

Media Release

CONSERVATION VALUES ASSESSMENT FOR MOUNT COLE, THE PYRENEES AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Ballarat Environment Network, Wombat Forestcare and the Bendigo District Environment Council have received funding through The Wilderness Society's WildCountry Small Grants Program to undertake an assessment of the conservation values of the Mount Cole and Pyrenees region.

The assessment will document the extent and condition of natural values in the area, including native flora, fauna and vegetation types. Key ecological processes, threats to biodiversity and potential areas for biolinks in the region will also be identified. The report will cover both private and public land.

As part of the assessment, community groups and members are encouraged to provide any information on any rare or significant native flora and fauna, or important areas for nature conservation within the region. The area covered by the assessment is bordered by Ararat in the west, Lexton in the east, Landsborough in the north and Lake Goldsmith in the south.

A draft report will be available for comment at the end of March 2010, with the final report completed in early May 2010. To obtain any further information email pyreneesvalues@gmail.com.

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