



# Fuel Treatment Information

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## Sea to Sky District Project—Garibaldi Park Road (Ring Creek) - SLRD Area D

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Dates: July 2020 to March 2021

### Agency Responsible:

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

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An operational fuel treatment involving a thin-from-below approach will be undertaken beginning this summer in several treatment units amounting to a 17-hectare area, beginning on the Garibaldi Park Road just east of Quest University and moving eastward to the southern border of the Ring Creek residences. This area is recognised as one of the highest risk areas by the Squamish Lillooet Regional District. Thinning from below and removing excess fuel will reduce wildfire occurrence, severity and spread, prevent 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 Squamish and the Ring Creek community and protect traffic along the Garibaldi Park Road which is heavily used by the public and forest industry and is the only evacuation road in and out for residents, tourists, and recreationalists.

A shaded fuel break will be developed as part of this project to connect pre-existing fuel breaks in the area. The fuel break will provide an area that will reduce flame lengths and the rate of spread of wildfires approaching the community. During the development of this fuel break, some dense small stemmed timber will be removed to reduce the overall fuel load in the forest, while retaining enough canopy to shade the ground and prevent future understory overgrowth. The fuel break will also help prevent fires moving into Garibaldi Park and high use recreational areas.

Crews will remove heavy undergrowth and prune lower branches on trees up to 3 metres and widen spacing between the trees. If merchantable timber is produced during this process, it will be sold to offset the costs of this treatment. Remaining material will be piled in piles no larger than 2 meters tall and 3 meters wide, in locations that will not add an increased fire risk for the summer of 2020. These piles will be burnt to reduce smoke impacts as per the Ministry of Environment Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation if conditions permit in the fall or spring. Due to the difficult terrain in the area, this work may be extended beyond the final deadline .

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### For more information about this project contact:

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**For more information visit:**

**[https://tinyurl.com/Wildfire Risk Reduction](https://tinyurl.com/WildfireRiskReduction)**



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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**.



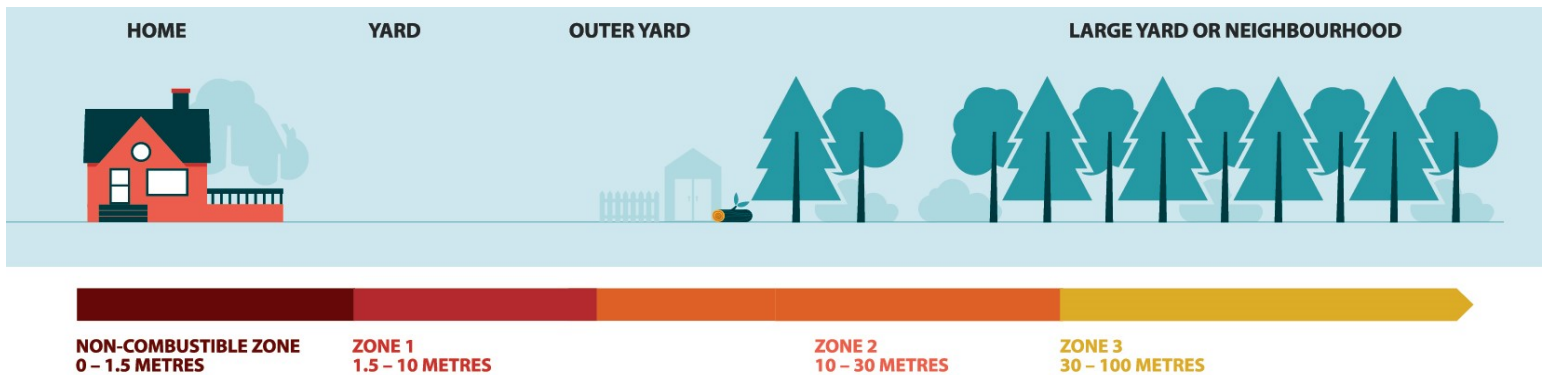
**Make your home more resilient to wildfires is by applying the following FireSmart principles:**

