
Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative

Summary of March 2017 Program Material Updates

This document provides a summary of changes made to the program materials for the 2017 Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative. For complete program requirements please refer to the Program & Application Guides.

General

- The March 2017 updated program materials replace the January 2017 program materials.
- All guides have been updated to indicate that applicants will be advised of the status of their application within 60 days of the following 2017 application deadlines: January 27, April 28 and October 6.

Community Wildfire Protection Plans & CWPP Updates

- The budget section of the Application Form and the financial summary section of the Final Report Form have been amended to better align with the required content in the new 2017 CWPP template
- Mapping & Spatial Data Requirements:
 - Metadata standard change.
 - Removed requirement to submit the WILDLAND_URBAN_INTERFACE layer. This information is still required on the maps, but does not need to be submitted as spatial data
 - FUEL_TYPE layer:
 - Removed requirement for DEGREE_OF_CURING information.
 - LOCAL_THREAT_SCORE attribute has been moved from the WILDFIRE_RISK layer to the FUEL_TYPE layer where it is more applicable.
 - Now optional and only needs to be submitted if fuel types were updated.
 - Now only updated polygons need to be submitted.
 - THREAT_PLOT layer has been replaced by the FUEL_ASSESSMENT_PLOT layer.
 - Removed requirement for PROPOSED_FUEL_BREAK layer. This information is now incorporated into the PROPOSED_TREATMENT layer.
 - WILDFIRE_RISK layer: removed PSTA_THREAT_SCORE, LOCAL_THREAT_SCORE and WILDFIRE_THREAT_CLASS attributes. This layer now only contains Risk information.
 - STRUCTURES layer: removed STRUCTURE_TYPE attribute.
 - Attribute Value Reference Tables updated based on the changes above.

2017 Threat Assessment Guides & Worksheets (Version 2)

- Addition of a section in the Introduction (1.5 How the WTA Integrates with the CWPP Template Section 4 Wildfire Threat)
- Addition of sections in 2.1 Designing the Wildfire Threat Assessment (2.1.1 Field Planning and 2.1.2 Fuel Typing)
- Additional text added for clarification to the following sections, subsections or components:
 - 2.0 Completing the Wildfire Threat Assessment Worksheets
 - 2.1 Designing the Wildfire Threat Assessment
 - 3.1.2 Worksheet Components
 - Proximity of Fuel Treatment Area to Value
 - Vegetation Management Practices
 - Predominant Wildfire Spread Direction
 - Distance to Nearest Vehicle Access
 - Distance to Non-fuel Polygons near the Assessment Area
 - 3.1.3 Wildfire Threat Assessment - Priority Setting Scoring Summary
 - 3.2 Wildfire Threat Assessment Worksheet - Fuel Assessment (Site Level)
 - 3.1.2 Worksheet Components
 - Dead and Down Material Continuity ≤ 7 cm (% cover)
 - Ladder Fuel Composition
 - 3.2.3 Wildfire Threat Assessment – Site Level Scoring

Fuel Management Prescriptions

- The Required Application Contents, Required Final Report Contents and mapping and spatial data standards have been updated to better reflect the Wildfire Threat Assessment Information requirements in pre-2017 and 2017 CWPPs.
- Mapping & Spatial Data Requirements:
 - Metadata standard change
 - Updated to allow for use of pre-2017 or 2017 CWPP information:
 - THREAT_PLOT layer has been replaced by the FUEL_ASSESSMENT_PLOT layer for prescriptions using a 2017 CWPP.
 - THREAT_PLOT layer has been replaced by a modified version of the previous funding year's THREAT_PLOT layer for prescriptions using a pre-2017 CWPP.
 - Attribute Value Reference Table updates based on the changes above.

Operational Fuel Treatments

- A section of Joint Funding with the Forest Enhancement Society of BC has been added. See *below*.
- The Grant Maximum and Review of Applications sections and the Application Form have been updated to reflect opportunities for joint funding
- Mapping & Spatial Data Requirements:
 - Metadata standard change
 - Corrected attribute name error in OP_TREATMENT_UNIT layer: changed PREV_FUEL_TYPE to POST_FUEL_TYPE.
 - THREAT_PLOT layer has been replaced by a modified version of the previous funding year's THREAT_PLOT layer for operational/demo projects using a pre-2017 CWPP.
 - Attribute Value Reference Table updates based on the changes above.

Demonstration Projects

- Mapping & Spatial Data Requirements:
 - Operational and Demonstration projects will now use the same GIS Template for submission (will be available on the [BC Wildfire Service FTP site](#) soon). Layer names have been changed to reflect this.

Joint Funding with the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC)

Starting in April 2017, eligible applicants may apply through SWPI to access joint funding from the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC). Important considerations for joint funding include:

- Applications will follow the same technical review/Evaluation Committee process as other SWPI applications – but will also be reviewed by FESBC
- Applicants must meet all SWPI application and final report requirements (including all mapping and spatial data requirements)
- Projects must be on Crown land
- Applicant must agree to tender the project
- Joint funding circumstances may be combined

Funding permitting, joint funding is only available under the following circumstances:

1. Where an eligible applicant is actively engaged in SWPI and proposes an eligible project within the WUI that exceeds the annual SWPI funding limits, joint funding will be considered as follows: eligible costs up to the annual funding maximum (SWPI funding) and eligible costs that exceed the SWPI funding maximum (FESBC funding).
 - The applicant continues to be responsible for the 10% community contribution on all portions of projects completed under this circumstance.
2. Where a proposed eligible project involves an operationally logical treatment inside the WUI and outside the WUI on adjacent Crown land, joint funding will be considered for both the

WUI portions of the project (SWPI funding) and the non-WUI portions of the project, including the development of prescriptions for non-WUI areas (FESBC funding)

- The applicant continues to be responsible for the 10% community contribution on all portions of projects completed under this circumstance.
 - Projects should be primarily focused on the WUI but may extend into non-WUI
 - Prescriptions for WUI and non-WUI portions must be completed before application is submitted.
 - Cost of non-WUI prescription or amendment has been added as an eligible cost under the 2017 Operational Treatment funding stream (for jointly funded projects only) and can be incurred up to 12 months before application is submitted.
3. Where an eligible applicant can demonstrate that an eligible project within the WUI in an unincorporated area within a regional district cannot be treated due to fiscal constraints related to service area requirements and the required 10% community contribution, joint funding will be considered for the project as follows: 90% of eligible project costs (SWPI funding) and 10% of eligible project costs (FESBC funding)
- Results in 100% funding for eligible projects
 - May be combined with either of the circumstances above