

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Peterson Creek Nature Park Wildfire Risk Reduction: Prescribed FireSpring 2025

PROJECT SCOPE

The City of Kamloops, in partnership with the BC Wildfire Service and Tkemlúps te Secwépemc will be responsibly introducing fire back onto our landscape through prescribed burning in the spring of 2025. A municipal owned 17-hectare land parcel that encompasses the Peterson Creek Nature Park will be treated. Prescribed burning takes intensive planning. On event day, several BC Wildfire Service, Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, and Kamloops Fire Rescue personnel will be on site with equipment and fire trucks to support water delivery.

The prescribed burn objective includes:

- wildfire risk reduction
- · reduction of overgrown sagebrush in the area
- removal of invasive species
- ecological restoration
- · land stewardship

JANUARY 30 OPEN HOUSE

3:00–6:00 pm l Kia Lounge, Sandman Centre, 300 Lorne Street An opportunity to learn more about this project, ask questions to field experts, and gain a better understanding of why prescribed fire will be an effective wildfire risk reduction tool for this area.



WHAT IS PRESCRIBED BURNING?

Prescribed burning is the planned and controlled application of fire to a specific land area and is one of the most ecologically appropriate means for achieving a variety of land management objectives such as, public safety, protection of communities, protection of critical infrastructure, and ecosystem restoration.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- · visible smoke and air quality impacts
- temporary closure of trails
- · high number of respondents within the park

Questions?

Email us at firesmart@kamloops.ca or visit our website for more project information and updates.

TIMELINE

Work is anticipated in Spring 2025 (between March and April) and ignition day will take place when conditions are best. If conditions are unfavourable, the planned prescribed fire will take place in the fall of 2025 when the wildfire season has seen decreased activity, and the conditions re-align.

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