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2 INTRODUCTION

Who is FNESS?

The First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) is a charitable, non-profit organization incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia. FNESS aims to create safer, more resilient First Nations communities using the four pillars of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The FNESS Mitigation Team works directly with First Nations to support risk reduction initiatives and strengthen the mitigation pillar of emergency management.

Who is ISC?

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) works collaboratively with partners to improve access to high-quality services for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. Their vision is to support and empower Indigenous peoples to independently deliver services and address the socio-economic conditions in their communities.

On-Reserve Wildfire Resiliency Program

The FNESS–ISC On-Reserve Wildfire Resiliency Program is designed to support First Nations communities in strengthening their wildfire resiliency at both the community and landscape levels. Delivered in partnership between the First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), the program funds and facilitates the implementation of wildfire mitigation strategies that are flexible, culturally sensitive, and responsive to the unique strengths and customs of First Nations communities.

The program offers support through three key streams:

1. [Cultural and Prescribed Fire \(CRx\)](#)
Revitalizing traditional fire knowledge and supporting the use of cultural burning practices to restore ecosystem balance and reduce wildfire risk in a way that honours Indigenous stewardship.
2. [FireSmart™ \(FS\)](#)
Encouraging community-led initiatives that increase wildfire awareness and preparedness through education, planning, and risk reduction activities aligned with FireSmart principles.
3. [Operational Fuel Treatment \(OFT\)](#)
Enabling hands-on fuel management activities such as thinning, pruning, and vegetation removal to create defensible spaces around communities, safer egress options and reduce wildfire hazards.

By recognizing and incorporating Indigenous knowledge systems and priorities, the On-Reserve Wildfire Resiliency Program empowers First Nations to lead their own wildfire resiliency efforts in ways that are grounded in community values and practices.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

1. All Bands and Treaty First Nations in BC are eligible to apply. All reserve and treaty settlement lands under the management of First Nations are eligible for funding. Other land tenures are not eligible (such as fee simple lands).
2. Tribal Councils must be providing services intended to support eligible, on-reserve First Nations.
 - i) Eligible nations must be in good standing.
 - ii) Tribal Councils will need to support the eligible nations in equal measure

- iii) Nations can apply for funding separately from the Tribal Council, but they cannot be supported by the Tribal Council funding and their own funding.
- iv) Tribal Councils must include a Band Council Resolution supporting the application from each nation under the application.

Maximum Grant Amount: \$150,000 per community or Tribal Council. Proposed projects can contain components of all three streams.

Program Live: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Application Due: Tuesday, December 1, 2026

3 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

1. Applicants must be in good standing with all FNESS-ISC programs, meaning that all prior approved applications/projects must be completed and final reporting approved.
2. Applications must clearly outline the wildfire resiliency project and the estimated costs for the proposed project/activities.

Process

- Step 1:** Applicants must email FNESS at wildfireresiliency@fness.bc.ca to request an application and be assigned to the Wildfire Resiliency Advisor (WRA) that will help them through the application process. ***Request must come from a designated community representative, requests from consultants will not be followed up on.**
- Step 2:** Work with the assigned WRA to determine project scope, intent, community priorities, and complete the application. **Working with a WRA is a mandatory requirement of the program.**
- Step 3:** **Band Council Resolution, or equivalent, indicating:**
- A. Support for the application,
 - B. Willingness to provide overall grant management, and
 - C. Identifying a designated Band or Nation representative with signing authority for the project if awarded.
- Step 4:** **Mapping Requirements**
1. **Cultural and Prescribed Fire Stream:** Showing the extent of the proposed burn in .KML or .KMZ file format.
 2. **FireSmart Stream:** No mapping requirements.
 3. **Operational Fuel Treatment Stream:** Showing the Treatment Unit planned, including Wildfire Threat Assessment Plot (WTA) locations (if available), and a table showing area (ha) to be treated. Additionally, a .KML or .KMZ file of the planned TU.
- Step 5:** **Complete Application**
- Step 6:** **Complete Steps 1 through 5 and email application to wildfireresiliency@fness.bc.ca**

OCAP^{®1}

This program is committed to supporting communities' rights to data sovereignty by upholding the First Nations Principles of OCAP and working with communities to ensure that through the ISC funding program, communities' data is protected.

