

Welcome to Chinook Community Forest (CCF) Fire Mitigation Planning

In February 2016 the provincial government awarded a community forest licence to the 6 first nations and 2 local governments. As part of this licence, CCF had to develop a Forest Stewardship Plan and a Management Plan. These two plans identify how and where CCF can operate with in K4R licence area. CCF Management plan, CCF committed to developing a fire mitigation plan with in 5 years to address public safety within its licence chart area K4R. Link to CCF website where you can find the management plan and forest stewardship plan; www.chinookcomfor.ca

CCF is working in conjunction with BC Wild Fire Service (BCWS). BCWS has provided the Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (PSTA) which has been overlaid on CCF's tenure area. The 2017 Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis is designed to consistently assess and map potential wildfire threats to values across the landscape (including communities, infrastructure and natural resources) and to integrate different aspects of wildfire hazard and risk. In this context, "values" refer to natural resources or man-made structures or features that have a measurable or intrinsic worth and could be negatively impacted by wildfires. The 2017 analysis is an update of the 2015 Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis Wildfire Threat Analysis Component. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-states/prevention/fire-fuel-management/psta

CCF is working with BCWS will develop a wildfire mitigation plan to address the extreme to low threat analysis around communities with in the K4R licence. CCF is looking for public support to develop this plan and address some of the wildfire and public safety issues. This is CCF's preliminary efforts to engage with the community and there will be future opportunity to provide input into the plan. CCF is legally required to meet the objectives set by government in legislation such as the Forest and Range Practices Act, the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, High Level Plans (Lakes District Land and Resource Management Plan and the Lakes North and South Sustainable Resource Management Plans). Some of these legal objectives are soils, wildlife, fish habitat, visual quality and cultural heritage resources. CCF is working towards developing and implementing wildfire mitigation efforts and assimilating the legal requirements within the plan. CCF is exploring funding opportunities for carrying out these mitigation efforts on the ground through government funding programs (eg. Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia) that support activities that prevent and mitigate the impact of wildfires.



Links to factsheets; <u>https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/prescribed-burns-and-ecosystem-restoration-burns</u>

https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/wildfire-prevention-is-everyones-responsibility

These facts sheets are attached as well.