

The City of Terrace along with BC Wildfire Service will be in the Howe Creek Trail area this summer working on a wildfire fuel reduction project. The objective of this project is to reduce wildfire risk to adjacent homes by reducing potential fire behavior in higher threat areas. Property lines have been delineated and the project will only occur on municipal owned land. However, we would like to encourage property owners to participate and conduct similar FireSmart strategies on their property. Together we can achieve effective fuel management, which would result in less intense and less severe wildfires.

Project: Howe Creek Trail Wildfire Fuel Reduction Project. Four separate areas along Howe Creek Trail will be treated, totaling 5.6 ha.

Fuel Reduction Process: Fuel reduction will be conducted along the Howe Creek Trail and hillsides to reduce the risk of wildfire in the area. The fuel reduction will involve:

- Remove surface fuels like dead branches, tops, leaves and needles.
- Prune and remove the lower branches of the trees which can act as "ladder fuel".
- Cut hung up or elevated trees to lay flat on the ground.

Goal: Reduce the risk of wildfire, protect infrastructure, and demonstrate the principles and practices of the FireSmart Program. This will be achieved by modifying the forest stand structure and reducing available fuels by removing pockets of dead & down fine fuels as well as increasing height to live crown. We encourage all City of Terrace residents to incorporate these FireSmart initiatives around their home.

Contact your Local FireSmart Representative for a FREE FireSmart Assessment for your home!

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