
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
BC Wildfire Service

Prescribed Burn in partnership with Lil'wat First Nation

PARKSVILLE – The BC Wildfire Service is partnering with the Lil'wat First Nation to undertake a prescribed burn. The burn will be located at the 9 kilometres mark on the Owl Creek Forest Service Road and will occur over multiple days. The Owl Creek Forest Service Road will not be closed but the public is asked to not enter the burn area and respect posted signage.

A low to moderate-intensity surface fire will be utilized to remove combustible materials and mimic naturally occurring ground fire. The goal is to increase berry production, improve silviculture results, and create harvesting and traditional opportunities for Lil'wat community members.

Although the exact timing of this prescribed burn will depend on weather and site conditions, the project could begin as early as May 15th, 2021 and will conclude by the end of June 25th, 2021.

Personnel from Lil'wat Forestry Ventures and the BC Wildfire Service will carefully prepare, control, and monitor the fire. It will be ignited only if conditions are suitable and will allow for quick smoke dissipation.

For your information, the BC Wildfire Service has implemented safety protocols and strategies while conducting its operations to minimize COVID-19 exposure risks to its personnel and communities in the following ways:

- All BCWS personnel conduct daily COVID-19 self-assessments before going to worksites and are required to report any symptoms to their direct supervisor.
- Staff members are required to physically distance, sanitize, and wear masks in all indoor areas. Groups sizes are limited in accordance with provincial directives.
- Staff members share information electronically whenever possible, instead of in person.

BC Wildfire Service personnel adhere to COVID-19 public health orders and guidelines to ensure that operations can continue safely throughout the province.

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