

2020/21 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 – \$26,900

- I. Community engagement for FireSmart and Prescribed Fire, *Education*
 - Ongoing local Forest Area education and awareness program;
- II. Bow Valley FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of fuel treatments in the Bow Valley;
- III. Mutual Aid training, *Interagency Cooperation*
 - Annual cross training with community partners;
- IV. Cypress Hills FireSmart planning, *Emergency Planning*
 - Phase 2 of ongoing planning work being done in partnership with Cypress Hills.

Rocky Mountain House Forest Area – \$384,800

- I. 'River Road' FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of fuel treatments in the area of 'River Road;'
- II. Goldeye FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of fuel treatments in the Goldeye area.

Edson Forest Area – \$224,300

- I. Forest Area interagency planning, *Interagency Cooperation/Emergency Planning*
 - Collaboration with local agencies to prepare for future wildfire events;
- 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 of existing FireSmart areas;
- IV. Debris Disposal Audits, *Vegetation Management*
 - Aerial surveys of timber harvest to ensure adequate debris disposal in areas near communities;
- V. Local FireSmart education and awareness, *Education*
 - Ongoing community engagement in the Forest Area.

Whitecourt Forest Area – \$107,300

- I. Fox Creek FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of ongoing hazardous fuels treatment near the town of Fox Creek;
- II. Berland Tower FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Fuel treatments to harden the Berland wildfire lookout against wildfire.

Grande Prairie Forest Area – \$0

- I. No FireSmart budget spent during this fiscal year.

Slave Lake Forest Area – \$51,100

- I. Wabasca FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of local vegetation management in the area of Wabasca;
- II. Trout Lake FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of local vegetation management in the area of Trout Lake;
- III. Peerless Lake FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continuation of local vegetation management in the area of Peerless Lake;
- IV. Pelican Mountain FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Ongoing fuel treatment as part of the wildfire and FireSmart research that is taking place in the Pelican Mountain area.

Lac La Biche Forest Area – \$125,400

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

Peace River Forest Area – \$44,200

- 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;

Fort McMurray Forest Area – \$24,500

- I. Local FireSmart education and awareness, *Education*
 - Ongoing community engagement in the Forest Area.

High Level Forest Area – \$249,400

- I. Rainbow Lake FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continued implementation of fuel treatment as per the Rainbow Lake Mitigation Strategy;
- II. Zama FireSmart, *Vegetation Management*
 - Continued implementation of fuel treatments as per the Zama City Mitigation Strategy

Edmonton FireSmart Unit – \$9,500

- I. FireSmart Resource Printing, *Education*
 - Printing of various FireSmart resources for communities and homeowners;

Total FireSmart Spending for 2020/21 – \$1,247,400