



**Project #:** WR0000125 & WR0000668

**Project Title:** Sea to Sky Access Corridor Fuel Reduction Implementation

**Organization:** FLNRORD - Sea to Sky District

**Primary Purpose:** Wildfire Risk Reduction

**FLNRORD Region:** South Coast

**FLNRORD Natural Resource District:** Sea to Sky

**Closest Community:** D'Arcy, Whistler

**Job Estimate (Direct, Indirect and Induced FTEs):** 5

**FESBC APPROVED FUNDING:** \$496,740



**Project Description Summary:**

This project involved planning for wildfire fuel management treatments to improve community, recreation, and infrastructure access and escape route corridors. The project is consistent with the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and initial focus will be for road access to high use areas that have a single egress route in and out.

Sqomish Forestry LP was selected to plan and deliver treatments along the Blackwater Forest Service Road on the coastal interior transition of the Sea to Sky District and reflected a high priority for the Ministry. The treatments were very difficult and costly to undertake given the terrain, wood types, and complexity of a main road along a fish bearing stream. About half the area was completed with the available funding. The Birkenhead Lake Provincial Park at the end of the road is a high use park with only the Blackwater Forest Service Road as the access in and out. Making the road access safer for travel during a wildfire was one of the objectives of this project.

**Current Project Status:** Active



**Project #:** WR0000125 & WR0000668 Continued

**Project Title:** Sea to Sky Access Corridor Fuel Reduction Implementation

*"We tackled this difficult project to reduce the wildfire risk along the Blackwater Forest Service Road on behalf of the Ministry and with the assistance of FESBC funding. The opportunity, although challenging to implement, was a success for the areas we have completed. We engaged with the local N'Quatqua First Nation, and developed a treatment plan that they endorsed. The fieldwork was done by N'Quatqua band members working in conjunction with Sqomish Forestry. We are grateful to FESBC for getting the project underway and hope to see further wildfire risk reduction work in this area."*

Jeff Fisher, Sqomish Forestry LP

*"B.A. Blackwell have prescribed and implemented a number of FESBC projects related to community wildfire protection and fuel and fire hazard reduction. The funds provided by FESBC have been essential in funding projects that are a high priority in high risk communities, located in areas including the Resort Municipality of Whistler. The fuel breaks constructed as part of these projects will provide an anchor in supporting fire suppression operations during a wildfire event and will provide a safe place for fire fighters to make strategic and tactical decisions in suppressing wildfires."*

Bruce Blackwell, M.Sc. RPBio, RPF, B.A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd.



**Project #:** WR0000143, WR0000502, WR0000626

**Project Title:** Whistler Planning & Fuel Reduction

**Organization:** Cheakamus Community Forest

**Primary Purpose:** Wildfire Risk Reduction

**FLNRORD Region:** South Coast

**FLNRORD Natural Resource District:** Sea to Sky

**Closest Community:** Whistler

**Job Estimate (Direct, Indirect and Induced FTEs):** 13

**FESBC APPROVED FUNDING:** \$1,554,878



### **Project Description Summary:**

This project runs along both sides of the Cheakamus Lake Forest Service Road which serves as the main access point into Cheakamus Lake and Garibaldi Provincial Park. The project was co-funded by the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) and the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) and all revenue generated from the sale of logs from the thinning were applied to reduce the cost of treatment. The goal of the project was to alter wildfire behavior by modifying forest densities and structure in this heavily used portion of the community forest to protect the south facing slopes of Whistler Mountain, the community of Whistler, and the western edge of Garibaldi Provincial Park. This involved the removal of trees and surface and ladder fuels with delivery of the vegetation to a composting site. The priority areas were along the single lane forest service road in and out of Cheakamus Lake and Garibaldi Provincial Park. This project led to further projects to complete the entire road system and promote a safer egress route in case of wildfire.

**Current Project Status:** Complete

*“Creating employment for our people and working collaboratively is what we had envisioned when we entered into the CCF agreement with the RMOW and Squamish Nation. This partnership has shown a genuine commitment to relationship building and reconciliation. First Nations having jurisdiction over forests in our Territory is a step to others recognizing the role this land plays in our culture and traditional way of life. The forest fire fuels reduction work we engaged in this past winter provided Lil’wat Forestry Ventures crews with employment during what is normally a slow time and has better prepared our crews for wildfire readiness in Lil’wat (Mount Currie).” - Dean Nelson, Lil’wat Nation Kúkwpi7 Skalúlmecw Chief*

*“We are very appreciative to FESBC for this funding. We know this project aligns with the goals of both our organizations because it not only makes a difference for citizens locally but province-wide, too, and is helping us create positive economic impact, employment, and sustainability of one of our most significant natural resources: our forests.” - Simon Murray, Forestry Manager, Cheakamus Community Forest.*



**Project #:** WR0000552

**Project Title:** Woss Firebreak Management

**Organization:** Regional District of Mount Waddington

**Primary Purpose:** Wildfire Risk Reduction

**FLNRORD Region:** West Coast

**FLNRORD Natural Resource District:** North Island-  
Central Coast

**Closest Community:** Woss

**Job Estimate (Direct, Indirect and Induced FTEs):** 2

**FESBC APPROVED FUNDING:** \$204,855



**Project Description Summary:**

The project reduced wildfire risk by removing surplus vegetation immediately adjacent to the Woss Community. The Woss community is in one of the highest risk areas on Vancouver Island and, as a result, the treatments were prioritized to protect the small community. The project was also designed to create local employment opportunities for a community hard hit by local strikes and a depressed forestry economy.

