

## Sea to Sky District Project—Walkerville Fuel Management Prescription (SLRD)

Dates: July 2020 to March 2021

## **Agency Responsible:**

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

This project is to develop a fuels management prescription in a 19.7 hectare area adjacent to the Walkerville Estates. This area is recognised as a high wildfire risk area.

The fuel management prescription will inform a future operational treatment to reduce wildfire occurrence, severity and spread, prevent the wildfire spreading into the tops of trees, and permit better access for crews responding to wildfire in this area. The treatment will reduce the risk of wildfire to residences in the area and allow for safer evacuation routes in the event of a wildfire.

Once the prescription has been completed by a qualified forest professional, it will specify the exact treatment parameters to ensure the treatment will meet objectives according to the forest conditions, address any existing land management objectives (including wildlife), and consider other human elements of the local community such as fibre utilization, recreation, access and First Nations values.

Following prescription completion and approval of the operational treatment, the treatment will mitigate the risk of wildfire to the community and provide a safer evacuation for the public if necessary, and mitigate the potential impact of wildfires that could start from railway ignitions. The project will connect pre-existing fuel breaks in the area, to create a continuous fuel break that will reduce flame lengths and the rate of spread of wildfires approaching the communities. For more information on prescription development, please visit: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WRRPrescription2020">https://tinyurl.com/WRRPrescription2020</a>

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For more information visit: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Wildfire Risk Reduction">https://tinyurl.com/Wildfire Risk Reduction</a>

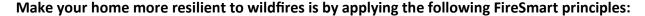


# BE PREPARED: REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE

Whether you are a homeowner, an active member of your community or participate in local government, there are things you can do today to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire in your area. The FireSmart program is designed to help reduce the risk of wildfire near your home and neighbourhood — providing a better opportunity for firefighters to defend your home in an emergency wildfire situation.

#### Visit www.FireSmartBC.ca to:

- 1. Take the free online, FireSmart 101 course.
- Assess your risk from wildfire using the FireSmart Home Assessment and the Wildfire Exposure Assessment.
- 3. Download the FireSmart Homeowners Manual.
- 4. Learn about the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program (FCCRP)
- 5. Download educational resources.
- 6. Sign up for the **FireSmart BC newsletter.**



**NON-COMBUSTIBLE ZONE:** The non-combustible surface should extend around the entire home and any attachments, such as decks.

**ZONE 1:** This should be a fire-resistant zone. Eliminate debris from areas where embers and firebrands are likely to collect; on the roof, on and below decks or stairs, at the base of exterior walls, in gutters and vents, in woodpiles.

**ZONE 2:** Thin and prune evergreen trees to reduce hazard in this area. Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass and needles from on the ground to eliminate potential surface fuels.

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**ZONE 3:** Look for opportunities to create a fire break by creating space between trees and other potentially flammable vegetation. Thinning and pruning is effective here as well. These actions will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



NON-COMBUSTIBLE ZONE 0 – 1.5 METRES

ZONE 1 1.5 – 10 METRES ZONE 2 10 – 30 METRES ZONE 3 30 – 100 METRES

YOUR BEST PROTECTION IS **PREVENTION** AND YOUR BEST TOOL IS THE **FIRESMART** PROGRAM.





