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FESBC 2023-25 Wildfire Risk Reduction Funding Program Guide



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Introduction

Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) will be accepting applications to fund projects to assist the province of British Columbia (BC) reduce wildfire risk on provincial crown land and increase community resiliency to wildfire across BC.

This document serves as the FESBC 2023-25 Wildfire Risk Reduction Funding Program Application Guide. It provides prospective applicants with key information related to funding eligibility, selection criteria, application information requirements, the submission and review process, and project implementation.

FESBC is committed to ensuring wildfire risk reduction projects approved by the FESBC Board will be aligned with the Ministry of Forests (FOR), BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), BC Parks and Mountain Resorts Branch (MRB) priorities and standards.

Application Information & Requirements

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants seeking funding consideration are limited to the following:

- First Nations (bands, Treaty First Nations and Indigenous Governments with authority for lands and resources) in BC,
- Indigenous-owned companies and forest tenure holders,
- Small area-based tenure holders:
 - Community Forest Agreement
 - Woodlot Licence,
- Other forest tenure holders that don't own or control a primary forest product manufacturing facility,
- Provincial Government agencies,
- Local governments (municipalities or regional districts),
- Irrigation and Improvement Districts,
- All season resorts on crown land,
- BC Heritage Properties,
- Unincorporated community or rural fire departments that are a legally incorporated society in good standing in BC, or
- Not-for-profit organizations that are a legally incorporated society in good standing in BC with a mandate to reduce wildfire risk reduction acceptable to FOR.

All applicants or their designate must be able to enter a FESBC Recipient agreement to deliver the project, see Project Implementation section for more details.

Eligible Project Activities

Wildfire risk reduction (WRR) planning and treatment projects on BC provincial crown land.

Eligible activities

- WRR planning and treatment prescription development,
- WRR treatments, and
- Recovery and utilization of uneconomical residual fibre resulting from wildfire risk reduction treatments funded by FESBC.

Eligible projects must:

- align with provincial and local land manager's (includes FOR, BCWS, BC Parks and MRB) regional and/or district priorities on provincial crown land,
- be consistent with the Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction Program standards which are available on the [BCWS Tools for Fuel Management](#) website,
- use relevant best practices from local land managers for all activities,
- not be funded by Community Resilience Investment (CRI) program or other funding programs, including Ministry of Forests Crown Land WRR projects, and
- be completed by March 14, 2025.

How to Apply

Prior to commencing an application, it is highly recommended proponents review all application requirements well in advance. Contact FESBC to obtain any needed clarity on application requirements.

Prior to commencing application, consult with the applicable Ministry of Forests staff and other land managers for applicable organizations to ensure alignment priorities and legislation. Written endorsement from applicable land manager is required with application submission.

Applications are to be submitted using the FESBC online application portal [Forest Enhancement Society Information Management \(FESIMS\)](#). The portal has specific sections that need to be completed and sections requiring additional documents to be attached including the objectives of the project, the area to be treated, maps, a well-defined cost estimate, projected timelines and intended results.

In addition to this guide, there is a companion document (FESBC Information Management System (FESIMS) [FESIMS Guide for Submitting a Proposal](#)). This document will provide additional information to assist with the application submission in FESIMS.

FESBC and PwC will be conducted an information webinar on June 28, 2022, to provide guidance on how to use FESIMS and go over the application requirement. The link to the recorded webinar is on the [FESBC Funding Application page](#).

Important Application Information:

- All applicants must be a registered user or create an account in FESIMS.
- Business entities or individuals may submit applications on behalf of an eligible applicant **ONLY** if appropriate authorization in writing is provided from the applicant.
- FESIMS will be open for applications commencing on May 8, 2023.
- Evaluation of applications will commence when received.
- If required, any amendments to the information in this guide will be posted on the [FESBC website](#). If you have commenced an application, you will be notified of any changes by email.

