



# *First Nations' Emergency Services Society*

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## **Mitigation Department: Cultural and Prescribed Fire Division**

The mitigation team at the First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) works with First Nation communities in BC to assist with wildfire prevention activities through planning, education and funding support.

### **Programs:**

- Cultural Burning Revitalization and Prescribed Fire
- First Nations ADAPT Program
- Integrated Fire Management Planning



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# Program Specifics

- Engagement with communities to determine traditional burn areas and objectives within reserve lands and traditional territories.
- Work with Fire/Knowledge Keepers and community elders.
- Implement Lightship and GIS for a variety of functions.
- Design logical burn units for long-term use.
- Work with communities to apply for existing funding to develop fuel management prescriptions and burn plans in order to create shelf-ready projects.
- Assist communities with burn planning.
- Work with BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) to determine burn planning support.
- Develop contracts for Traditional territory prescribed fire plan, prescription development, burn plan development, and pre/post fire effects monitoring.
- Collaborate with BCWS, Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR), and Ecosystem Restoration (ER) programs to determine linkages, efficiencies, and synergies.
- Collaborate with First Nation communities and BCWS for operational prescribed fire support.
- Participate on the Provincial Cultural and Prescribed Fire Steering Committee and Operational Working Group.
- Assist in the development and delivery of prescribed fire training courses.
- Provide instruction for course delivery.
- Assist educational institutions with course development and delivery.
- Participate in the operational burning when required.
- Work with communities to deliver or make prescribed fire training available where the capacity exists.



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