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Fire Towers spot Smoke on the Range

Mt Gordon and Mt Despair fire towers, crewed by [Forest Fire Management Victoria](#) smoke watchers, detected two additional fires along the Black Range late this afternoon following another storm cell passing over the range.

Initially, Mt Gordon spotted a column of smoke above the Glendale Plantation north of Buxton. Buxton was responded along with [Acheron CFA](#), [Marysville Fire Brigade - Cfa](#), and [Taggerty Fire Brigade](#) with Taggerty Tanker 1 quickly locating the column with native forest along Mill Creek Road.

Shortly after Acheron and Taggerty were paged to a separate fire in Keens Road, Acheron. With Taggerty Tanker 1 and Buxton Tanker 1 already committed to the Mills Creek Road fire, Buxton Tanker 2 was redeployed to support Acheron at Keens Rd along with Taggerty Tanker 2.

At the same time the Mt Despair tower sighted another smoke column north of Buxton, this time on the western side of the range south of Friday Creek Road. Having been released from Acheron and with the other resources committed to the Mill Creek Road fire, Buxton Tanker 2 proceeded to the third call supported by [Thornton CFA](#).

Further information from Mt Despair confirmed that fire was in the Waterwheel Track area on the western side. Fortunately, FFMV crews constructing fire-breaks south of Whanregarwen had been redeployed down the Black Range Road by the time Buxton Tanker 2 had climbed up Friday Creek Rd from the Maroondah Highway. That incident was left in the hands of the FFMV crews and our tanker was released.

The Mill Creek Road fire required CFA crews to walk into the fire and construct a mineral earth break around the fire perimeter.

Fire Bird 311 from the Mansfield airbase was deployed to assist with both fires along the range. HPV Plantations crews also supported this afternoon's fire suppression efforts.

Once each of the Black Range fires were handed over to FFMV, the CFA resources returned to their respective stations.



