TRANSPOWER

SAFETY ALERT!

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Potential for high fire loads

WHAT HAPPENED?

There has been a huge amount of grass growth this spring and in the South Island we are beginning to see it drying off at an alarming speed. There have been two fires this year on the ISL – ROX line in the lower South Island. Recently in California the local ultity has acknowledged that it may be responsible for starting nine fires, which resulted in many acres being destroyed by fire.

In one case a dead tree came into contact with with a power line, and burned approximately 10 acres. With the strong winds New Zealand is currently experiencing, prevention is definitely the preferred option.

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

- Due to hot exhausts do not drive or park in long grass, and be extremely careful with generators and any tools that could create sparks. Access track assessments must be completed.
- If a fire starts and cannot be controlled quickly then evacuate the site and call emergency services straight away.

ROOT CAUSE

- Before cutting any grass or vegetation complete a risk assessment and establish controls, as a spark from the machine may be enough to start a fire.
- Consider where you will park or position portable plant on site because of the risk created from heat or sparks.

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