

## 2019/20 Alberta FireSmart Project Reporting

Each fiscal year, Wildfire Management Branch allocates budget under the provincial FireSmart program to conduct projects that educate the public, strengthen partnerships and help reduce the hazards and risks associated with wildfire.

Local Forest Area staff work with various stakeholders and partners to plan different initiatives which fall into one or more of the seven disciplines of FireSmart. Projects completed with this funding are restricted to implementation in the Forest Protection Area.

To learn more about Alberta's FireSmart Program visit <http://wildfire.alberta.ca/firesmart/default.aspx>.

### Calgary Forest Area – \$388,500

- I. FireSmart Community and Mutual Aid Training, *Interagency Cooperation*
  - Interagency training conducted to prepare for mutual aid scenario during fire season;
- II. Cypress Hills FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Continuation of fuel treatments in the area of Cypress Hills;
- III. Deadman's Pass FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Continuation of fuel treatments in the area of Deadman's Pass;
- IV. Canmore Nordic Centre Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, *Emergency Planning*
  - FireSmart planning required for future mitigation projects.

### Rocky Mountain House Forest Area – \$84,500

- I. Goldeye FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Continuation of fuel treatments as part of ongoing fuel management projects in the area of Goldeye.

### Edson Forest Area – \$221,300

- I. Caribou Rearing Facility FireSmart Planning, *Emergency Planning*
  - FireSmart planning required for future mitigation projects;
- II. West Yellowhead Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, *Emergency Planning*
  - Continuation of major revisions were required for the existing corridor FireSmart plan;
- III. Edson Forest Area FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Various fuel treatments, both new and maintenance, in the areas of Cadomin, Carldale, Brule and the Terris Sawmill road;
- IV. Debris Disposal Audits, *Vegetation Management*
  - Aerial surveys of timber harvest to ensure adequate debris disposal in areas near communities.

## **Grande Prairie Forest Area – \$8,200**

- I. FireSmart Program Education and Outreach, *Education*
  - Sponsored homeowner gatherings and open houses aimed at informing residents of household scale FireSmart activities and practices.

## **Slave Lake Forest Area – \$196,600**

- I. Wabasca FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Fuel treatments in the wildland urban interface. A continuation of fuel treatments completed by local crews in black spruce stands as identified in the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy.

## **Lac La Biche Forest Area – \$62,600**

- I. Conklin FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - A continuation from existing fuel management treatments in the Conklin area.

## **Peace River Forest Area – \$163,200**

- I. Little Buffalo FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Fuel treatments in the area of Little Buffalo aimed at reducing risk and impact of wildfire entering the community;
- II. Cadotte Metis Settlement Firesmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Fuel treatments in the area of Little Buffalo aimed at reducing risk and impact of wildfire entering the community.

## **Fort McMurray Forest Area – \$42,100**

- I. GOA Facility Projects, *Vegetation Management*
  - Fuel treatments to reduce hazard around priority government structures;
- II. Fort McKay FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Implementation of fuel treatments for the purpose of reducing hazardous fuels around the community of Fort McKay;
- III. Fort McMurray FireSmart Education Program, *Education*
  - Budget required for implementing FireSmart education and engagement program, which includes community events, school presentations, promotional items and information for Prevention trailer;
- IV. Fort McMurray Community Based Social Marketing Project, *Education*
  - Use of wildfire education as a tool to reduce human caused wildfires in the Fort McMurray Forest Area. Project will establish a marketing campaign and FireSmart tour to build interest in local FireSmart program.

## High Level Forest Area – \$298,500

- I. Rainbow Lake FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Continued implementation of fuel treatment (mechanical thinning and hand pruning) as per the Rainbow Lake Mitigation Strategy;
- II. Zama FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
  - Continued implementation of fuel treatments (mechanical thinning and hand pruning) as per the Zama City Mitigation Strategy.

## Edmonton FireSmart Unit – \$130,600

- I. FireSmart Resource Printing, *Education*
  - Printing of various FireSmart resources for communities and homeowners;
- II. FireSmart Guide to Landscaping Update, *Education*
  - Required updates for the FireSmart Guide to Landscaping; collaborating with NAIT, Landscape Alberta and WSP;
- III. FireSmart Displays, *Education*
  - Updating of FireSmart displays for workshops, conventions and educational events.

## Total FireSmart Spending (2019/2020) – \$1,814,300