

Please find attached an excel spreadsheet, *Rich Forest Block LFP Surveys.pdf*, listing all coupes scheduled in the Rich Forest Block within the Orbost forest district 2009-14. This spreadsheet details information regarding the presence and detections of the Long Footed Potoroo(LFP) in this area as recorded on the Department's Biodiversity Interactive Map online system. In addition to these records, findings from public surveys for this species are included.

Both of these sets of data are presented to demonstrate the proximity of these detections to scheduled and active logging operations in the area. As a result of these findings, it also suggests the likely presence of the LFP in any or all of the coupes listed in the attached excel spreadsheet.

Two maps have been attached to this email which are referred to in the spreadsheet.

Map #1 - DSE BIM LFP RECORDS.pdf - demonstrates the LFP detection records as displayed on the Department's online map system.

Map #2 - 1-250 000 - MAIN EG LFP DISTRIBUTION.pdf, shows the main LFP distribution within East Gippsland including and entirely encompassing the area covered by the Rich Forest Block.

Information in the spreadsheet relating to the public surveys are the subject of reports that I have provided to you in recent months.

Please reply to this e-mail within seven days and advise whether the Department of Sustainability and Environment and/or VicForests:

- a) have undertaken any pre-logging surveys for LFP in any or all of the listed coupes and, if so, whether and when you will provide particulars of such surveys, including the location of the surveys, method of surveys and who the surveys were undertaken by;
- b) will conduct or arrange the conduct of pre-logging surveys by appropriately qualified experts for the LFP in all of the listed coupes in which surveys have not yet been undertaken;
- c) will not undertake, or will cease, any logging operations in any of the listed coupes until such time as surveys for the LFP have been undertaken by appropriately qualified experts;
- d) will give me written notice of any intended logging of any of the listed coupes no later than 14 days in advance of such logging taking place and advise of what coupes are currently been and have been logged.

Thankyou.

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