

Case Study: First Nations Community Wildfire Plans

Client	Kwadacha First Nation	
Objective	<p>To build a comprehensive community wildfire protection plan with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Protect human life and property ● Provide community leaders/members with strategic wildfire management ● Prioritize fuel treatment areas and prescribe treatment regimes ● Create a current, relevant, evolving document that enhances community fire protection ● Be a funding catalyst for wildfire fuel management implementation 	
Project Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Analysis of the community's biophysical environment, social geography, and fire history ● Preparation of fuel management strategies for interface fuels and landscape level fuels ● Preparation of an emergency preparedness statement ● GIS/remote sensing analysis to isolate forest stand types and delineate risk ratings ● Large scale overview maps of management strategies 	
Results/ Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CWPP prepared and ratified by Chief and Council ● Federal mountain pine beetle funding received based on CWPP planning process strength ● Four year operational plan for reducing interface - initiated fall 2008 	
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