**Current Project Status:** Complete

*“Woss is a small community with a population of 200 residents located in the Nimpkish Valley, approximately 75 km southeast of Port McNeill. The residents of Woss saw what happened back in the summer of 2018 with the fires in Zeballos, another small community on Vancouver Island located approximately 60 km from Woss. We were seeing our provincial forests continue to dry out over the summer and knew we needed to take decisive action. These proactive expenditures are a little like insurance where they are able to help you better protect the community before something happens. We were very pleased to access the FESBC funding in order to do the fire mitigation work on the Crown land which the community of Woss backs on to. We had strong support from the local community, the Namgis First Nation, and Western Forest Products who hold the tenure for the project area. This FESBC-funded project not only helped reduce the risk of wildfire but had other benefits such as job creation, enhanced public safety, improved habitat for wildlife, and it gave people more peace of mind. We appreciated working with very experienced forest professionals as this kind of project is not something we are well versed at, but we know how important it is. There are other unincorporated communities in our regional district that also would benefit from this type of treatment. We look forward to applying to FESBC for additional funding in the future, and again thank them for their funding for this project in Woss.”*

- Pat English, Manager of Economic Development, Regional District of Mount Waddington



Forest Enhancement  
Society of British Columbia

**Project #:** WR0000648

**Project Title:** Wildfire Risk Analysis

**Organization:** Federation of BC Woodlot Associations

**Primary Purpose:** Wildfire Risk Reduction

**FLNRORD Region:** Provincial

**FLNRORD Natural Resource District:** Provincial

**Closest Community:** Various

**FESBC APPROVED FUNDING:** \$7,350



### **Project Description Summary:**

This project was to analyze provincial wildfire threat mapping to render threat class by woodlot, both inside and adjacent to the community wildland-urban interface boundaries. The overview threat mapping for the Cariboo Region was utilized to localize the information so it can be applied to specific woodlots.

**Current Project Status:** Complete



**Project #:** WR0000723

**Project Title:** FESBC and UBCM Wildfire Risk Reduction Co-funding Program

**Organization:** Union of BC Municipalities

**Primary Purpose:** Wildfire Risk Reduction

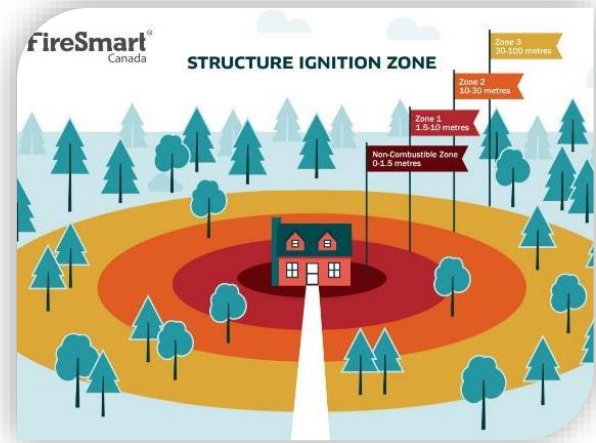
**FLNRORD Region:** Provincial

**FLNRORD Natural Resource District:** Provincial

**Closest Community:** Various

**Job Estimate (Direct, Indirect and Induced FTEs):** 18

**FESBC APPROVED FUNDING:** \$2,134,115



### **Project Description Summary:**

FESBC partnered with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to provide funding to local governments and First Nations who receive funding for wildfire risk reduction projects on Crown land under the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative and the FireSmart Community Resiliency Investment Community Supports Program.

**Current Project Status:** Active

*"FESBC partnered with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) by providing funding for wildfire risk reduction projects on Provincial Crown land near municipalities, unincorporated communities in Regional Districts, and First Nation communities across B.C. This funding partnership was primarily in place to allow for the transition from the Strategic Wildland Prevention Initiative (SWPI) - the first wildfire risk reduction funding program in the province - to the newer Community Resiliency Investment Program (CRI) focused on all seven of the FireSmart Disciplines, not just forest fuel management which was the focus of SWPI. FESBC co-funded 23 UBCM wildfire risk reduction projects (22 CRI and 1 SWPI) on Provincial Crown land across the province."*

Gord Pratt, RPF, Operations Manager, FESBC