

Forest Enhancement Society of BC

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FOREST ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



FESBC Purposes

The purposes of the Society as laid out in its Constitution are:

- A. To advance environmental and resource stewardship of B.C.'s forests by:
 - i. Preventing and mitigating the impact of wildfires
 - ii. Improving damaged or low value forests
 - iii. Improving habitat for wildlife
 - iv. Supporting the use of fibre from damaged and low value forests, and
 - v. Treating forests to improve the management of greenhouse gases.
- B. To advocate for the environmental and resource stewardship of B.C. forests.

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Accomplishments to Date

February 2016 to June 2022

FESBC by the Numbers:

- \$238 Million approved funding for projects
- 263 Projects across BC
- \$363 Million in economic activity
- 2,100 Full-time equivalent jobs created
- 63 projects led by First Nations
- 4.2 Million tonnes CO₂e sequestered or avoided (904,000 cars off the road for a year)



Community Forests to Date

February 2016 to June 2022

FESBC has funded:

- 25 Community Forests
- 53 Projects across BC
- Over \$18 Million
- \$12.3 Million for 34 Wildfire risk reduction projects
- \$5.9 Million for 19 projects reducing greenhouse gases, increasing fibre utilization and rehabilitating damaged forest stands

Community Forests New Approvals

August 2022

FESBC Board recently approved funding for wildfire risk reduction for:

- 12 Community Forests
- 17 Projects across BC
- \$11.7 Million
- And potentially more to be approved soon.

FESBC Supporting the Province

FESBC is aligned with Government's Priorities:

- Fund projects to reduce wildfire risk to communities
- Optimize the recovery and utilization of low-value residual fibre resulting from WRR treatments
- Coordinate and assist with other funding programs:
 - UBCM – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program
 - BCWS – Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction Program
 - BC Community Forest Association – Wildfire Risk Reduction 21/22 Funding
- Ensure treatments align with land manager priorities and standards
- Work collaboratively with MOF Regional Operations and BC Wildfire Service

Williams Lake Community Forest — FESBC Funded Project



Landscape Level fuel reduction
treatment with fibre utilization.



Questions?



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