Distinctions-based approach

FNESS recognizes the distinctions-based approach to all project considerations. A distinctions-based approach may require that the FNESS relations with First Nations include different approaches or actions and result in different outcomes.

¹ OCAP[®] is a registered trademark of the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC)¹ and include a reference to our website <https://fnigc.ca/ocap-training/> so that the definition of OCAP[®] can be fully understood by the reader.

4 REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

All applications received by the December 1, 2026, deadline will be reviewed and adjudicated based on the pre-established criteria.

Projects not selected for the first round of funding will be placed in a queue for consideration should additional funds become available at a later date.

Each application will be reviewed by the appropriate staff member/s, depending on the eligible activities proposed.

Notice of Funding Decision

FNESS staff will review all applications received by the **Tuesday, December 1, 2026 deadline**. Following the adjudication, communities with approved projects will be notified of project funding no later than **Monday, February 1, 2027**. Those projects not approved for the first round of funding will be notified that they are in the queue in the event FNESS receives additional funds. Depending on the volume of applications received, the adjudication/notification process may take up to 60 days. All approved applicants will receive written notice of funding decisions via email, which will include the terms and conditions of the grant.

Notice of Revisions

In some cases, application revisions may be required, or an application may be approved in principle only. This would require the applicant to complete the requested revisions within 30 days from the date of written notice. Revisions that are not completed within 30 days may be declined. Note: Significant changes to either the scope or intent of an approved project may require a new submission.

Post-Grant Approval Meeting

Once the application is approved, all applicants are required to attend a post-grant approval meeting with the appropriate staff member(s)

Eligible Costs and Activities

Eligible costs are direct costs that are identified in the approved application and paid by the applicant to carry out the eligible activities. **Eligible costs can only be incurred from the date of the application approval until the date that the final report is submitted.** A list of eligible costs for each stream can be found in the Appendices [A](#), [B](#), [C](#). A list of non-eligible costs can be found in [Appendix D](#).

Grant Term

Applicants have two years from the date of approval to complete their project and submit a final report.

5 APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Bi-annual Project Check-Ins

Applicants are required to provide a status update on their project or activities to their WRA twice per year. This can be submitted as a brief written report or provided through a verbal update by phone. More frequent check-ins are recommended.

Financial Management

Applicants are responsible for proper fiscal management, including maintaining accounting records for the project (invoices, receipts, timesheets, etc.), which will enable efficient final reporting. FNESS and/or ISC reserve the right to audit these records.

Transparency

To ensure transparency and accountability, applicants are required to declare any other financial contributions that support the eligible costs of their proposed project. Applicants who are receiving other fundings such as Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) for similar activities must disclose the nature and geographic focus of those projects. This is to ensure there is no duplication of funding for the same or substantially similar work. Work with the WRA to avoid project overlap.

Changes to Approved Projects

Approved grants are specific to the project as identified and approved in the application, and grant funds are not transferable to other projects. Any significant variations from the approved project will require approval from FNESS. To propose changes to an approved project, approved applicants are required to submit:

1. Completed Project Amendment Form (fillable Word Document)
2. Completed Project Amendment Budget (fillable Excel Document)

6 PAYMENTS

Advance Payments

Approved projects will receive **100%** funding after signing the Approval Agreement and completing the Post Grant Approval meeting. It is the responsibility of the community to ensure the activities approved in the application are carried out.

FNESS' Finance Department disburses payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT). Please email a VOID cheque and provide the email address for payment notification to accountspayable@fness.bc.ca.

Final report

Upon project completion, applicants are required to submit a final report using the designated template. This report must be used and include all required supporting documentation.

