from base Fire Truck = R17.50 p/km / Crew Carrier (Bus) = R13.75 p/km (Costs may fluctuate yearly e.g. fuel increases and type of transport available at the different bases)
 - Crew p/person per hour – R17.50
 - Ration Packs @ R68.00 p/person after 8 hour working period
 - Project Manager/Divisional supervisor p/hour – R8.00 (Only applicable where there is more than 1 one team at a fire)

Landowners are requested to plan production activities in advance according to the total number of crew, equipment available at the different bases e.g. total number of chain saws, brush cutters, slashers, rake hoes, nap sacks etc. and total members trained to operate the different equipment. If need be, to divide the team into 2 or 3 groups, each group must be accompanied by a Crew Leader and will not be allowed for the crew to operate without supervision.

Working on Fire Rules and Regulations instruction manual for crews working in close proximity to dangerous animals:

Working on Fire crews are required at times to assist with fire suppression or work in areas where they could come into contact with dangerous game including lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and buffalo.

The landowner/manager/representative will be required to:

- Supply physical human protection (Armed ranger)
- Fire line crews will only be allowed to operate within an area guarded by two game rangers
- No crew member will be allowed to operate individually

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions with the above.

Warm bushveld greetings

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