

Fuel Treatment Information



Wapiti Wildfire Risk Reduction Project Agency Responsible: Mountain Resorts Branch: Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Dates: Summer - Late Fall 2023

Starting in July, the site adjacent to the Wapiti Ski Hill shown on the attached map will have forestry cleanup activities that will involve heavy equipment, delimiting, bucking, mechanical raking, and loading taking place on it. Large transport trucks will be utilized to remove debris from the site. Previous fuel mitigation efforts caused material to be left on site. The purpose of this work is to clean up that material and reduce the wildfire risk. The intent is to remove the debris accumulations from the site and have them used in a nearby mine reclamation project as opposed to pile burning.

It is paramount that your safety is maintained while enjoying the nearby recreational trails or otherwise making use of Crown land in the project area. The operational activities associated with removing the debris from the site that will be taking place can present certain risks to the public, but by taking note of the following information and adhering to the following recommendations you can have a safe and pleasant experience while recreating in the area.

Observe and Respect Signage:

Pay close attention to signs posted along the trails or adjacent to the project site as they provide crucial guidance for your safety. These signs may indicate areas temporarily closed due to forestry operations and highlight potential hazards such as falling trees or movement of heavy machinery. Respect these signs and avoid entering restricted areas for your own safety and to avoid disrupting forestry operations.

Maintain Distance from Forestry Equipment:

Forestry operations involve the use of heavy machinery, which can be hazardous if approached too closely. Keep a safe distance from any active forestry equipment, vehicles and machinery. As a general rule, maintain a minimum distance of 100 meters (300 feet), or about 3 tree lengths, from any working machinery or chainsaw activities to ensure your safety and to avoid interfering with the forestry operations.

Stay Alert and Communicate:

Maintain awareness of your surroundings and be vigilant at all times. Stay focused, especially near areas with active forestry operations. Avoid wearing headphones or engaging in activities that may distract you from potential hazards. If you notice any immediate safety concerns or witness an accident, promptly report it to the forestry contractor or implementer.

By following these guidelines, you can continue to safely enjoy these recreational trails and Crown land while forestry operations are occurring on the adjacent project area. Remember to stay informed, respect signage, maintain a safe distance from forestry equipment and stay alert and communicate. Your safety is the utmost priority, so we encourage you to adhere to these guidelines and help us maintain a safe environment for all.

Stay safe and enjoy your time in the area!

For more information about this project contact:

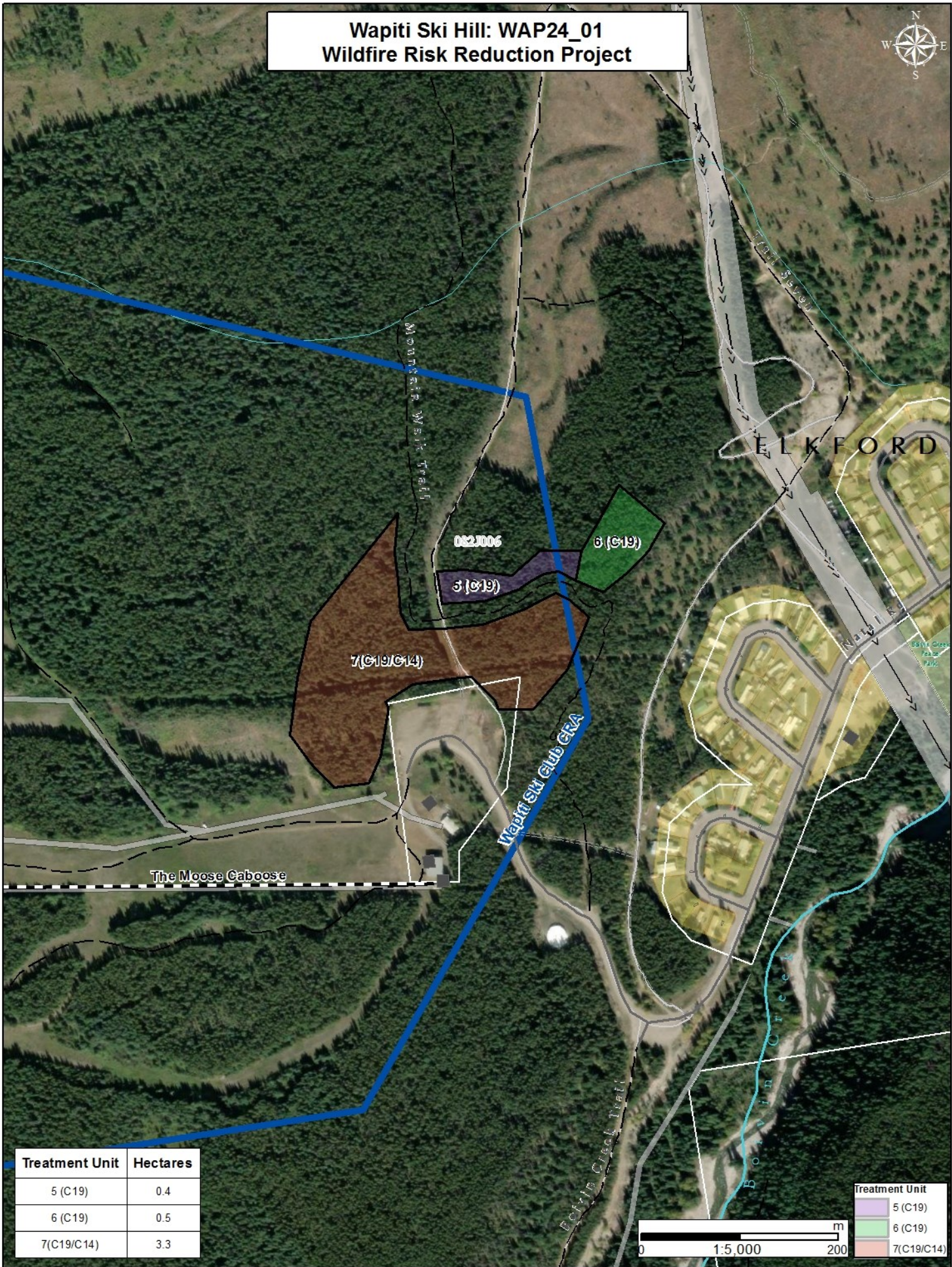
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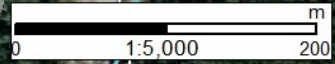
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Wapiti Ski Hill: WAP24_01 Wildfire Risk Reduction Project



