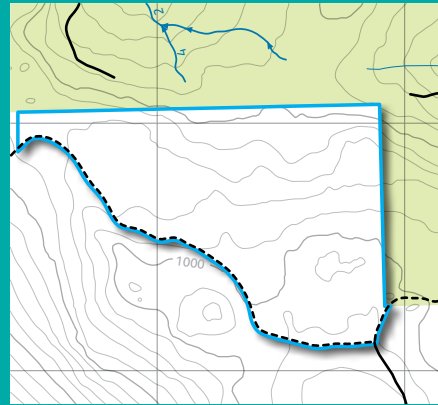


Forest Practices



Stage 2

While surveying the site, you have discovered numerous areas within the coupe that require special management. There are four areas that contain sites of flora significance and a forest community that needs to be protected under the stipulations of the Regional Forest Agreement. Some of these sites contain

buttongrass, moorland sedgeland and sphagnum peatland, a very slow growing community that requires special protection. There are also areas of swampland and shrubby *E. pauciflora* forest, which is a priority forest community for protection. All these sites need to be excluded from any harvesting activity.

This non-forest community was identified during operational planning for this area. The photograph below displays the change from the moorland sedgeland community to one dominated by sphagnum moss located during flora planning for this area. This area will be excluded from the planned harvest boundary.

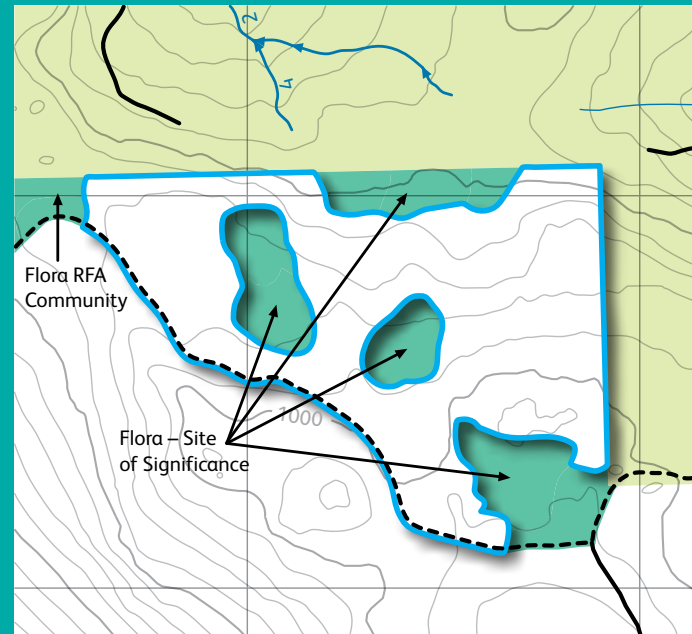
Your Forest Practices Plan

On the included maps, follow the steps that a Forest Practices Officer might take as you work through the stages of preparing a Forest Practices Plan for the harvesting of an area of production forest – and the reforestation that will follow harvesting. This part of the process has major implications for future silvicultural systems, burning strategies, placement of wildlife corridors and a range of other factors.

Tasmania has extensive areas of forest reserves – but on these maps, you'll be planning the harvesting and reforestation of an area of production forest. Foresters call it a 'coupe'.

Stage 1

The area inside the blue line is potentially available for harvest. As a Forest Practices Officer, you now have to assess this area for any special values, such as fauna, flora, cultural values, geomorphological sites (such as caves), as well as features such as streams. Check the contours, too – they determine where access roads and tracks could be located. You'll also need to consider how the area will be reforested after harvest – this is an important step in the planning process.



Key

- Harvest Boundary
- Classed Stream
- Road Class 1-3
- Road Class 4
- Contour
- Private Land
- Protected From Logging