



Community Update on Landscape Fire Management Report Implementation



Landscape Fire Management Implementation Phase 1 – Very High Priority Areas

Burns Lake Community Forest has been implementing Phase 1 of its Landscape Fire Management report prepared by B.A Blackwell & Associates. Phase 1 is the area south of town and directly across Burns Lake. Harvest commenced in the fall of 2019 and is planned for completion late summer 2020. As of Spring 2020, hazard abatement piling, Guyishton Forestry Road Right of Way brushing and thinning have been on going.

Supported by Shifting Mosaic Consulting (*Landscape Prescribed Fire Specialists*), in collaboration with local Ministry and Northwest Fire Center, Burns Lake Community Forest will be re-introducing prescribed fire on the land base. This is part and parcel of ensuring that our fire management efforts have a lasting effect.

The forests surrounding our communities are fire regenerated and fire-maintained ecosystems. Our ability to integrate fire back on to the landscape will not only help support our community protection efforts, but also bring back ecosystem functions and attributes that have been very effectively suppressed for too many years.

Stay tuned for further communication late summer on this area and hopefully a Community Meeting/Field Session on this subject. We will also have information available at our Annual Community BBQ which is planned for July 22nd, 2020.

Landscape Fire Management Implementation Phase 2 - Very High to High Priority Areas

The areas in treatment have been specifically identified due to the high level of dead blowdown pine and high wildfire hazard.

Year two of this project is Phase 2 implementation of salvage harvesting dead-blowdown pine followed by prescribed fire treatment of specific areas from Highway 16 south to Tchesinkut Lake across Spud Mountain.

Two Key Sessions have been identified – one on July 15th from 10:00 – 12:00, and another on July 16th from 5:00 – 7:00, with more opportunity later if requested. Please also note if these dates do not work for you, a private session can also be booked directly via info@blcomfor.com

If you are a resident in the area of Tchesinkut Lake to Spud Mountain, you are invited to attend a field information session on harvest planning developed for implementation in the winter 2020-2021.

Details of our strategic document can be found here.

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