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Works commence to reconstruct recreation sites at Mt Disappointment

Major reconstruction works to restore recreational sites at Mt Disappointment State Forest, near Broadford, have commenced.

The Black Saturday bushfires burnt two thirds of the Mt Disappointment State Forest, destroying all camping and picnic area facilities.

According to Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) Murrindindi District Manager, John Steer, the project will see visitor facilities replaced and enhanced.

“The fires hit Mt Disappointment with such ferocity, virtually all the visitor facilities were destroyed,” he said.

“The long term vision for Mt Disappointment is to provide high quality day and camping experiences for visitors.

“This will be achieved by restoring recreation facilities to a high standard, to again attract visitors back the area.”

Prior to the fires, Mt Disappointment brought considerable economic benefit to the local community and was a popular tourist area for day visitors and campers.

Mr Steer said following the fires major rehabilitation works had been undertaken including the assessment and removal of hazardous trees near visitor areas, walking tracks and forest roads.

The \$1 million project will see the construction of campsites and visitor facilities at Number One Camp, Regular Camp, Blairs Hut, Strath Falls and Andersons Gardens.

The project also includes the reinstatement of the Sunday Creek and Strath Falls walking tracks and construction of three new footbridges.

Some areas within the Mt Disappointment State Forest remain closed to the public because of the impact of the fire and DSE’s winter road closure program.

The project will be undertaken in stages with final works expected to be completed by December 2011.

The works are part of the Victorian and Commonwealth governments “Rebuilding Together” – Statewide Bushfire Recovery plan, announced last October

For further information about the project contact DSE’s Broadford office on (03) 5784 0600.