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Bushfires NT Bambi Bucket Stolen

Bushfires NT Director Steve Sutton has called for the return of an \$8,000 piece of fire fighting equipment taken from an airstrip on the Mount Bunday Field Training Area to be returned.

“The Bambi Bucket, a large orange collapsible bag used for bombing fires from a helicopter is a valuable piece of firefighting equipment that can release up to 500 litres of water directly onto a fire with the release of a lever,” Mr Sutton said.

Bushfires NT Regional Fire Control Officer for the Vernon Region John Whatley said Bushfires NT was carrying out aerial incendiary work during controlled burns at Mount Bunday on Sunday 27 April when the Bambi Bucket was taken from the airstrip.

“The thieves shot locks off a gate to get to the airstrip where they also shot at drums of fuel and pumping equipment,” Mr Whatley said.

“Its not clear what they’d use it for, its really just a large orange bag with little or no other conceivable use, but of great value to Bushfires NT and the community.”

Bushfires NT Director Steve Sutton said while he’s disappointed that anyone would deliberately endanger lives Bushfires NT are hopeful that those responsible will return the Bambi Bucket.

“I encourage those responsible, or anyone with any information, to phone us on either 89760098 or 89220844 with details about where we can retrieve the equipment,” Mr Sutton said.

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Media Note – for more information contact Steve Sutton on 0401 118 326.

Image attached of The Bambi Bucket in use during a recent wildlife.

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