

Sea to Sky District Project—Reid Road 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 fuel management prescription this summer in the Reid Road development area adjacent to the Village of Pemberton. The 4.2-hectare area located on a south facing slope below the mountainside and above the residents of Reid Ridge Road and is recognised as having a high wildfire risk. The fuel management prescription will inform future operational treatment to reduce wildfire occurrence, severity and spread, and prevent wildfire spreading into the tops of trees. It will also permit better access for crews responding to wildfires in this area.

This area has significant fuel loading from trees that have been pushed over by storms. By reducing fuel in this area, it prepares for the option to initiate low intensity controlled burning to this forest. Low intensity natural fire was a normal and natural process within this ecosystem, which helped reduce the intensify of wildfire, maintain and enhance plants, birds, insects and other wildlife in the area, and help create biodiversity.

Once the prescription has been completed by a qualified forest professional, it will specify the treatment parameters to ensure the treatment meets 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. The treatment will reduce the risk of wildfire to the communities, provide a safer evacuation for the public if necessary, and mitigate wildfire impact from potential 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: https://tinyurl.com/WRRPrescription2020

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For more information visit:
https://tinyurl.com/Wildfire Risk Reduction

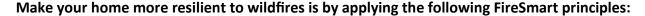


BE PREPARED: REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE

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.





