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Burns Lake Bridge- Landscape Fire Mitigation & Fiber Recovery

Burns Lake Community Forest (BLCF), will move forward with the installation of a bridge across Burns Lake Narrows for the purpose of implementing its landscape fire mitigation objectives and fiber recovery opportunities. This structure is a temporary installation to support operational and prescribed fire activities near the community of Burns Lake. Once complete, the area will help reduce the risk of wildfire impacting the community and infrastructure in and around Burns Lake.

BLCF is committed to the wishes of Ts'il Kaz Koh Nation, partners in the K1A Community Forest License. Following project completion of harvesting, planting, hazard abatement and road rehabilitation, Burns Lake Community Forest is committed to removing the temporary access bridge across the narrows with full rehabilitation of the crossing, restricting access to the southlands of Burns Lake. It is expected that the life expectancy of this bridge will be 5 years and Access will be restricted to the general public use during active operations to mitigate fire risk management objectives.

The public notification has been advertised through government of Canada's common projects registry and can be accessed here: <https://common-project-search.canada.ca/> search registry number: **5780**

An information booth will be set up in the BLCF parking lot on days the prescribed fire is taking place. Project dates will be announced on BLCF Facebook page closer to the anticipated burn dates.

This project is part of the BLCF Landscape Fire Management Plan created by B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. The plan can be found on the Burns Lake Community Forest website at http://blcomfor.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Burns-Lake-LFMP_14May2019_FINAL.pdf or on our Facebook page, and or by contacting the Community Forest Office @ 153 Francois Lake Drive 250-692-7724

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