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RE: National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day – FireSmart Canada

Fire Smart Canada is committed to promoting awareness and education aimed at reducing risk of loss of life and property from fire in the wildland urban interface and works across agencies to encourage community-based initiatives including Fire Smart and wildfire protection planning.

In May of 2015, the inaugural national Wildfire Community Preparedness Day in Canada was launched. In collaboration with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) and the Co-operators. Fire Smart Canada will be launching the 6th annual National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day in May, 2020.

We are encouraging all municipalities to challenge your community officials, groups, organizations, and neighborhoods to participate in a local mitigation project to help reduce the risk of wildfire damage to your community, homes and neighborhoods.

Participating in this 1-day Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, whether your project involves outreach and education initiatives, or on-site hazard fuel reduction on a wildland urban interface property, will raise community awareness, help protect homes and neighborhoods and the bring the entire community together to work towards becoming FireSmart.

Enclosed is an information card outlining details for this event. For more information on the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, example project ideas and how to submit your project application for 2020, please visit <https://firesmartcanada.ca/programs-and-education/wildfire-community-preparedness-day-2020/> or contact your local Fire Management Headquarters.

Sincerely,

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