

Sea to Sky District Project—Owl Ridge Development (Pemberton & SLRD Area C)

Dates: July 2020 to March 2021

Agency Responsible:

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

The purpose of this project is to develop a fuel management prescription to be undertaken this year in a 31.9-hectare area adjacent to Pemberton in the Owl Ridge Road area. This area is recognised as a high wildfire risk area.

The Prescription will design a fuel management treatment to inform an appropriate operational treatment with the objective to reduce wildfire occurrence, severity and spread, prevent wildfire spreading into the tops of trees, and permit better access for crews responding to wildfires in this area.

The prescription will be completed by a qualified forest professional and specify treatment parameters to ensure the operational 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.

Once the prescription has been completed by a qualified forest professional, it will specify the 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. Once completed, the treatment will reduce the risk of wildfire to the community and provide a safer evacuation for the public if necessary. 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



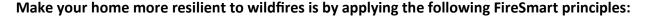
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BE PREPARED: REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE

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 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.

AT HOME MANUAL

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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.





