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Westbank First Nation Community Forest
Forest Fuel Treatment – Trepanier Creek

Westbank First Nation is developing an Operational Level Fuel Management Plan for the Westbank First Nation Community Forest (WFN-CF).

This plan has already identified 21 sites within the WFN-CF which are candidates for forest fuel treatments. The recommended treatments have been developed to reduce the risk of wildfire within the WFN-CF and reduce the risk to neighbouring private properties.

In co-ordination with the Regional District of Central Okanagan, WFN has identified its first treatment unit. This unit 15 hectare unit is located on Trepanier Forest Service Road approximately 2.7 km west of the Coquihalla Connector overpass. Treatments will include thinning of understorey, removal of dead and dying trees, and pruning of ladder fuels.

This project will be managed by Heartland Economics, WFN's forest management department. We anticipate starting in March of 2010 subject to the securing of the appropriate authorizations.

We hope that this will be the first of many fuel management projects that are undertaken on the WFN-CF.

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