Application Requirements

FESBC funding applications must:

- be for projects located only on Provincial Crown Land,
- involve reduction of wildlife risk near higher-risk communities and critical infrastructure (including community watersheds),
- provide written support from the applicable land manager(s) for proposed project area,
- clearly demonstrate that the proposed project activities do not include any activities that are part of existing legal tenure obligations AND/OR recognized costs in the Interior Appraisal Manual and Coast Appraisal Manual,
- provide clear description of works proposed (planning, prescription(s), treatment(s) and volume estimate of residual fibre utilization),
- provide a detailed budget for each activity including supervision and associated administration costs (**Note: no delivery allowance will be applied to projects approved in this intake**),
 - In the FESIMS homepage information tab, see sample [Cost Template](#). This table or a document with similar information must be included. It is strongly recommended to submit back up information that shows cost build-up and assumptions used to calculate costs.
 - Detailed cost details need to be uploaded in application to enable evaluation of cost-effectiveness.
 - If applicable, summarize contributions from proponent, other funding sources or in-kind partnerships that are expected to contribute to the project.
 - Funding requests will be net of revenue generated from the sale of all fibre. Exceptions may be considered for fibre from area-based tenures.
 - Activities completed over multiple FESBC fiscal years should have separate cost estimates for the same activity for each fiscal year.
- provide description of the site including location, Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates and Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC) Zone,
- submit map(s) (pdf) and associated spatial files (KML or KMZ) that clearly identifies location of the proposed activities that meets or exceeds industry standards acceptable to FESBC,
- for treatment activities, submit fuel management prescription(s) signed by a forest professional for treatment projects,
- identify BCWS WUI Risk Class for proposed project area. More information is available on the [BCWS Provincial Threat Analysis \(PSTA\) site](#) and Appendix 3,
- demonstrate how the project will optimize the recovery and utilization of low-value residual fibre to minimize burning. The FESBC 2023-25 Funding Utilization – Cost Model Template located [here](#), in the FESIMS homepage information tab, is used to determine if additional funding is required to fully utilize fibre.
- provide details that demonstrate that a project can and will be completed within the proposed timelines, and
- see Appendix 2 for FESBC guiding principles for WRR proposals.

Project Finance Direction and Guidelines

Eligible Project Costs

Project costs that may be considered by the FESBC Board of Directors include:

- planning activities required to identify treatment area and obtain authorization to complete treatments,
- information sharing and meetings with Agencies, First Nations and stakeholders,
- prescriptions, layout and other activities required to acquire authorization,
- treatments,
- incremental costs to utilize uneconomical residual fibre,
- project supervision, and
- administration costs (**No Delivery Allowance will be applied to any approved funding**). In the absence of a detailed cost estimate, FESBC may accept a flat percentage of project cost for administration which must itemize what is included.

Costs that will not be considered include:

- costs committed to meet objectives outside of FESBC criteria,
- expenses or costs paid or committed to by others,
- costs that are considered tenure obligations or cost allowance(s) included in the Interior Appraisal Manual or Coast Appraisal Manual, and
- costs that are incurred prior to receiving project plan approval.

Roles and Responsibilities

Applicant

The Applicant is responsible for providing a complete, clear and concise application with enough information for the FESBC Board to make a funding decision. Incomplete or ambiguous applications may be rejected outright or receive conditional approval only.

Applicants must confirm their project aligns with Ministry of Forests wildfire risk reduction priorities. See below for description of expected communication and engagement with FOR for FESBC WRR projects.

Communication and Engagement Guidance with Provincial Organizations for FESBC WRR

Planning for fuel management treatments requires a collaborative approach between proponents, funding agencies, land managers and the FOR Integrated Fuel Management Planning:

- The FOR is the lead agency for fuel management planning on provincial crown land (BC Parks is lead agency for Provincial Parks. FOR is developing rolling three years fuel management plans for all areas around communities.
- Tenure holders, First Nations, communities, and other stakeholders should participate in the strategic planning process with FOR and other applicable Ministries. Planning is schedule to take place annually during the fall (September to December).

- The integrated three-year fuel management plan is the tool to prioritize and guide government investments in fuel treatments on provincial crown lands (FCFC/CLWRR/CBT and FESBC), Consistency with the plan will be considered in adjudicating final funding decisions.
- Applicants must have had contact and meaningful engagement with the Land Manager or be part of the planning process for identifying priority wildfire risk reduction prior to applying for FESBC funding.

Applicants must ensure all First Nation consultations will be completed as required and be able to complete all other requirements to obtain the authorization(s) to complete the proposed activities from the applicable Land Manager.

