



SALMON ARM & AREA COMMUNITY WILDFIRE ROUNDTABLE

Community Wildfire Roundtable

February 29, 2024

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Agenda

Meeting of February 29, 2024

1. **What's Underway for Wildfire Preparedness?**

- Programs or opportunities
- Open floor, hear from everyone

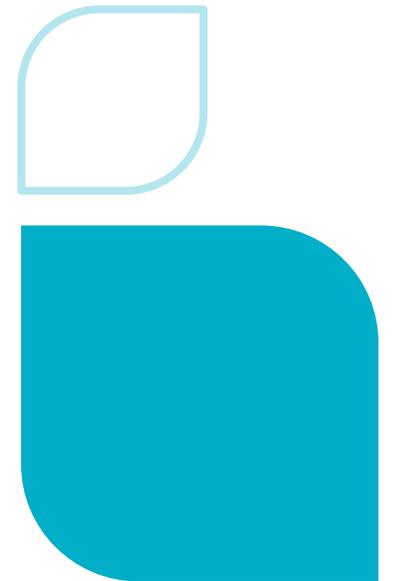
2. **Reflections**

- Gaps, duplication, opportunities?

3. **Community Wildfire Roundtable**

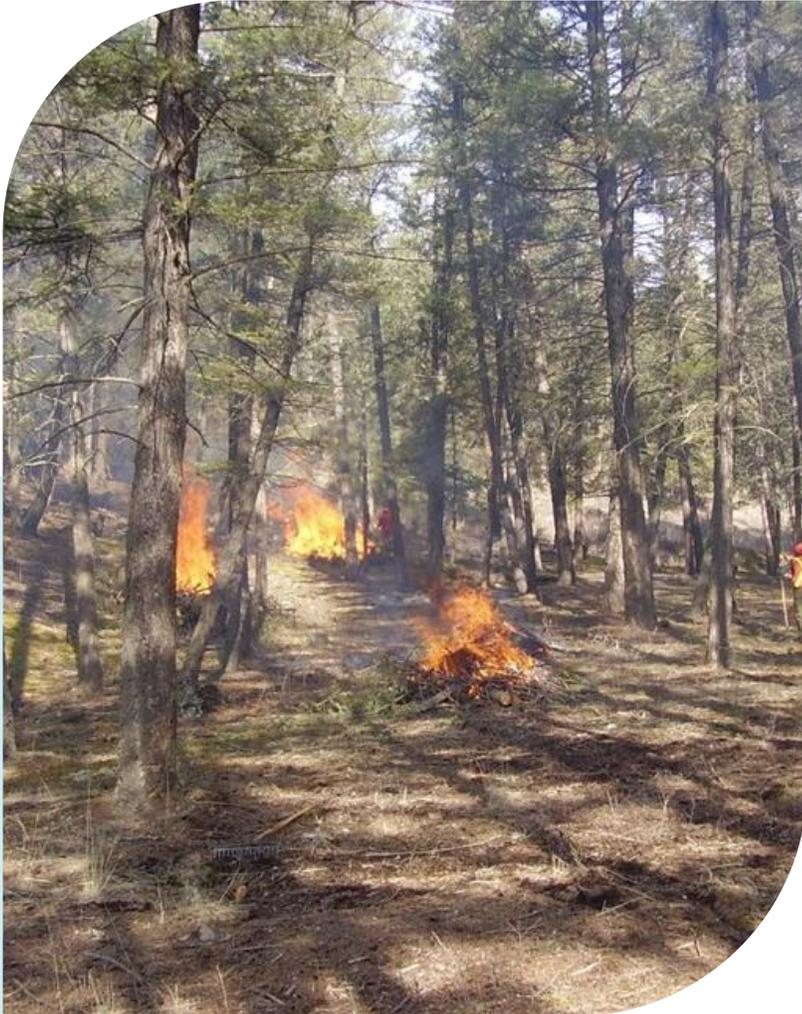
- What is it, how does it work

4. **Next Steps**