Submission of Final Reports by Projects to:

First Nations' Emergency Services Society of BC

Email: wildfireresiliency@fness.bc.ca

7 FINAL REPORT CHECKLIST

1. A completed final report form, including the signature of the authorized Band or Nation signatory.
2. Financial expenditure reports. Note: FNESS-ISC reserves the right to request an audit on financial reports.
3. Maps and Spatial Data (FNESS staff can support applicants with mapping):
 - **Cultural and Prescribed Fire Stream:** In .KML or .KMZ file format.
 - **FireSmart Stream:** No mapping required.
 - **Operational Fuel Treatment Stream:** A map of the project area identifying Treatment Unit(s), location of Post treatment Wildfire Threat Assessments, and a KMZ/KML file showing the prescribed and treated areas (your FNESS staff representative can help you create this).
4. For all projects a summary of the completed work/activities, including whether the project objectives were met, and lessons learned. Below are specific components of final reporting:
 - **Cultural and Prescribed Fire Stream:** Total number of hectares burned, and before and after photos.
 - **FireSmart Stream:** Total number of homes mitigated, and four photos (one from each side) of structures and/or vegetation areas before work is completed, and four photos after the work is completed (eight photos total per structure or area).
 - **Operational Fuel treatment Stream:** Total number of hectares treated, and before and after photos.

8 ELIGIBLE COSTS AND ACTIVITIES

A. Cultural and Prescribed Fire Stream Eligible Activities:

[Appendix A - CULTURAL PRESCRIBED FIRE \(CRX\)](#)

B. FireSmart Stream Eligible Activities:

[Appendix B - FIRESMART](#)

C. Operational Fuel Treatment Eligible Activities:

[Appendix C - OPERATIONAL FUEL TREATMENT \(OFT\)](#)

D. Non-eligible Activities for all streams:

[Appendix D](#)

E. Definitions:

[Appendix E](#)

*Listed costs and funding maximums are guidelines for applicants.

APPENDIX A - CULTURAL PRESCRIBED FIRE (CRX)

Cultural and Prescribed Fire Stream List of Eligible Activities

Section 1 – Planning and Documentation (\$25,000 – \$30,000)

- 1-a. Fuel management prescriptions or amendments (using BCWS template
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/prescribed-burning/planning-a-burn>)
- 1-b. Burn plan development (meeting BCWS standards) (\$25,000)
- 1-c. Modelling, monitoring plans, and stakeholder engagement
- 1-d. Additional data collection and engagement with burn specialists
- 1-e. Preparation of final reports, maps, and spatial data

Section 2 – Burn Preparation and Implementation (\$100,000 – \$150,000)

- 2-a. Fire weather index monitoring and black line preparation (\$50,000)
- 2-b. Public notifications related to prescribed fire and/or cultural burning
- 2-c. Construction and rehabilitation of control lines (\$10,000 – \$20,000)
- 2-d. Danger Tree Assessment and falling (\$4,000 – \$6,000)
- 2-e. Burn implementation (e.g., crew wages, logistics, aerial ignition, traffic control)

Section 3 – Fire Effects Monitoring and Post-Burn Work (\$15,000)

- 3-a. Pre-burn fire effects monitoring
- 3-b. Live-burn fire effects monitoring
- 3-c. Post-burn fire effects monitoring and analysis
- 3-d. Mop-up (as per burn plan or extended mop-up if required)
- 3-e. Post-burn surveys (if not already included in monitoring)

Section 4 – Professional Services (\$5,000 – 10,000)

- 4-a. Specialist assessments (e.g., geotechnical, archaeological, fire ecologist, range agrologist) (\$3,000 – \$5,000)
- 4-b. Fireline specialists, ignition and holding crews, and first aid coverage appropriate for risk class

Section 5 – Community and Cultural Engagement (\$5,000)

- 5-a. Community engagement and information sessions
- 5-b. Posters, fliers, brochures, or other outreach material
- 5-c. Media and documentation of cultural fire traditions, stories, and activities
- 5-d. Honoraria for Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and other subject matter experts
- 5-e. Gathering and celebration dinner (post-project)
- 5-f. Post-burn community dinner and ceremony (to discuss lessons learned and community feedback)

- 5-g. Youth engagement or cultural/prescribed fire exposure programs
- 5-h. Women or LGBTQ2S+ engagement and exposure programs

Section 6 – Training and Capacity Building

- 6-a. Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX) participation costs (max. 1 participant) pending approval of the selection committee.
- 6-b. Other S-series type courses not currently offered by FNESS up to \$5,000-\$10,000.

