



Cooperative Community Wildfire Response

UBCM Electoral Area Directors'
Forum

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BC Wildfire
Service

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of the Cooperative Community Wildfire Response project
- Live survey
- Q&A



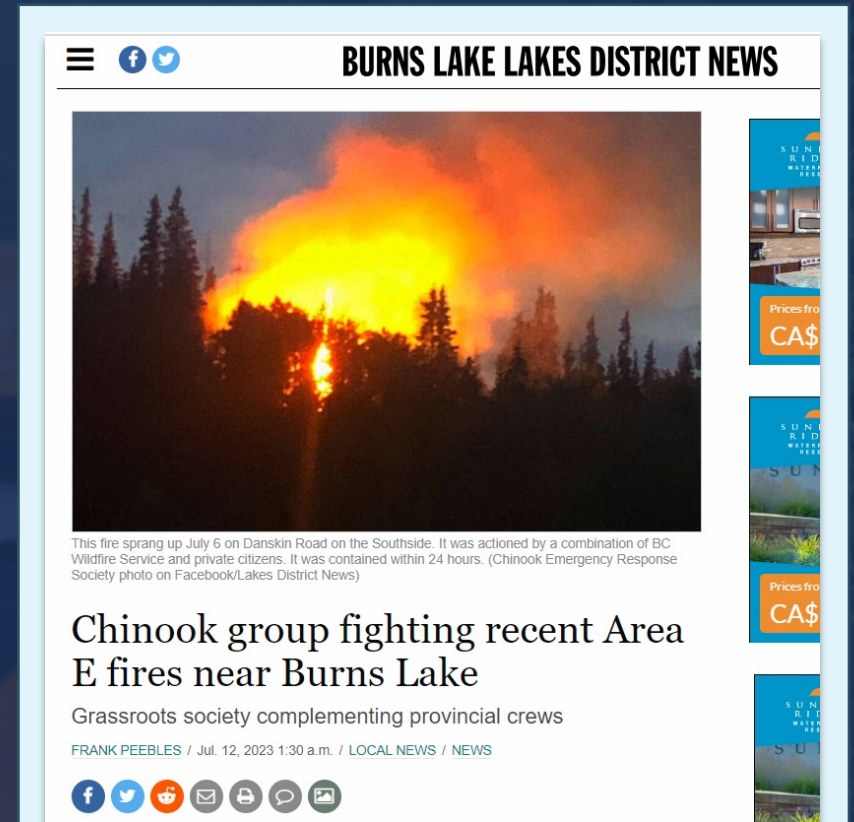
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Purpose

Supporting wildfire response capacity building and cooperation in rural communities across B.C.

Outcomes

- Standardized opportunities for community wildfire response with BCWS (e.g. Rancher Liaison, contract crew roles)
- Toolkit for BCWS and communities to work together proactively
- Improved cooperation between rural communities, BCWS and other emergency response organizations, safer for all



Chinook Emergency Response Society wildfire resilience and response team in Electoral Area E cooperates with the BCWS to respond to challenging fire situation in Bulkley-Nechako