Prep behind the scenes

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Topics in scope

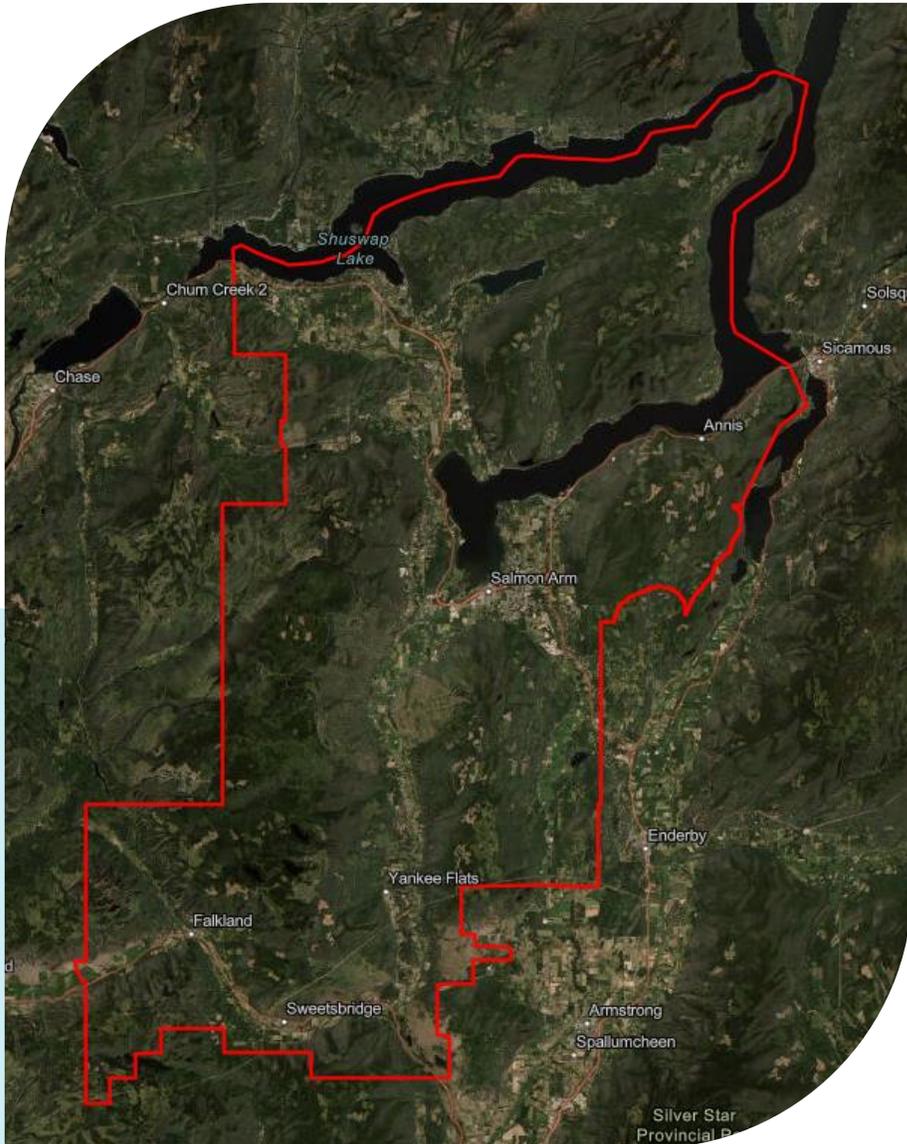
Wildfire preparedness



- Wildfire risk reduction/forest fuel management (timber harvesting/commercial and non-commercial)
- Prescribed burning
- Cultural burning
- FireSmart
- Training and capacity development
- Equipment
- Emergency planning
- Inter-agency cooperation
- Public education

Photo: Public education in 2023 included live presentations (and a video) on risk reduction – with expert Alan Westhaver

