



# Fuel Treatment Information

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## Penticton Trail Project — Powell River area (qathet Regional District)

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Dates: November 2020 to March 2021

### Agency responsible:

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD)

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This project will remove accumulations of flammable material (“fuel”) to reduce potential wildfire risks in a forested area close to private residences, transmission lines and local businesses. Removing this excess fuel will reduce the severity and spread of a wildfire if one occurs in this area, and will help stop it spreading to the tops of trees. This work will also make it easier and safer for firefighters to respond to a wildfire. The identification and removal of danger trees (i.e. trees that have become unstable and could fall down with little warning) will help increase the safety of ground crews and recreational users.

This treatment project covers 22.5 hectares on Crown land east of the Yew Kwum Place subdivision and the Powell River Rod and Gun Club, and north of commercial properties along the Sunshine Coast Highway.

The treatment involves the removal of ladder fuels (i.e. lower tree branches and other vegetation that could allow a fire to spread to treetops), the thinning of understory trees less than 15 centimetres in diameter at breast height, and removal of identified danger trees. These fuels will be burned on site in small piles, in compliance with the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (OBSCR).

Please note that these activities will require temporary trail closures. Trails within the treatment units will be gated periodically for the safety of the public. Contact information will be provided on signs posted at closure points. To view a map of the treatment area, please click on the Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction link below, and open the Coastal Fire Centre section (the last entry in the Sunshine Coast section). You are also welcome to contact Andrea Rietman at the email address or phone number below. Funding for this project comes from the B.C. Government’s 2020-21 Community Resiliency Investment program, Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction.

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### For more information about this fuel treatment project, contact:

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For information about [Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction](#) funding, please click on the link.

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# 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](http://www.FireSmartBC.ca) to:

1. Take the free online, **FireSmart 101 course**.
2. 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**.



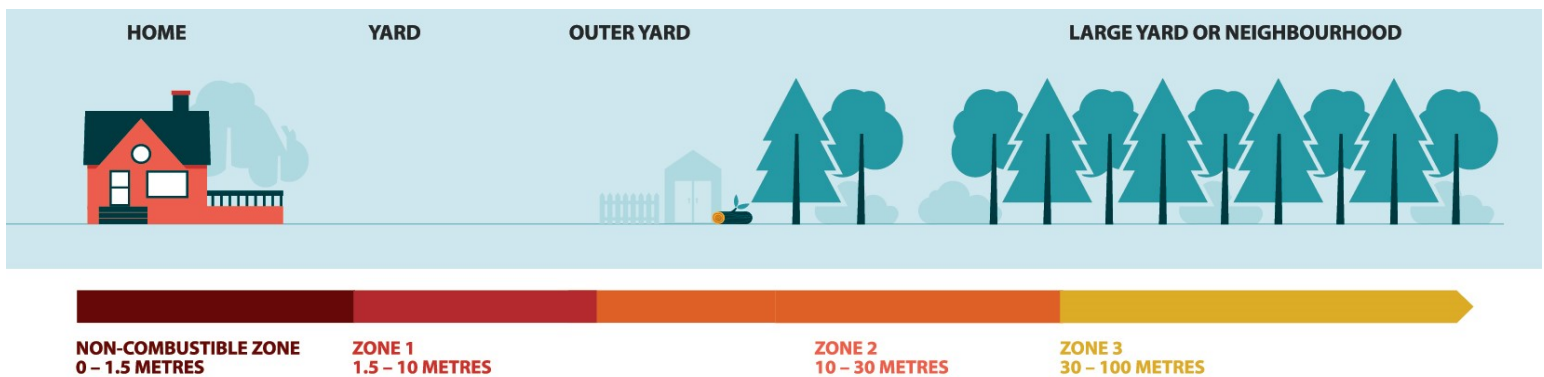
**Make your home more resilient to wildfires is by applying the following FireSmart principles:**

