

# 8. Wells Gray Provincial Park Implementation Strategy

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The Wells Gray Provincial Park Wildfire Risk Management Plan is an iterative process that will be subject to change over time. Going forward, this *Implementation Strategy* is intended to keep the plan “live” and dynamic to change over time. It will be important to address communication of key information, updates, public and stakeholder relations and changes in analysis.

## Management Strategies

### 8.1 COMMUNICATE WELLS GRAY PROVINCIAL PARK WILDFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (WRMP) RESULTS

**DISCUSSION:** There are a multitude of people who may be affected by wildfire threats and opportunities in the project area. It is important to communicate this information to First Nations, communities, government agencies, industry and stakeholders.

**ACTIONS:**

1. Review the results of the WG WRMP with the following partners to support informed wildfire management actions:
  - First Nations
  - District of Clearwater
  - Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure
  - Thompson Nicola Regional District
  - Park Operators
  - Permittee’s
  - Tourism Wells Gray
  - Information Wells Gray
  - Forest industry partners
  - MFLNRORD (Caribou Recovery Team)
2. Develop a communication strategy to support these discussions. Consider the following factors:
  - Initial roll-out for results of the Wells Gray WRMP
  - Ongoing communication of completed actions and changes to wildfire risk

**RESPONSIBILITY:** BC Parks

**PARTNERS:** Listed above.

**RISK RESPONSE GOALS:** Reduce risk through establishing communication protocols.

### 8.2 INTEGRATE UPDATED INVENTORY DATA INTO WILDFIRE THREAT ANALYSIS

**DISCUSSION:** Availability of inventory data may change analysis results. Changes in data may warrant a re-run of the wildfire threat analysis for the Wells Gray Wildfire Risk Management Plan.

**ACTIONS:**

1. Consider changes to the wildfire risk analysis with access to the following analysis or updates:
  - PSTA Data with updated fire 2018 perimeters
  - TEM data or inventory data
  - Burn P3 Analysis

**RESPONSIBILITY:** BC Parks

**PARTNERS:** BCWS/ Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC)

**RISK RESPONSE GOALS:** Reduce risk by increasing evacuation capability

### 8.3 MONITOR PROGRESS ON THE WELLS GRAY WRMP AND COMPLETE UPDATES AS NEEDED

**ACTIONS:**

1. Track the implementation of Management Strategies over time to ensure accountability and progress in risk reduction.
  - Create a tracking tool for activities that influence risk
2. Annually review progress on the strategies identified in the WRMP.
3. Update the WG WRMP in 10 years.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** BC Parks

**RISK RESPONSE GOALS:** Manage risk through continual improvement.