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East Gippsland crossing replacements

Works are continuing on bridges and crossings in the Orbost fire district as part of a \$60 million state wide program to replace 300 crossings in Victoria's state forests, parks and reserves to improve access for fire crews.

Works are commencing to replace 11 bridges and culverts on the Yalmy Road north of Orbost; and 11 bridges and culverts on the WB Line and Thurra River Road north east of Cann River.

The Yalmy Road will be closed at the state forest boundary from 26 May until 1 August. The WB Line will be closed from 31 May to 31 August. Signs notifying of the closures will be in place on both roads.

Scheduling of the upgrades has been arranged around the controlled burning operations which have been underway in the area, as well as taking into account access to the land by forest and park users.

"We are undertaking the replacement of crossings in the Orbost and Cann River areas as part of a larger state wide project. The bridge and crossing upgrades will improve access and ensure a greater level of safety for our fire fighters, land managers and other users," said DSE Project Manager, Chris Stephenson.

For information about current road closures visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au and for local traffic issues please contact the Orbost District office 51611222.