Provincial Organizations with Land Managers)

- Includes Ministry of Forest, BC Parks and Mountain Resorts Branch
- Land Managers are responsible for all planning, permitting and monitoring activities on provincial Crown land.
 - may review proposals for consistency with land management priorities and provide comments to FESBC.
 - may specify requirements or conditions associated with proposed activities to ensure they align with the stated priorities and communicate them to FESBC.
- The Land Manager provides the required legal authorization before activities on crown land proceed.

FESBC

- FESBC staff review land manager input and comments and, with consideration of the selection criteria and FESBC purposes, provide recommendations to the FESBC Board.
- The FESBC Board, in consideration of land manager priorities and alignment with Society purposes makes the final funding decisions and establishes any applicable conditions.

Project Evaluation Criteria

Key Selection Criteria

Eligibility of project applications will initially be adjudicated against key selection criteria which are:

- Identified priority WRR treatment area in FOR District/Region/BCWS WRR Annual Operating Plans or other WRR treatment plans acceptable to FESBC,
- First Nations involvement,
- Overall cost effectiveness, including administration cost/treatment cost ratio,
- Treatment activities may be given higher priority over planning activities,
- Optimizing the recovery and utilization of low-value residual fibre,
- Timeline of project delivery, priority may be given to projects that can be completed by March 14, 2025, and
- Clear demonstration of experience in delivering FESBC or similar forest management projects, specifically successful contract completion, budgetary performance, value for money and results.

Additional Selection Criteria and Considerations

The Board anticipates that many projects will satisfy the selection considerations and criteria given the significant provincial Crown land base available for treatment. As such, the FESBC Board may place a high priority on proposed projects that satisfy multiple FESBC purposes as follows:

- Alignment and meeting multiple FESBC purposes:
 - Preventing and mitigating the impact of wildfires,
 - Improving damage or low value stands (Forest rehabilitation),
 - Improving habitat for wildlife,
 - Supporting the use of fibre from damaged and low value forests (Fibre Recovery), and
 - Treating forests to improve the management of greenhouse gases (Utilization/Avoided Carbon emissions).

The following may be considered in the project evaluation:

- local government, community and/or First Nations support,
- demonstrated value for money - based on FESBC Board of Directors' evaluation. A higher value may be placed on projects that result in lower funding costs per area treated,
- previous experience delivering FESBC funded projects, ,
- collaborative efforts with provincial government agencies, local governments, First Nations, and/or other funding partners,
- overall environmental and resource stewardship value for British Columbia's forests, or
- wildfire risk reduction for multiple values including communities, critical infrastructure, First Nations cultural values, timber supply and special features such as parks and protected areas identified in a WRR plan acceptable to FOR, BC Parks, MRB and FESBC, or
- highest combined benefit to Society.

Application Decision Considerations

- Applications that best demonstrate that they meet the selection criteria will be prioritized for funding; however, meeting the selection criteria does not guarantee that funding will be provided.
- Applicants must provide sufficient information to support a thorough assessment of their project and if applicable identify benefits beyond wildfire risk reduction.
- Applicants should be as concise as possible to enable proper adjudication of the application.
- Applicants must demonstrate their level of engagement with the FOR district, region, BCWS, BC Parks, MRB or any other relevant Land Manager to ensure project alignment with Land Manager priorities. This is to be documented in the application process, where applicable. Planning and discussion should occur prior to the opening of the online portal to avoid a resource or timing issue and to allow for meaningful dialogue with appropriate land manager staff.
- Opportunities to complement FESBC funding on the provincial crown land base with other funding sources (ex. CRI, Columbia Basin Trust) and/or create synergies with adjacent projects or Timber Supply Area (TSA) /landscape/community strategies.

Application Review & Assessment

Eligible applications will be subject to a comprehensive review and assessment process by FESBC and ranked against selection criteria. If additional information is required to support the review and assessment, eligible applicants may be contacted, and additional information requested. The selection process will be objective and unbiased.

- Application reviews will commence within 30 days when received.
- Applications for projects funded by another funding source will not be considered.
- Applicants will not be notified of the ongoing status of their application during the review and assessment process.
- FESBC will provide written notification of project approval along with any terms or conditions of the funding approval.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by telephone.
- Funding decisions are final. However, applications that are not funded in one intake period may be re-submitted in a future intake period.