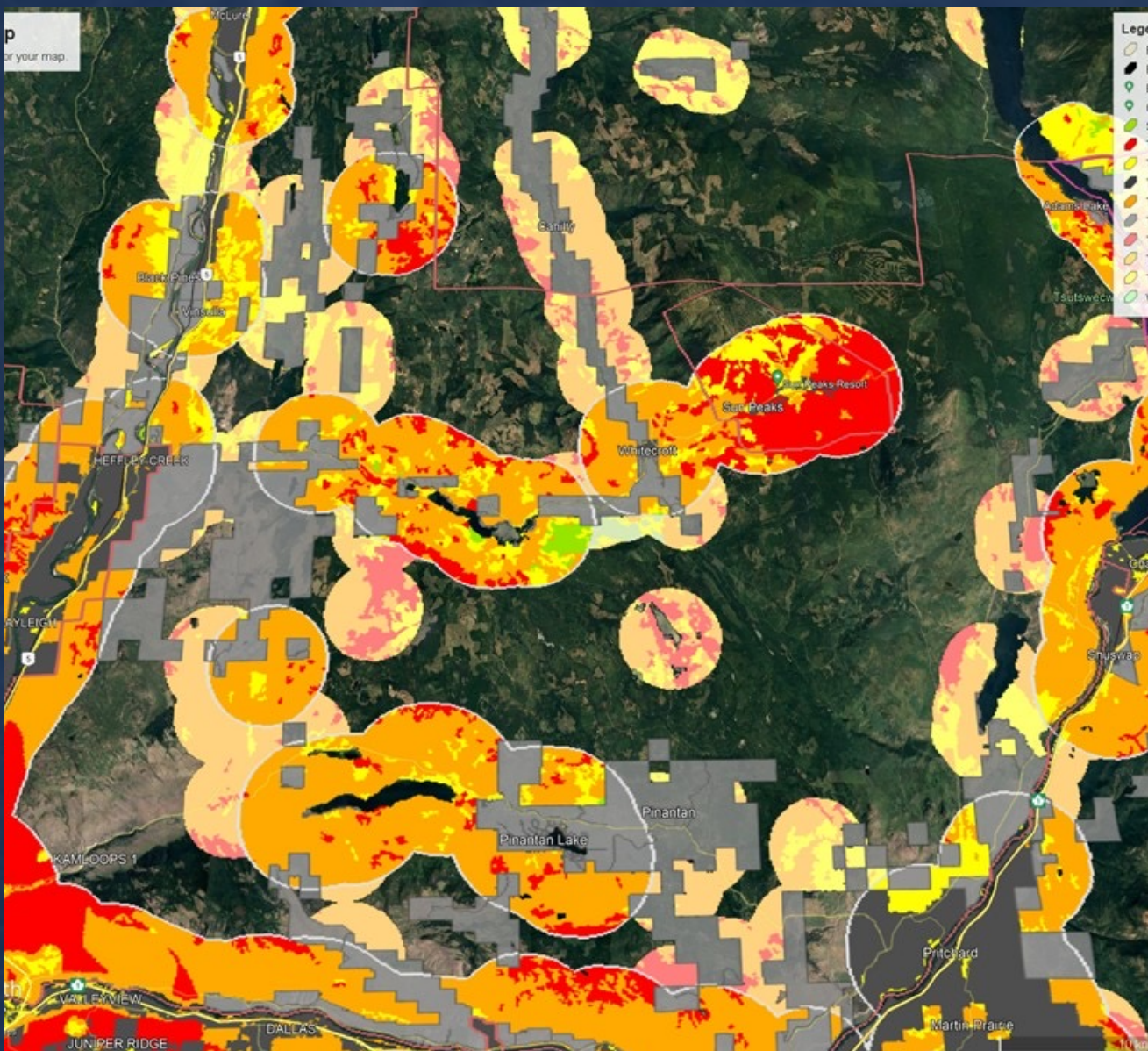
Engagement of EA Directors

- Survey options:
 - physical/paper copy
 - online via QR code
- Est. completion time: 10 – 15 mins
- Submit your surveys at **end of this session**, or complete online by October 15, 2023
- Results confidential & used only for purposes of this project



<https://tinyurl.com/CCWR-Survey>

Background Mapping



- Wildland urban interface (WUI)
- Private land
- Structural Fire Protection

Protection

Do you have rural communities outside of structural fire protection coverage?

If yes, for each area:

- Approx. population
- Full time/seasonal flux
- Other useful info?



Organization

How are these communities organized?

- Community Association or Society?
- Property Owners or Ratepayer's Association?
- Provide business contact info for each



Organization

Are communities not organized?

- Would you be willing to forward this to key community leaders in the future?
 - Yes
 - No



Organization

Are there informal wildfire fighting brigades?

- Not a fire department
- Provide business contact info for each



Challenges

Unique difficulties in your area?

- Historical solutions and their outcomes?
- How can that be integrated with BCWS?
- Ways to achieve community 'buy-in'?



Summary

BCWS & Rural Communities: A shared path forward



Reminder

Submit your surveys at end of this session (paper or online), or online by **October 15, 2023**



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THANK YOU.

Questions?