**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.

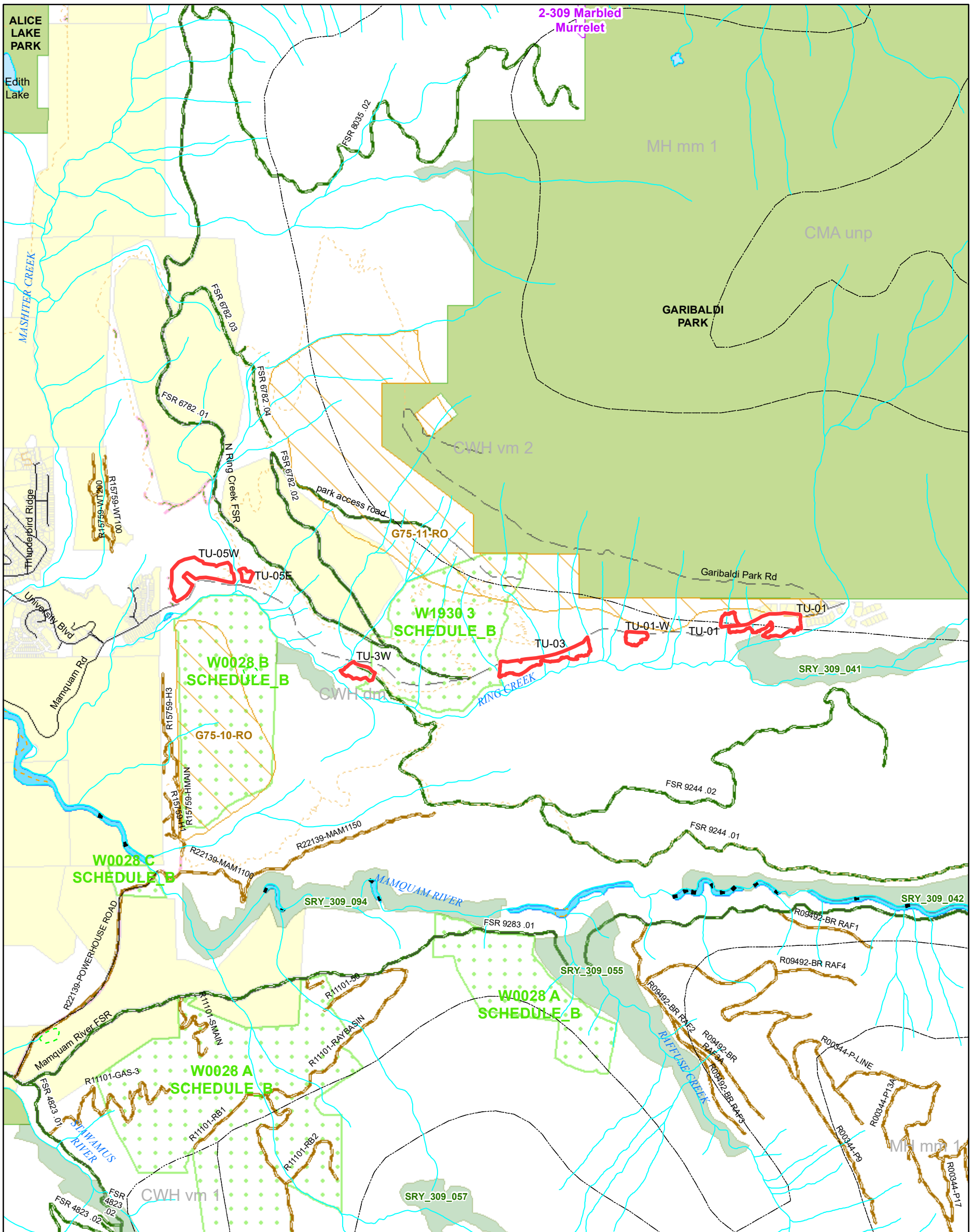
**ZONE 3:** Look for opportunities to create a fire break by creating space between trees and other potentially flammable vegetation. Thinning and pruning is effective here as well. These actions will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



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



**BC Wildfire Service**



### Wildfire Risk Reduction Project Map

**GOVWRCO008**  
**Garibaldi Park Road**

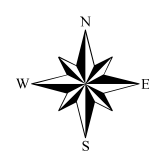
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TU Area: 17 ha  
Service: Operational Treatment

#### Legend

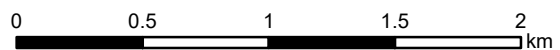
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- Woodlot / ComFor
- Private
- Residential Lease
- Provincial Parks
- Spotted Owl LTOH
- Spotted Owl MFHA
- Approved UWR
- Approved WHA
- Old Growth Mgmt. Area
- BGC Subzone/Variant
- Indian Reserves



Map Scale  
1:30,000



July 2020



Sea to Sky NRD Overview Map

