

District Response to Current and Future Wildfire  
Challenges

# NADINA RESOURCE DISTRICT

# Skeena Region Response to 2018 Wildfires – Nadina District

## ◉ Range Program

- ◉ In the next 2 years we expect to:
- ◉ Rebuild 40 km of burnt crown fence
- ◉ Seed 10,000 kg of rangeland seed on lands where grazing will be enhanced
- ◉ Build 20 km of new crown fence to mitigate loss of natural range barriers
- ◉ Monitor grazing on 20 crown grazing licences that were directly affected by wildfire to prevent overgrazing on recovering forage
- ◉ Replace 20 grazing range use plans on tenures directly affected by wildfire

## Fire Guard Rehabilitation

- 9 district fires scheduled for rehab
- 7 of these fires directly managed by Skeena Region, 2 by Omineca
- Eventual Skeena guard rehab may approach 500- 600 kms (Skeena led)
- Emergency stabilization works undertaken fall of 2018
- Emergency monitoring re-commences May 2019
- Licensees decked wood salvage operations continue until at least mid-summer and into fall 2019
- First Nation collaboration continues

# Fire Management Planning

- District staff have been working with Communities, Licensees and BC Wildfire Service on fire hazard abatement planning.
- To date:
- Community of Granisle has a complete, approved, Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) facilitated by the Babine Lake Community Forest,

- ◉ Burns Lake Community Forest has completed a draft Landscape Level Fire Management Plan which has been submitted to WMB for review.
- ◉ The Community of Burns Lake is nearing completion of their CWPP.
- ◉ The Community of Houston has an approved CWPP, and are working on a FESBC project south of town in conjunction with Canfor, BCTS and a Woodlot Licensee
- ◉ Chinook Community Forest has begun work on a Landscape Level Fire Management Plan,
- ◉ The Cheslatta Carrier Nation have begun Community Wildfire Protection Planning

- ① **Implementation of Fire Management Plans**
- ② Proponents submit Fire Management Plans to the BC Wildfire Service for review by a Wildfire Prevention Officer.
- ③ The Wildfire Prevention Officer will request modifications of the plan as required and provide endorsement of the plan and treatment priorities
- ④ Proponent will discuss the approved plan with District and Community Council.

- Proponent will apply for necessary permitting to implement the plan.
- District Manager will amend landscape constraints as required to enable successful implementation of the plan.
- Nadina District commits to expedited permitting where operations are for Community Wildfire Protection purposes.

# Future Considerations:

- Nadina Resource District largely consists of fire-prone ecosystems.
- Forest and Community resilience is a key driver for the District as we work with First Nations, Communities, Licensees and the Public in planning for future activities on the land base.
- We need to change the way we do things. This conference is a great way to get the conversation started.



# Fire Smart

- The best Wildfire Management Planning and hazard abatement treatments are no guarantee that there won't be a fire that will impact your property. The best way to protect your property is to Fire Smart it!

- Here is a list of the up coming Fire Smart events:
- March 24-27 Wildfire conference in Burns lake
- March 26-27 Trade show Burns lake. Fire Smart Burns lake will be present
- May 5 Colleymount Wildfire preparedness day event
- May 11 Burns Lake Fire Smart Wildfire preparedness day event
- May 14 Regional Firesmart seminar
- For further information:  
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