Area of interest



Proposed geographic area for the Salmon Arm & Area Community Wildfire Roundtable

Draft – proposed edits welcome with a rationale

Topics in scope



Approach for the day

- We want to hear from you – **all of you**
- There are no wrong answers
- You don't need to be an expert
- Focus on wildfire **preparedness** not response or recovery

Ground rules

- Be respectful – be hard on the issue, not the person
- Recognize there are multiple perspectives
- More voices, fewer words

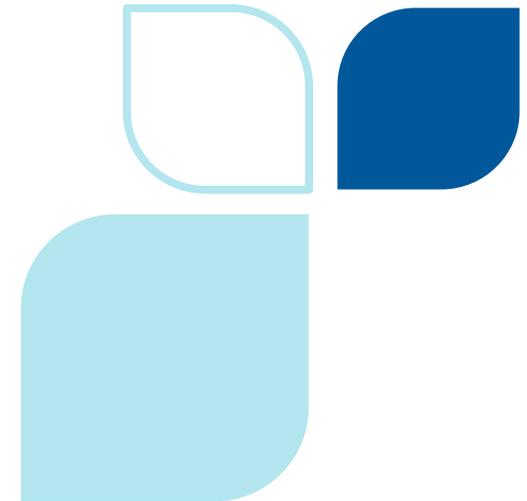


Our Mandate

Formed in 1997, the Fraser Basin Council is a charitable, non-profit organization committed to advancing sustainability solutions and practices in British Columbia

Our Vision

Social well-being supported by a vibrant economy and sustained by a healthy environment.



Introductions



Name and organization

A contact list will be created if a roundtable is formed

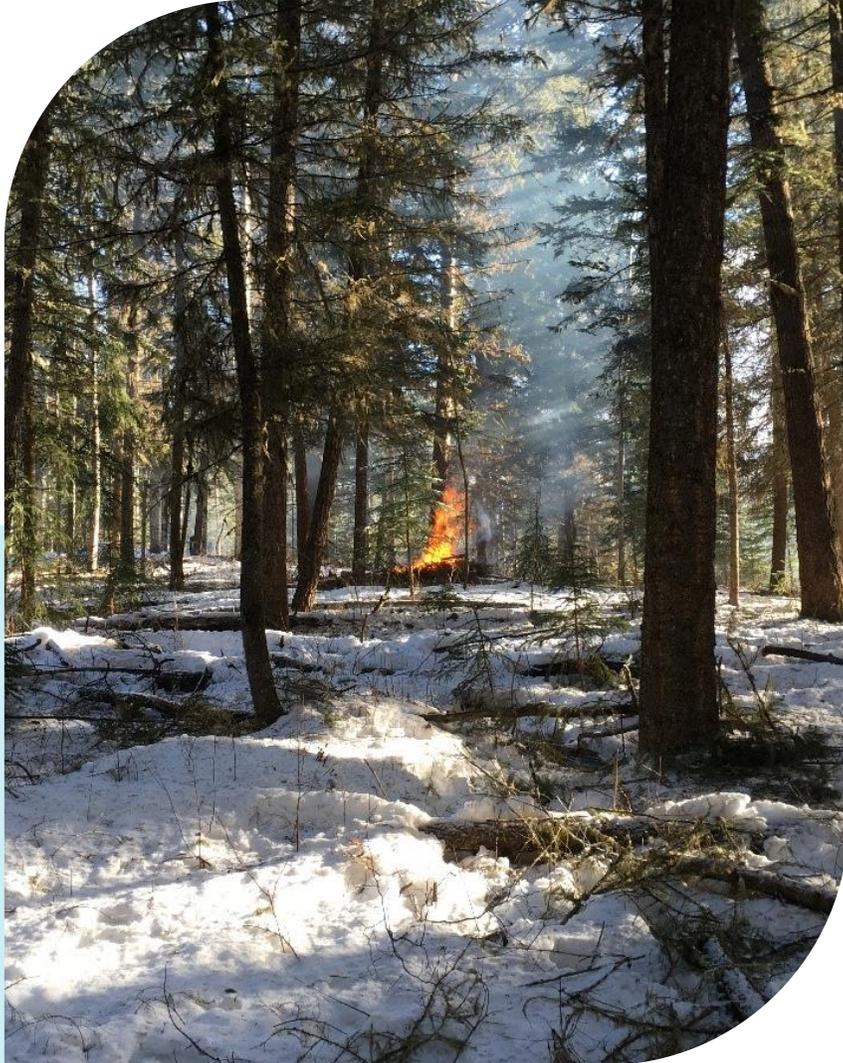
What's underway?