Section 7 – Project Support and Equipment

- 7-a. Rental of specialized equipment (e.g., plastic sphere dispenser, terra torch, aviation, drones, heavy equipment, water tenders)
- 7-b. Vehicle rentals for project-related use
- 7-c. Maintenance of earlier cultural or prescribed fire projects
- 7-d. Post-project planting or replanting of native flora species
- 7-e. Research initiatives (e.g., food security, fire history use, invasive species trial treatments)
- 7-f. Purchase of CRX Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) set of five or up to \$8,000

Section 8 – Administration Costs

- 8-a. Administration costs may be business expenses that support the overall management of the program; namely overhead examples of rental/lease payments, salaries and benefits for administrative staff, Human Resources, finance personnel; office supplies; professional services may be for legal, accounting and other specialized services; insurance and licenses; etc. A general benchmark may be 12.5% to 15%.

APPENDIX B - FIRESMART

FireSmart List of Eligible Activities

This is not an exhaustive list. If there is something not listed that would support your community's wildfire resiliency journey, please discuss this with your assigned FNESS staff member.

Section 1 - Education and Outreach

- 1-a. FireSmart Event (up to \$6,140 per event)
- 1-b. Purchase Promotional Items (up to \$8,000)
- 1-c. Purchase Event materials (tent, walls, weights, etc. up to \$2,450)
- 1-d. Create FireSmart resources tailored to your community (up to \$10,000)
- 1-e. Attend Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit (up to 4 people at \$2,200 each, additional funding can be approved based on travel needs).
- 1-f. Attend or host local Community FireSmart and Resiliency Collaboratives and Community Wildfire Roundtables (hosting \$2,450 and attending at an existing is \$1,230 per meeting).

Section 2 - FireSmart Assessments

- 2-a. FireSmart Home Ignition Zone Assessment (up to \$275/structure)
- 2-b. Wildfire Mitigation Program Assessment (up to \$370/structure)
- 2-c. Critical Infrastructure Assessment (up to \$945/structure)
- 2-d. Cultural Sites and Green Space Assessments (up to \$945/assessment)
- 2-e. Local FireSmart Collective Assessment (up to \$515/collective)
- 2-f. Local FireSmart Collective Action Plan (up to \$1230/collective)
- 2-g. Mitigation to complete action items identified in FireSmart assessments (labour costs, arborist, off-site vegetative and non-vegetative debris disposal, adding a 1.5 m non-combustible area around structures)
- 2-h. Farm and Ranch Assessments (up to \$275 per farm and ranch)
- 2-i. Firewood shed assessment (up to \$150 per assessment)

Section 3 - FireSmart Programs

Implementing and supporting FireSmart programs in your community

- 3-a. Local FireSmart Collective Program event (up to \$1,500)
- 3-b. FireSmart BC Library Program (up to \$2,000 per independent library, or \$310 per branch/school/youth center/daycare for book purchase)
- 3-c. FireSmart BC Education Program (up to \$1,000)
- 3-d. FireSmart Plant Program (up to \$1500)

Section 4 - FireSmart Training Courses

- 4-a. Free Online FireSmart 101 Course
- 4-b. FireSmart Canada FireSmart Ambassador Course
- 4-c. Free Online Local FireSmart Representative Training

- 4-d. Free Online Wildfire Risk Reduction Training
- 4-e. Attend Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Training (up to four staff members are eligible. Eligible costs can include travel expenses including accommodations and per diems, excluding wages)
- 4-f. Host Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Training (up to \$4,500 per workshop, depending on workshop instructor)
- 4-g. Indigenous Cultural Safety and Humility Training to staff
- 4-h. Free Online FireSmart Landscaping Professionals Course
- 4-i. Free Online Local FireSmart Collective Course for Collective Advocates
- 4-j. Free Online Local FireSmart Collective Program Overview Course for Collective Advocates
- 4-k. Free Online FireSmart Farm and Ranch training