**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.

**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.

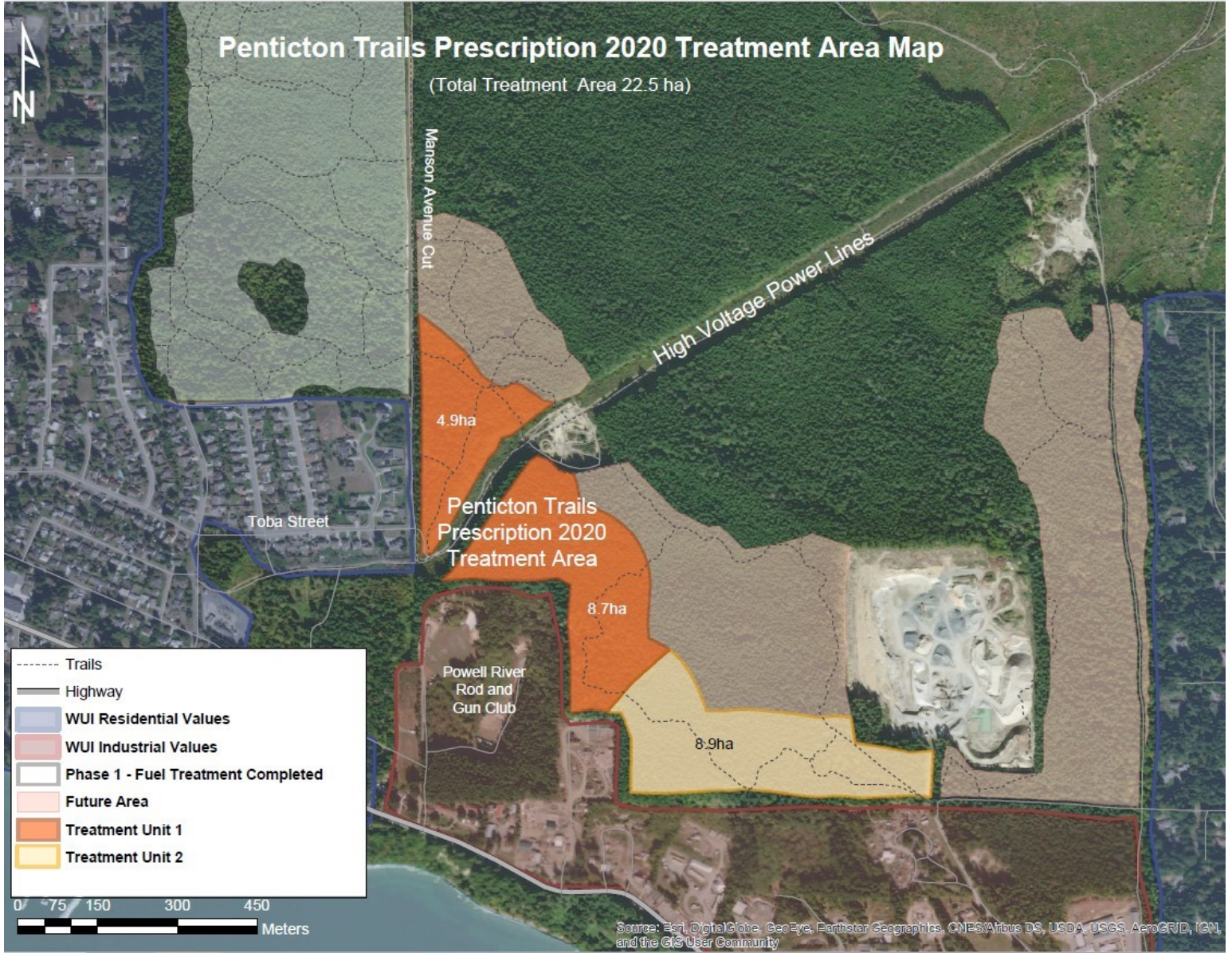


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