What is your organization/government doing within the proposed area of interest?

What programs or opportunities do you offer?

Reflections



Based on what you heard earlier:

- What gaps exist?
- What duplication exists?
- What opportunities exist to work together and share resources?
- What can we do better together than separately?

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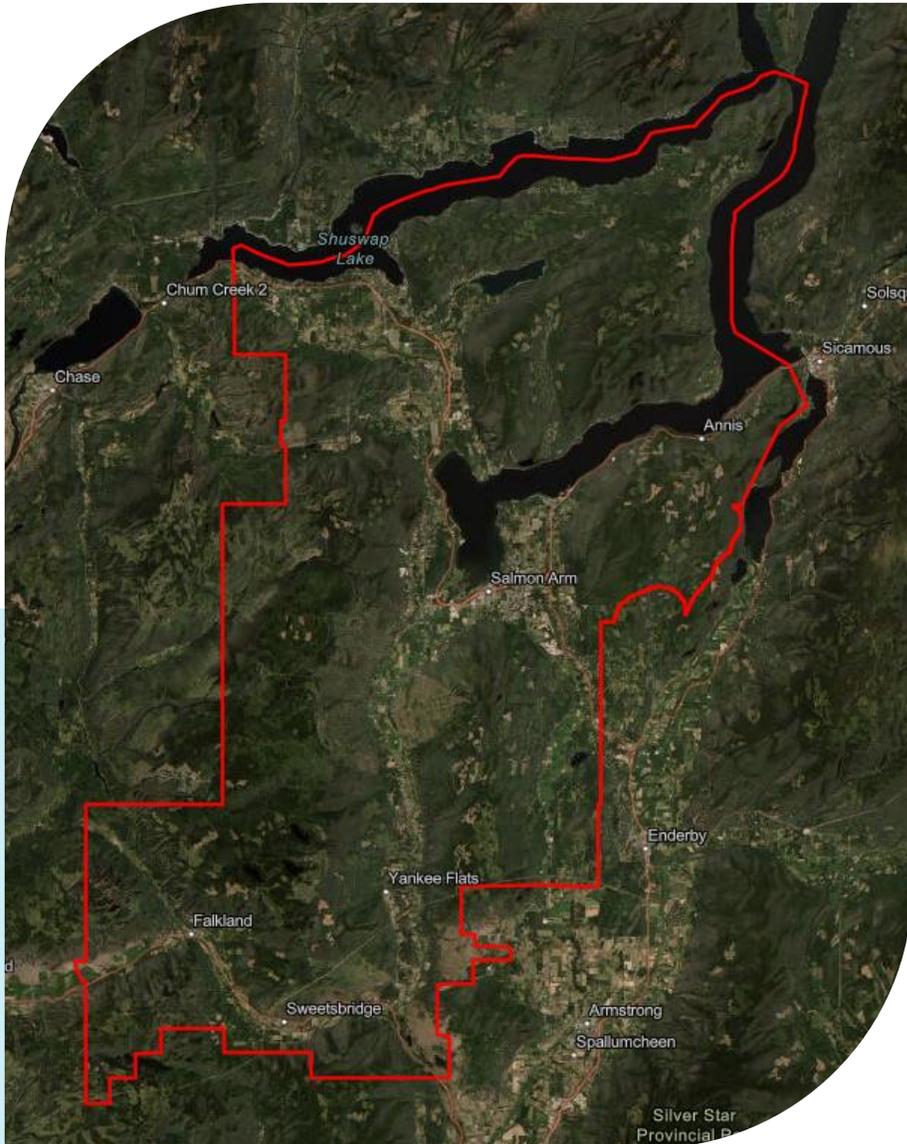
Purpose