Section 5 - FireSmart Job Positions

- 5-a. FireSmart Coordinator
- 5-b. Local FireSmart Representative
- 5-c. Wildfire Mitigation Specialist
- 5-d. FireSmart Crew Member
- 5-e. Youth FireSmart Coordinator (16-30 years old)

Section 6 - Other Eligible Activities

- 6-a. Purchasing tools (e.g., hand saws, loppers), power tools, required PPE, and maintenance of tools (up to \$5,000)
- 6-b. Purchase of tablet computers and data plans (iPads) to support assessments (\$3,700). Purchase of drones that do not require pilot certificate or registration (i.e. microdrones that are less than 250 grams)
- 6-c. Purchase of caulking, metal flashing, and 3mm metal mesh to support mitigation recommendations (up to \$5,000)
- 6-d. Build or purchase FireSmart Firewood Structures to align with the FireSmart principles outline in the [FireSmart Firewood shed Guide](#) (up to \$3,000/structure pending design approval)
- 6-e. Purchase of FireSmart Trees and Plants (from FireSmart Landscaping Guide)
- 6-f. Upkeep of earlier FireSmart projects
- 6-g. Lease of equipment and/or vehicles(related to FireSmart project). No capital purchases supported through this program.
- 6-h. FireSmart vehicle decals (\$830)
- 6-i. Leasing animals for grazing and temporary fencing rentals to reduce fuel within the FireSmart zones
- 6-j. Honorarium for Cultural Site assessment assistance from elders
- 6-k. Non-combustible zones for ceremonial fires
- 6-l. FireSmart video (up to \$8,000)

Section 7 - Administration Costs

- 7-a. Administration costs may be business expenses that support the overall management of the program; namely overhead examples of rental/lease payments, salaries and benefits for administrative staff, Human Resources, finance personnel; office supplies; professional services may be for legal, accounting and other specialized services; insurance and licenses; etc. A general benchmark may be 12.5% to 15%.

APPENDIX C - OPERATIONAL FUEL TREATMENT (OFT)

The Operational Fuel Treatment stream is designed for communities wishing to treat forest fuels posing a wildfire risk to a community. The program funds fuel management treatments and/or fuel management prescriptions located on Reserve or Treaty Settlement Lands. Treatment areas can either be identified by the community working with a FNESS Wildfire Resiliency Advisor or in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) / Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP).

Operational Fuel Treatment Project(s) must be located On-Reserve, as well as:

- Target forest fuels.
- Be verified by a field assessment of wildfire threat using Wildfire Threat Assessment Worksheet – Fuel Assessment. A minimum of one plot per treatment unit must be provided at time of application unless waived by a Wildfire Resiliency Advisor.
- Targets areas that have surface fuel loads which would exceed the Critical Surface Intensity (>2000 kW/m) and thus potentially lead to crown fire initiation.
- Proposed projects must be compliant with all applicable legislation and regulations: federal (e.g., Timber Permits, Fisheries Act, Species at Risk Act); provincial (e.g., Forest and Range Practices Act, Open Burning Smoke Control Act, and Wildfire Act); and local authority (e.g., burning bylaws or other bylaws or plans).
- **All templates should be consistent with BCWS standards. Guidance documentation can be found at [Tools for fuel management](#).**

Fuel Management Prescription Projects can be undertaken as separate, stand-alone projects which facilitate future funding applications, or they may be incorporated into a comprehensive operational fuel treatment application that combines prescription preparation and treatment.