Project Approval and Implementation

- FESBC approval does not convey approval for works to commence.
- Upon project approval, FESBC will notify PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), our funding delivery partner.
- Successful applicants or a designated eligible third party are required to enter into a Recipient Agreement with PwC prior to developing project plans.

Recipient Agreement Requirements

All applicants or their designate must be able to enter a FESBC Recipient Agreement with PwC to deliver an approved FESBC project. Projects to be administered by a government Ministry will be exempt from this requirement.

Applicants should carefully review the entire Recipient Agreement and ensure that the terms of the Agreement can be met prior to submitting their application. Particular attention should be focused on the following sections:

- 5.0 Duties of the Recipient,
 - 7.0 Subcontracting, Tendering, Assignment and Pooling,
 - 9.0 Audits and Financial Statements, and
 - 10.0 Indemnification and Insurance.
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- Recipients must submit project plans that will identify milestones that describe the activities, costs and the timing of the works to be completed into FESIMS. Activities shall not commence until PwC approves the Project Plan.
 - Activities will follow established Provincial work standards. For activities where there are no established work standards, a detailed work plan describing the implementation of the project must be provided for review and approval by PwC.

- Formal First Nations information sharing, and stakeholder referral processes must be completed as required by the Land Manager.
- Activities must not commence prior to obtaining required authorization(s) from the applicable land manager.
- FESBC will not waive or assume any legal obligation for land management activities.

Tendering and Direct Awarding of Project Costs

- Projects will be evaluated on overall cost effectiveness and value creation. Most projects will generally require competitive tendering to ensure market value. Board approvals may specify direct award limits or special requirements.
- FESBC Contract Tendering and Cost Guidelines (Appendix 1) are to be followed for project implementation.
- FESBC may waive the above tender requirements as part of the Board’s approval process or during project implementation. A rationale must be provided, which may include but is not limited to the following:
 - existence of a comparable contract,
 - applicant has existing contractors established through their own internal selection process,
 - limited capacity of skilled contractors or professionals,
 - operating areas where beneficial to use or build local expertise, or
 - use of local First Nation contractors.

Provincial Government Delivered Proposals

In addition to the previous guidelines, the following apply to Ministry delivered projects:

- Provincial Government agencies are eligible to apply for funding as lead proponents.
- Provincial proposals will be reviewed within the same framework as all other proposals received during the call.
- Approval letters will specify funding amounts. Investment schedules will be managed by FESBC, and project plans will be administered by lead Ministry staff.
- Provincial Government proposals that are approved or approved in principle will require FESBC Investment Schedules. Subsequently, the Ministry lead will be required to prepare and submit specific project plans with mutually agreed upon milestones in FESIMS.
- Ministry leads will initiate and submit project amendments required by FESBC.
- FESBC will pay the Ministry on approved project plan milestones on a “recovery basis” as per the agreed to process.
- Project implementation of approved project plans will be the full responsibility of Ministry staff.
- The Ministry may name a recipient to deliver the project on their behalf.

Changes, Extensions & Reporting

Project Changes and Extensions

Approved project funding is specific to the project as proposed in the application. Funds are not transferable to other projects without prior approval. Any significant variation from the approved project will need to be reviewed and approved with PwC and FESBC prior to being implemented.

All approved activities are to be completed within the term specified in the original project approval, and no later than March 14, 2025. Extensions may be considered. Requests for extensions must be submitted in writing to FESBC and must be supported by PwC and approved by FESBC.

Project Final Reporting

Proponents are required to submit an electronic copy of project deliverables, including the following:

- Copies of assessments, results, plans, or any other product that was developed or updated as part of project and identified as a deliverable,
- Completed final report,
- Financial summary, and
- Submission of data to RESULTS and other repositories, as required by authorizations.

Final reports will be submitted in FESIMS as required by PwC.

All projects delivered through PwC must follow the recipient agreement reporting and project management requirements.

Additional Information

Audits and Site Visits

Funding recipients may be subject to audit or site inspections at any time during the term of the funding agreement and for up to three years following the distribution of Society funds to the recipient. Audits and or site inspections enable FESBC to examine project progress and confirm documentation. Land manager staff may conduct site visits during or post operations as part of overall proposal coordination and effectiveness evaluation.