Overall purpose is to ensure **good coordination and communication** about who's doing what for wildfire preparedness

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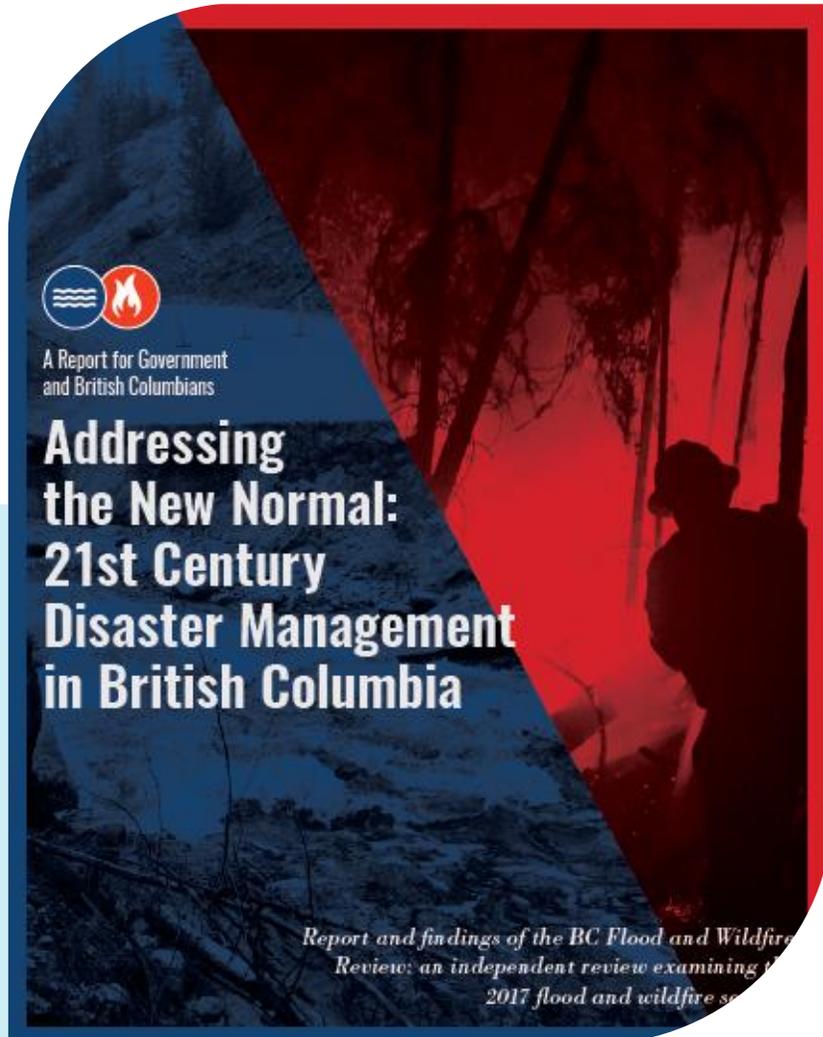


Proposed geographic area for the Salmon Arm & Area Community Wildfire Roundtable

Is this the right geographic area?