All fuel management prescriptions prepared under this program must satisfy the requirements above and:

- Be completed using the BC Wildfire Service Fuel Management Prescription template.
- Every fuel management prescription project must contain wildfire threat plots and fuel loading assessment.
- Be consistent with [BC Wildfire Service Wildfire Threat Assessment methodology](#).
- Must show how the pre-treatment conditions exceed Critical Intensity or other fuel management metric to substantiate the need for treatment.
- Be developed, signed and sealed by a Registered Forest Professional and other associated professionals where needed (e.g., Professional Biologist or Engineer) and operating within their experienced [scope of practice](#).
- **Must** be reviewed and supported by a FNESS Wildfire Resiliency Advisor prior to initiation of the fuel management treatment.
- All fuel management prescriptions will spatially determine gross and net treatment areas.
- Maps that clearly identify the proposed area(s) as well as:
 - Provide Ortho or satellite-image based mapping which shows infrastructure and vegetation cover.
 - KMZ/KML file of the proposed treatment area.
 - Show previous fuel treatment areas near the proposed treatment.

Operational Fuel Treatment – List of Eligible Activities

Section 1 – Planning and Documentation

- 1-a. Fuel management prescription development or amendments – up to \$515 per hectare
- 1-b. Burn plan development, if applicable.
- 1-c. Pre- and Post-treatment Wildfire Threat Assessments (WTA).
- 1-d. Pre- and Post-treatment surface fuel load analysis.
- 1-e. Retaining Professional Services as required for project (Archaeology, RP Bio, PAg, PEng).
- 1-f. Timber Permit application and documentation as required by ISC.
- 1-g. Preparation of pre- and post-treatment photos, maps, spatial data.
- 1-h. Updates to existing threat plots and related spatial data.
- 1-i. Preparation of final reports, maps, and spatial data.

Section 2 – Operational Fuel Treatment Activities

- 2-a. Staff and contractor costs directly related to project activities.
- 2-b. Tree felling, including hand, and mechanical.
- 2-c. Danger Tree Assessment and falling.
- 2-d. Thinning, including hand and mechanical.
- 2-e. Piling, including hand and mechanical.
- 2-f. Pruning.
- 2-g. Leasing animals for targeted grazing within the operational fuel treatment areas.
- 2-h. Road brushing, for access to OFT sites or improving fuel breaks.
- 2-i. Public notifications related to operational fuel treatment activities.

Section 3 – Debris Management Activities

- 3-a. Pile burning and broadcast burning.
- 3-b. Burning using an air curtain burner or pyrolysis.
- 3-c. Debris management including chipping, mastication, and grinding.
- 3-d. Off-site debris disposal – up to an additional \$1,795 per hectare
- 3-e. Custom venting forecast.

Section 4 – Professional Services

- 4-a. Specialist assessments (e.g., geotechnical, archaeological, fire ecologist, range agrologist).
- 4-b. Certified Faller / Arborist.
- 4-c. Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and subject matter experts.

Section 5 – Other Treatment Activities

- 5-a. Traffic and pedestrian control during active operations.
- 5-b. Purchase of PPE for fuel treatment crew members.
- 5-c. Post-treatment signage and public information directly related to completed fuel treatment activities.
- 5-d. Other eligible treatment activities not listed here. Please specify and confirm eligibility with WRA.

Section 6 – Administration Costs

- 6-a. Administration costs may be business expenses that support the overall management of the program; namely overhead examples of rental/lease payments, salaries and benefits for administrative staff, Human Resources, finance personnel; office supplies; professional services may be for legal, accounting and other specialized services; insurance and licenses; etc. A general benchmark may be 12.5% to 15%.

Section 7 – Recommended Project Costs

- 7-a. Fuel management treatment activities

Per hectare costs are based on treatment activities identified in items: 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 3a, 3b, and 3c above.

Fire Centre	Per Hectare Cost
Coastal	\$14,950
Prince George	\$12,800
Cariboo	\$8,295
Kamloops	\$8,295
Southeast	\$8,295
Northwest	\$8,295

- 7-b. Fuel management maintenance activities – up to \$4,095 per hectare.

APPENDIX D: NON-ELIGIBLE ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Section 1 – Planning and Preparedness

- 1-a. Emergency, evacuation, or other community safety plans.
- 1-b. Emergency preparedness plans or related activities (Email preparedness@fness.bc.ca for alternative funding).
- 1-c. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) or Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) preparation (funded through CRI FCFS grant).

