



Our File: FS20DOS003

November 7, 2019

LAND OWNERS OF
EASTSIDE ROAD AND
ELLISON PARK AREAS

Re: Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Ecosystem Restoration

The Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District (DOS) has partnered with the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) and BC Timber Sales Okanagan-Columbia (BCTS) to carry out a Wildfire Risk Reduction, Ecosystem Restoration and Habitat Enhancement project in the East Side Road and Ellison Park area.

It is the intent of the project to establish fuel breaks around communities and recreation facilities on the North East Shore of Okanagan Lake, while enhancing ungulate habitat and restoring ecosystems back to a more natural state.

We are still in the early stages of the project and are starting to identify possible treatment areas. Anticipated treatments range from commercial and non-commercial thinning designed to open up dense stands to prevent the spread of crown fires into communities and enhance forage availability for ungulates, to ground fuel removal and pruning treatments geared towards minimizing the amount of ladder fuels.

I would hereby like to invite your comments. If you have any questions or concerns on how this proposed project may impact your interests in the area, please respond to the undersigned at your earliest convenience on or before December 9, 2019 to ensure consideration before activities commence. In addition, an open house information session will likely be held early in the New Year, so please indicate if you are interested in attending to ensure that you will be sent the details once they become available.

A "Google Earth" file and maps can be accessed through the following link:

https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DOS/external!/publish/DOS_FES/Ellison_Park/Referral_Public

Upon your request, I will gladly provide you with a hard copy of the maps.

Please direct any comments or questions to Ian Petersen at ian.petersen@gov.bc.ca or phone (250) 550-2213.

Best Regards,

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