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History



Williams Lake 2006-12

Abbott & Chapman recommendations

Funded by BC Wildfire Service

Multiple organizations needed

Money falling from the sky

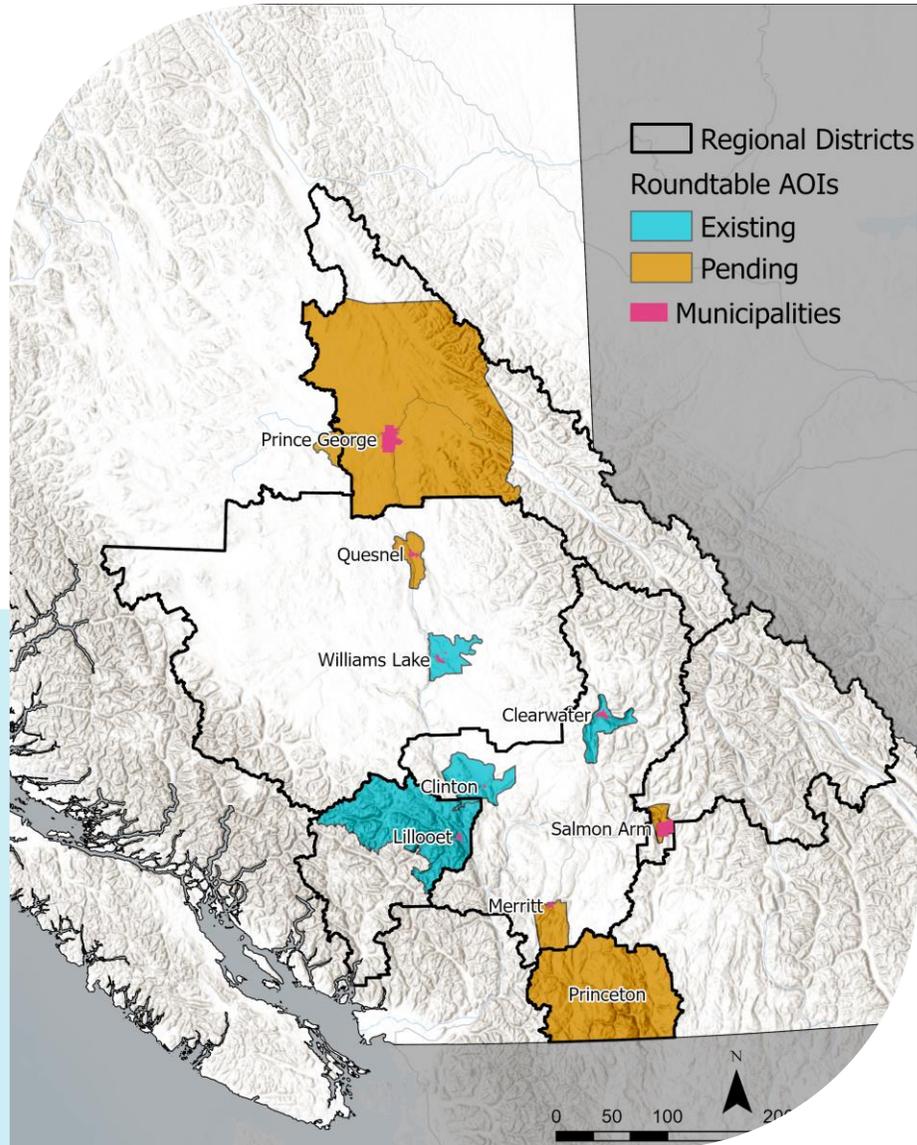
Rationale



It's happened before:

- Disaster
- Flurry of funding and activity
- Lack of coordination
- Duplication and gaps
- Treatments done in illogical places
- Poor communication about who's doing what
- Resources aren't leveraged or maximized

Community Wildfire Roundtables



FBC currently facilitates these Community Wildfire Roundtables:

- Williams Lake & Area
- Clearwater & Area
- Clinton & Area
- Lillooet & Area
- Quesnel & Area
- Prince George & Area
- Similkameen

Community Wildfire Roundtables

FBC's role



Secretariat support

- Convene meetings, provide lunch, facilitate, meeting summaries
 - Other roundtables meet half day, 2-3 times per year, NOT wildfire season
- Help with funding applications
- Identify leveraging opportunities
- Connect people, opportunities, ideas

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Next steps



Form a Salmon Arm & Area Community Wildfire Roundtable?

Who's missing?

Right geographic area?

Terms of reference

Summary from today

Meet again before wildfire season?



In Closing

Thank You



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Photos: BCWS and Prov of BC