The Moose Caboose

Treatment Unit	Hectares
5 (C19)	0.4
6 (C19)	0.5
7(C19/C14)	3.3



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BE PREPARED: REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE

Whether you are a homeowner, an active member of your community or participate in local government, there are things you can do today to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire in your area. The FireSmart program is designed to help reduce the risk of wildfire near your home and neighbourhood — providing a better opportunity for firefighters to defend your home in an emergency wildfire situation.

Visit www.FireSmartBC.ca to:

1. Take the free online, **FireSmart 101 course**.
2. Assess your risk from wildfire using the **FireSmart Home Assessment** and the **Wildfire Exposure Assessment**.
3. Download the **FireSmart Homeowners Manual**.
4. Learn about the **FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program (FCCRP)**
5. Download **educational resources**.
6. Sign up for the **FireSmart BC newsletter**.



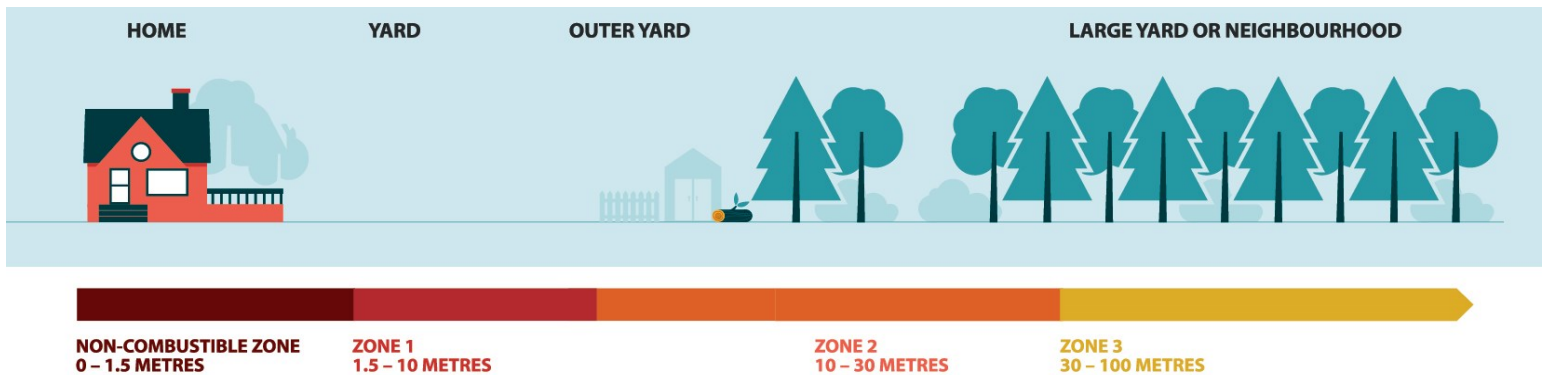
Make your home more resilient to wildfires is by applying the following FireSmart principles:

NON-COMBUSTIBLE ZONE: The non-combustible surface should extend around the entire home and any attachments, such as decks.

ZONE 1: This should be a fire-resistant zone. Eliminate debris from areas where embers and firebrands are likely to collect; on the roof, on and below decks or stairs, at the base of exterior walls, in gutters and vents, in woodpiles.

ZONE 2: Thin and prune evergreen trees to reduce hazard in this area. Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass and needles from on the ground to eliminate potential surface fuels.

ZONE 3: Look for opportunities to create a fire break by creating space between trees and other potentially flammable vegetation. Thinning and pruning is effective here as well. These actions will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



YOUR BEST PROTECTION IS PREVENTION AND YOUR BEST TOOL IS THE FIRESMART PROGRAM.



BC Wildfire Service