
SIMILKAMEEN 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
- Focuses:
 - 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 (pile burning, grinding, chipping)
- Operate on provincial crown land
- We complement the District led WRR program where District support is provided





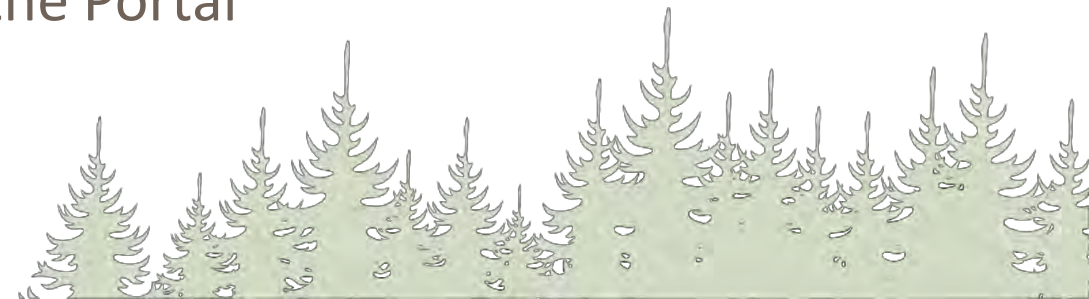
FESBC – OUR FUTURE

- 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
 - Outlines eligible applicants and activities
- Phone an Operations Manager
- Seek local District support for the project
 - Confirming alignment with local priorities
- Fill out an application in the Portal





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