Section 2 – Training and Equipment

- 2-a. Fire department training or equipment (refer to FNESS Fire Services).
- 2-b. Wildland firefighter training and equipment purchases.
- 2-c. Structural protection equipment and training (coordinate with FNESS Response Department).
- 2-d. Purchase of machinery, vehicles, or large equipment.
- 2-e. Purchase of structural protection equipment (hoses, sprinklers, blankets).

Section 3 – Land and Activities Outside Scope

- 3-a. Activities outside the 1 km treatment threshold or on lands scheduled for development.
- 3-b. Activities unrelated to fuel treatment (e.g., recreational trail building without fuel objectives).
- 3-c. Work undertaken by the Ministry of Forests, BCWS, or other government agencies.
- 3-d. Work undertaken to fulfill hazard abatement obligations under the Wildfire Act.
- 3-e. Removal of non-flammable trash or debris.
- 3-f. Purchase of animals and/or fencing for grazing.

Section 4 – Construction and Retrofits

- 4-a. New construction (except FireSmart firewood sheds)
- 4-b. Large-scale building retrofits

APPENDIX E - DEFINITIONS

FireSmart™, Intelli-feu and other associated Marks are trademarks of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre.

First Nations owned critical infrastructure: Assets owned by First Nation or Treaty First Nation that are either:

- Identified as Critical in a FireSmart BC - *Critical Infrastructure Assessment Guide* available here: <https://firesmartbc.ca/resource/firesmart-critical-infrastructure-guide/>; <https://firesmartbc.ca/resource-types/assessments/> and/or
- recognized as essential to the health, safety, security or economic wellbeing of the community and the effective functioning of government (such as fire halls, emergency operations centers, radio repeaters, etc.)

GNSS: Global Navigation Satellite System. The satellite network used for navigation in Canada.

Gross Area: The total of all areas contained within the treatment boundary.

Net Area: The total of all treated area within the treatment boundary. All non-treated areas such as roads, home sites, Wildlife Tree or other No-Work Zones are to be deducted from the Gross area, and the resultant Net Area will be the basis of payment for the purposes of these programs. Linear features such as roads and non-forested right of ways greater than 4m in width are to be netted out of the gross area.

Operational Fuel Treatments: The manipulation or reduction of living or dead forest and grassland fuels to reduce the rate of spread and head fire intensity and enhance likelihood of successful suppression. For the purposes of these programs is generally situated outside of FireSmart™ Extended Zone and no further than 1 km from an on-reserve structure cluster.

Structure Density requirement: Operational Fuel Treatment applications will only be considered for treatments located within 1 kilometre of a structure cluster which satisfies the density requirement of at least 6 habitation / critical infrastructure units/square kilometre.

Vegetation management: The general goal of vegetation management is to reduce the potential wildfire intensity and ember exposure to people, infrastructure, structures, and other values through manipulation of both the natural and cultivated vegetation that is within or adjacent to a community.

Wildfire risk: The combination of the likelihood of a wildfire occurring combined with the potential impacts of that fire.

Wildfire threat: The ability of a wildfire to ignite, spread, and consume organic material (trees, shrubs, and other organic materials) in the forest. The major components used to define wildfire threat are fuel, weather, and topography which break down further to:

- Fuel: loading, size and shape, arrangement (horizontal and vertical), compactness, chemical properties, and fuel moisture
- Weather: temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, and direction and rainfall
- Topography: slope (increase/ decrease rate of spread), and aspect (fuel dryness)

Wildland Urban Interface (WUI): As defined in the [FireSmart Begins with You Guide](#), the wildland urban interface (WUI) is any area where combustible forest fuel is found adjacent to homes, farm structures or other outbuildings. This may occur at the interface, where development and forest fuel (vegetation) meet at a well-defined boundary, or in the intermix, where development and forest fuel intermingle with no clearly defined boundary. For the purposes of operational fuel treatments, the WUI extends to 1 km.

WUI Risk Class (RC): The level of risk (“risk class”) reflects the analysis of weighted Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (PSTA) threat components within the individual WUI Risk Class polygons. Five risk class ratings were applied to the WUI polygons, with “1” being a higher relative risk and “5” being the lowest relative risk.