

WAIPAROUS FIRESMART NEWS

Winter 2017

Waiparous FireSmart Fuel Reduction Project

The Summer Village has engaged Alpine Precision Tree Services of Canmore to undertake the winter FireSmart project.

Lands included in this project are municipal lands and road right of ways as outlined in RED on the following map:



Some of the areas on the map have had a light first pass undertaken in previous years and are now receiving a second or third pass. A light first pass fuel reduction treatment is undertaken to ensure there are no blowdowns which could occur as a result of a full fuel reduction application all in one year.

Work will commence at the beginning of February and will continue throughout the month of February. Burning of the debris will occur during the project

If you have any questions please contact the Village Office at admin@waiparous.ca or 403-554-5515

FireSmart Website

Check out the Summer Village's FireSmart pages on the website Waiparous.ca

There is a lot of great information on firesmarting your property. The webpages are still under development.... Keep checking back....we are continually adding more FireSmart information.

Prescribed (Controlled) Burns

Forest fuels accumulate rapidly and pose a serious threat from wildfire. A Prescribed Burn is the most practical way to reduce dangerous accumulation of combustible fuels. Wildfires that burn in areas where fuel have been reduced by prescribed burns cause less damage and are much easier to control.

Spring is the primary season for burning, depending on snowfall, this can occur in March or early April.

Appropriate conditions include atmospheric conditions and time, which limits the scheduling of a burn to no more than one day in advance. Conditions that are checked to determine optimal burn weather include Temperature, Humidity, Chance of precipitation, Wind Speed, Wind Direction and can also take into account many other factors, depending on the location and type of the prescribed burn.

Planning and notifications occur prior to conducting the burn. A Burn Plan is written and reviewed by all parties that will be taking part in the burn to ensure it is fully understood ahead of time.

Last spring Waiparous undertook their first Prescribed Burn as an activity to reduce the risk of wildfires. All burning last year was restricted to the west side of the Summer Village. Work is underway to design a plan that focuses on a prescribed burn on some of the high "fire risk" road right of ways in the Summer Village. The FireSmart Committee is working with Forestry, MD of Bighorn, Ghost River Fire Department, 911 and other mutual aid responders to create the 2017 Burn Plan.

Watch for more details in the spring.



2016 Prescribed Burn along Forestry Trail