Event and Communications

The funding agreement may require the following:

- The Forest Enhancement Society of BC and, as appropriate, the Government of B.C. be acknowledged in project communications, events and signage; and
- Consent for FESBC to publish project details in reports and in promotion of the Society (on websites and in public materials).

Confidentiality

All documents received by the Society will be treated as confidential; however, FESBC is subject to the requirements under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Application Support

If you have any questions in preparing your application, contact an FESBC Operations Manager.
[FESBC Staff Contact Information](#)

Further support is available from FESBC staff: office@fesbc.ca
Phone: 1.877.225.2010 or 778.765.0980

Information on how to enter a proposal in FESIMS is available in the [FESIMS Guide for Submitting a Proposal](#).

Appendix 1: Guiding Principles on Tendering and Direct Award

FESBC wishes to undertake all funding of approved projects in a manner that is transparent and seeks the best value for money. For most projects, the competitive tendering of contracts by the recipient will be required.

The following provides guidance for proponents and administrators in creating, managing, implementing and administering projects.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Recipient Agreement contains the following wording:

Where Investment Funding has been allocated to the Recipient in an Investment Schedule for the Year:

- The Recipient will ensure that, in respect of its Projects:
 - all subcontracts greater than \$50,000 for a given Project will be tendered through a competitive bidding process;
 - subcontracts greater than \$100,000 for a given Project will be tendered through open invitation and such tendering must conform with the guidelines as provided on the Administrator's website;
 - subcontracts less than \$100,000 for a given project may be tendered through open invitation or select invitation to a minimum of three qualified potential bidders and such tendering must conform with the guidelines as provided on the Administrator's website: [FESBC Contract Tendering and Cost Guidelines](#)
- The Recipient acknowledges and confirms that the Administrator, at its discretion and with prospective effect only, may amend or change the tendering requirements from time to time on direction of the FESBC.
- Prior to project approval, the Administrator may relieve the Recipient from tendering requirements under subsections 7.5 or 7.6 where the Recipient can demonstrate to the Administrator that tendering was not possible, practical, efficient or for any other bona fide reason. Such relief may be given on a Project-by-Project basis or for a specified class of Project.

Exemption from the above may be considered by the FESBC Board as part of the approval process or during project implementation if acceptable rationale is provided. Rationale may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Existence of a comparable contract,
- Capacity of skilled contractors or professionals,
- Operating areas where local expertise is sought, and
- Use of local First Nations contractors.

Appendix 2: Guiding Principles for FESBC Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) Proposals

General Wildfire Risk Reduction Principles

- To qualify for funding, applicants must demonstrate their level of engagement with the Ministry of Forests district, region, or relevant Land Manager and BCWS Fire Centre, to ensure project alignment with the Land Manager's and BCWS WRR priorities. For more information on the planning process and identified projects please see the [Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction webpage](#).
- WRR projects must be consistent with principles outlined in this appendix and should meet government objectives for wildfire risk reduction.

Wildfire Risk Reduction Fuel Management Activities Proposal Principles

- Fuel management activities may include prescription development, burn plans and operational fuel reduction treatments, including prescribed burning.
- Fuel management activities must be identified as a priority in an existing plan such as the District WRR Annual Operating Plan, CWPP, WRR or Fire Management Plan that identifies WRR treatment priorities with appropriate rationale and be supported by FOR.
- In cases where no plan exists, proposed fuel management activities will require support from FESBC, local forest district and fire centre.
- Fuel management objectives will drive the rationale for treatment area placement and treatment method selection.
- When specifying objectives for a fuel treatment, a rationale for the necessity of the fuel treatment (e.g., *improved suppression opportunities along main access corridor*) must be provided.
- Objectives must be clearly defined, demonstrate a reduction in risk, and include fuel reduction loading targets and measures for expected fire behaviour outcomes post treatment.
- Outcomes must be specified (e.g., *reducing crown fire initiation potential by XX and spread by XX from the adjacent stand by reducing surface fuel loading to XX and increasing height to live crown to XX*). These outcomes should support a cost effective and measurable reduction in expected fire behaviour.
- Proposals should evaluate existing resource value objectives within the area of interest and describe how the wildfire risk reduction objectives should seek to balance those resource values while maximizing fuel treatment efficacy.
- Provide any relevant supporting details such as fire history, probability of ignition, weather trends, and prevailing winds that support the treatment as a priority to mitigate negative impacts to the identified values at risk.

