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Wildfire Resiliency Planning and Engagement Project – A Year in Review

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Through a strong partnership with BC Wildfire Service, this project has focused on strengthening relationships, sharing knowledge, and building capacity where it's needed most. Over the past year, the BCCFA Wildfire Resiliency Planning and Engagement Project has continued to build momentum across the province, supporting community forests to advance wildfire resiliency work on the ground.

Targeted Support and Investment

- 14 community forests supported
- 15 projects funded
- \$382,000 total investment
- Funding ranged from ~\$6,300 to \$32,000 per project

Projects include tactical planning, prescription development, and treatment design to initiate or expand wildfire risk reduction efforts.

Progress Across a Planning Continuum

Work underway reflects a range of stages—from early planning to advanced, operational and landscape-level approaches. Community forests are working within this continuum based on their capacity, objectives, and local context.

Significant in-kind contributions, staff time, and resources continue to be invested by community forests. The application process itself has also supported broader engagement, with many CFAs advancing planning and strengthening relationships regardless of funding outcomes.

Regional Support and Partnerships

The Regional Liaison Team is playing a key role across BC:

- Gord Pratt (South)
- Sam Coggins (North)
- Simon Craig (Coast)

They are working directly with CFAs to navigate funding, connect practitioners, and support participation in wildfire planning processes.

The project is led by Jennifer Gunter, with support from Angela French and Erik Leslie, and in collaboration with partners including the University of British Columbia's Centre for Wildfire Coexistence and the Wildfire Resilience Consortium of Canada.