# CLEARWATER AND AREA COMMUNITY WILDFIRE ROUNDTABLE

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# FESBC - WHO WE ARE

- A semi-autonomous agency of government
- Reporting to the Minister of Forests through the Office of the Chief Forester
- Proponent driven we rely on eligible parties to submit applications to complete eligible activities
- Reduce the risk of wildfire around communities
- To utilize fibre that would otherwise be burnt
- And where possible both



# FESBC - OUR HISTORY

- Since inception, FESBC has funded 179 Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects throughout the province
- Value approaching \$87 Million
- Eligible projects include Planning, manual and mechanical treatments, utilizing fibre, hazard abatement
- Operate on provincial crown land
- We complement the District led WRR program where Land manager support is provided





#### FESBC – OUR FUTURE

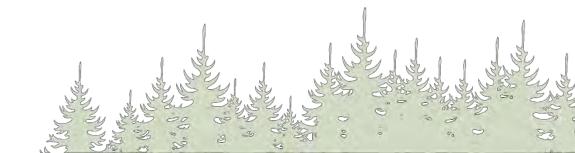
- 2024 budget provided \$20 million per year for the next 3 years.
- 50% of the funds for WRR
- 50% of funds for fibre utilization
- Short term priorities:
  - To fund shelf ready projects for completion by March
     2025
  - To create new prescriptions and complete planning to start 1500 ha/yr of treatments starting April 1, 2025





# MAKING AN APPLICATION

- Visit the FESBC website, www.fesbc.ca
- Read the WRR guidebook
- Phone an Operations Manager
- Seek Land Manager support for the project
- Fill out an application in the Portal







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# THANK YOU

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