Appendix 3: WUI Risk Class & Risk Class Maps

Applicants are required to identify the WUI Risk Class to provide evidence of wildfire risk in their community. In the fall of 2021 new WUI, WUI Risk Class and PSTA products were released. Please check the updated information on the links below.

WUI Risk Class

The level of risk (“risk class”) reflects the analysis of weighted PSTA threat components within the individual WUI Risk Class polygons. Five risk class ratings were applied to the WUI polygons, with “1” being a higher relative risk and “5” being the lowest relative risk. The application of relative risk does not imply “no risk” since the goal is to identify areas where there is higher risk.

WUI Risk Class Assessment & Maps

Once defined, the WUI layer is combined with the PSTA wildfire threat layer (Crown land) to highlight a coarse scale spatial pattern of risk area using certain criteria, such as density and threat ratings. The WUI risk class assessment is driven by structure location (not by administrative boundaries) to reflect the actual location of structures that exist on the land base in relation to wildfire threat. This creates WUI polygons that may include multiple jurisdictions (e.g. regional district, municipal or First Nations land) that are linked by the continuity of structure density.

Currently the province only has data available to support fire threat analysis on Provincial Crown land. There are large tracts of private land that exist within the WUI where no data is available. The amount of private land is an important component in the risk analysis due to the lack of data to inform fire risk identification across jurisdictional boundaries. Therefore, the buffer was expanded to 2.75-kilometres around structure classes with a density of >25 for the analysis in order to create separate WUI polygons. A subsequent analysis of the PSTA data was performed to allocate polygons to one of five Risk Classes.

The eligible WUI one-kilometre buffer has been added to the WUI RC maps to aid applicants in designing fuel breaks and CWRPs. Spatial data for WUI Risk Class maps, including the one-kilometre buffer, are available at any time for local authorities by sending a request to BCWILDFIREGEO@gov.bc.ca

Identifying your WUI Risk Class (1-5) and Associated Polygon Name

Applicants are required to identify the WUI Risk class to provide evidence of wildfire risk in the proposed project area by locating their general area of interest on the [Wildland Urban Interface Risk Class Maps](#) or Google Earth compatible KML files. In cases where local assessments provide additional evidence of higher wildfire risk (than the WUI Risk Class), applicants can provide this information in their application in support of their proposed activities.

Google Earth compatible KML files have been created for each Fire Centre with the WUI Risk Class Maps information. An additional layer has been provided for the WUI Risk Class Maps and the Google Earth KML files with completed fuel treatments including treatments funded through the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, Forest Enhancement Society of BC, FireSmart Community Funding & Supports and Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction programs to date.

Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis

At a provincial scale, the wildfire risk framework starts with an analysis of the WUI. Quantification of wildfire threat components, including likelihood (fire occurrence) and severity (head fire intensity, which is calculated using the 90th percentile weather conditions and fuel type) and wildfire propagation potential (spotting) at the provincial scale, is represented by the [Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis \(PSTA\)](#).

The PSTA assesses and maps potential threats to values on the landscape, including communities, infrastructure and natural resources.

This identifies areas for wildfire risk reduction in order to minimize negative impacts to human life and safety including first responders, public health and the infrastructure required to maintain business continuity and support recovery efforts.

The resulting WUI Risk Class Map highlights patterns and trends in the WUI in a simplistic and easy to understand way. This is available as a high-level analysis to support the initial identification of areas for FireSmart Community Funding & Supports applications.

Subsequent activities or inputs are required to determine the most effective risk control options, including developing a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (or update) or other plan that includes assessment of local threat on the ground, and identification of FireSmart priorities, ground truthing the area to determine local threat, and developing a site level plan for treatments.

Private Land

In some areas of the province the private land percentage is still too high for the analyses to provide a meaningful risk class rating. For the northeast area of the province around Fort St. John and Dawson Creek, extensive tracts of private land surround the smaller WUI polygons. A manual process was used to assign the risk class to these areas. Additional PSTA map extents are provided for the map sheets around the Vanderhoof, Kettle Valley and Prince George areas as well, for information only, as the risk classes were assigned for these additional WUI polygons. Please contact your local Fire Centre contact for further information regarding these specific areas.