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Safety Message:

Wildfire Prevention Safety Message by BC Wildfire Service

TARGET SHOOTING
CAN CAUSE WILDFIRES

- LOCATE YOUR TARGET CAREFULLY**
Shoot towards a backdrop that is free of dry vegetation and woody debris.
- RICOCHETS CAUSE SPARKS**
Hot fragments and sparks can cause fires. Avoid shooting against rock.
- AMMUNITION HAS CHANGED**
Many bullets now incorporate more steel or copper, which can cause sparks.
- EXPLODING TARGETS**
Binary exploding targets can scatter hot fragments into surrounding vegetation and start a fire. The use of these types of targets is usually prohibited during dry weather conditions.

Report wildfires, unattended campfires or violations of regulations by calling *5555 on a cell or 1 800 663-5555 toll-free.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA BC Wildfire Service



First Nations' Emergency Services Society
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FNESS Quarterly Responder

Fire Services

First Nations Emergency Services 2018 Safety Expo held in Esquimalt, BC, on Vancouver Island, fifty First Nation fire department personnel actively took part in the three days of Fire training. Our 2018 competition was a great success with 7 teams entering to compete for BC's First Place title and the opportunity to go to the Nationals being held in Dauphin, Manitoba, on August 11, 2018.

This year's competition was a close one, requiring a tie breaker for 2nd and 3rd place, between Saik'uz and Tl'azt'en. All teams demonstrated great teamwork.

Expo Competition Winners are as follows:

- Penelakut Island First Place
- Tl'azt'en Second Place
- Saik'uz Third Place

Penelakut Island, the team that won the competition in Esquimalt, will represent the BC region at the National. Chief Aaron Jack and his team will be departing on August 8 for the long exciting journey to Manitoba in hopes of bringing National recognition home to BC.

Our Most Sportsman-like Award was won by a blended team made up of Tla'amin, Kitasoo, Bella Bella, Bella Coola all showing that the competition is challenging and exciting with the ability to cross-train and develop relationships.

Special thanks go to the Songhees for the welcome to their Traditional Lands and their support. Thank you also to the support of Mayor Barbara Desjardins, and the City Council of Esquimalt in addition to the Township of Esquimalt, View Royal and the CFB Fire Departments for their contributions to the Fire Safety Expo. A huge thank you also to Fortis BC for the demonstration, training and donations at the Event. Lastly, thank you to OFC for the equipment.

This year's Expo proved to be a great success judging from the feedback received from the participants. We look forward to reaching out to more communities in 2019 to participate in this great training.



BC Wildfire Service by Fire Centre Zone



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Westbank First Nation
Fuel treatment project and
logging block aimed at
reducing the wildfire risk to the
Glenrosa community



Forest Fuel Management: FFM

Honored Community Profile

FNESS is located on the Traditional Territory of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS)

The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS)

I.R. #1 is located at the junction of the North and South Thompson Rivers beside Kamloops, B.C. The land is a rectangle reaching almost to Rayleigh in the northwest on Highway #5. A narrow finger of reserve extends east to Louis and Paul Lakes. A majority of I.R. #1 is open grassland, with timber occurring at the higher elevations, north aspects and along riparian zones.

A majority of the development on I.R. #1 is located along the southern and southwestern boundaries of the reserve. The southwest corner has both industrial and rural housing developments. The southern boundary along the South Thompson River is mostly managed and irrigated for hay production. There is an isolated development at Gottfriedson Estates located at the northeast corner of Paul Lake. This area is dominated by leased recreational lots along the lakeshore and additional houses on the feeder roads adjacent.

The short-term local wildfire history in the area is dominated by the Strawberry Hill and McGillivray wildfires of 2003. These wildfires consumed approximately 6,000 and 27,000 hectares respectively of forestland. The Strawberry Hill fire started on the reserve and spread north, impacting almost 10% of the reserve area.

A total of fifteen Fuel Management Assessment Areas (FMAAs) were identified for possible wildfire threat reduction work on and adjacent to the reserve. FMAAs cover forest land rated as a high or extreme wildfire threat to the nearby developed areas.

These areas are typically within 300 meters of a development. FMAAs cover all areas identified as requiring fuel management work to reduce the wildfire threats in the local area. Eleven of the

FMAAs are located on Crown land adjacent to the reserve. Two of the FMAAs are within Paul Lake Provincial Park and two of the FMAAs are located on the reserve. No FMAAs were identified on private land as the TteS have no jurisdiction. The FMAAs are concentrated on the northeastern and southeastern boundary of the reserve in the most heavily forested areas around Paul Lake. The fifteen FMAAs cover 600 hectares of forested land. The estimated costs to conduct fuel management activities on all fifteen FMAAs are approximately \$2.8 million. FMAAs 4, 5, 6 and 7 are surrounding Harper Mountain ski resort and the Paul Lake subdivision. These areas are pursuing their own funding for wildfire threat reduction work. There is an opportunity to partner with these groups as funding becomes available.
Compliments of Bruce Morrow R.P.F. (CWPP 2010)

<https://youtu.be/0FTpilejpQM>

Compliments of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

Emergency Management:

BC PARTNERSHIP TABLES INITIATIVE:

FNESS and EMBC produced the first Partnership Table in Vancouver Island on June 19th and 20th, 2018. This was the first one of 12 events planned for this year. This initiative takes a very progressive approach to Emergency Management where the communities unite to form an advisory committee that sets priorities for the industry and builds strong partnerships with government agencies, organizations and business to advocate for FN communities in their journey to prepare for all emergencies and recoveries.

The main objective of this initiative is to review Emergency Response and Recovery Planning best practices and gaps together, with the intention of providing support to FN communities as they work towards self-reliance in the areas of Emergency and Recovery Management, and encouraging the foundation of FN Advisory Committees.

Ashcroft First Nation Celebrating their Church restoration, and handing out Fire prevention information on National Aboriginal Day June 21st



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Our ultimate goals are:

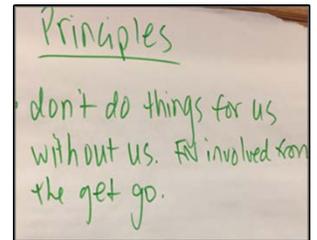
- To build strong partnerships with First Nation Communities
- To gather traditional knowledge that will assist communities to develop a well-rounded, community-specific EM plan, with the intent to develop sustainable solutions taking a First Nations perspective
- To encourage the foundation of a FN Advisory Committee, that will advocate for self-reliant communities that promotes the proper sharing of information between FN bodies and also to support communities to plan in a collaborative way with neighbouring communities to overcome emergencies, or in the process of recovery and encourages networking with other agencies, industry and FN organizations.

Our Results:

We had 16 Emergency Managers (or members of Emergency Teams) from diverse communities within the Vancouver Island Region. All participants were supportive of the initiative, sharing very valuable insights and concerns. People were enthusiastic and passionate about working towards securing a safe community. We had representation from the First Nation Health Authority, EMBC, and FN Health Council that networked during the event to offer support in the Emergency Management area.

Attendance:

- Sliammon Native Council- Tla'amin Nation
- Cape Mudge
- Namgis FN
- Quatsino Band
- Da'naxda'xw FN
- Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tlles7et'h'
- Snuneymuxw FN
- Nanoose FN
- T'sou-ke First Nation
- Pacheedaht FN
- Tseshaht Band
- Malahat
- Comox
- Mawachaht/Muchalaht Band
- Sechelt Band
- Tsartlip Band



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