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Alpine National Park Deer Control Trial

As you know, Parks Victoria is implementing a deer control trial in the Alpine National Park to investigate whether ground shooting can be used to mitigate deer impacts on significant environmental values and if so, what are the most efficient and effective techniques. This letter provides information on our program for 2017/2018.

Parks Victoria will once again engage a contractor, as well as partner with the Australian Deer Association (ADA) and the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) to deliver the control stage of the trial.

The contractor and members of the ADA and SSAA have significant experience in deer hunting and will observe state and/or national codes of practice and standard operating procedures to ensure that best practices in animal welfare are observed.

The park will not be closed while deer control operations are being undertaken, although some localised access restrictions may be applied. Signs will be placed at major access points when operations are underway. All personnel involved will be working under the supervision of Parks Victoria staff. They will be readily identifiable and will act in accordance with all legal requirements to ensure the safe use of firearms.

Control Operation Logistics

Where Please refer to the attached maps that depict the areas in which the control operations will occur.

Please note - outside the Parks Victoria managed control operations, hunting remains prohibited on the Bogong High Plains.

Timing The first **contract operation** will take place from **Monday 4th to Monday 11th December in Treatment Area D**. In general, the operation will start in the late afternoon/early evening and continue until just after midnight. This may change depending on the results. The contractor will be using an All-Terrain Vehicle along the Fainter Fire Trail to access parts of their control area.

The first **ADA and SSAA operation**, in **Treatment Area B**, is scheduled to start on **Thursday 7th December and will continue until Thursday 14th**. Volunteer activities also start in the afternoon and continue until just after midnight.

Should you require further details or advice on this matter please contact me on 02 6071 5325 or 0428 339 344 or dave.jenson@parks.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Jenson".

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