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To: All Forest Industry Licensees
Regional Executive Directors
District Managers
Fire Centre Managers
BC Timber Sales

Re: A Guide to Fuel Hazard Assessment and Abatement in British Columbia – 2012

This memo is to introduce [A Guide to Fuel Hazard Assessment and Abatement in British Columbia – 2012](#). Wildfire Management Branch in conjunction with Natural Resources Canada developed this guide to assist those carrying out industrial activities determine whether or not fuel hazard abatement is necessary, and if so, the threshold necessary to comply with the legislated obligations.

The guide provides a procedure to determine fuel hazards created by an industrial or prescribed activity on forest land and contains a straightforward step by step instruction to enable a person to determine when fuel hazard abatement is needed in relation to the fire risk, proximity to interface, and, fuel loading and arrangement.

We hope that you find this document and the reference materials useful. The [Guide](#), reference materials, and the [British Columbia Fire Risk Map for fuel hazard abatement](#) are all available on the BC Wildfire website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Townsend".

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Attachment

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