

Accelerating Wildfire Resilience in Canada Through Collaboration

Introducing the Wildfire Resilience Consortium of Canada (WRCC)

Throughout Canada, people are doing inspiring work to improve our wildfire resilience – from [FireSmart™](#) in communities, to efforts on the fire line, to stewardship of lands, to research across sectors, diverse groups of people are pitching in. You might be one of them!

Though this inspiring work happens from coast-to-coast-to-coast, it can be challenging to know who is doing what, where it is happening, and how others can learn from it.

The Wildfire Resilience Consortium of Canada (WRCC) is a national non-profit that was established in 2025 to help empower people to work together to transform wildfire resilience in Canada. Based on strong [foundational](#) work by wildfire leaders in Canada, the WRCC is specifically designed to support Indigenous fire stewardship, enhance knowledge exchange opportunities, and accelerate wildfire technology and innovation.



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Our vision
Providing all Canadians access to wildfire knowledge for a more resilient future.

Our mission
Engage with everyone in the wildland fire ecosystem and beyond; **Connect** knowledge holders, generators, and users; and **Accelerate** innovation in wildland fire management using a whole-of-society approach.

How Forestry Can Support Wildfire Resilience

Canada has experienced three of its most impactful wildfire seasons in the last five years, demonstrating the importance of wildfire resilience efforts. A key pathway for those efforts is through the forest sector: forest stewardship can effect change from the landscape-scale down to the community-level, with both short- and long-term opportunities for reducing wildfire risk.

Recently, the Forest Products Association of Canada detailed [how the forest sector can support wildfire resilience](#). From strategic thinning to data sharing to innovative silviculture, there are many ways the forest sector can be leaders in this space.

Building on the importance of data sharing, new resources like the [Canadian Wildfire Fuel Management Knowledge Base](#) and the [SIPEXchange](#) are also helping to make forestry knowledge related to wildfire resilience more accessible.

While access to information is important, the WRCC also supports opportunities for stronger connection and collaboration across people in the wildfire ecosystem.

Collaboration is Key

Collaboration amplifies benefits: when ideas connect, they evolve, strengthen, and spread. Collaboration can build relationships and trust across sectors, while improving planning and coordination. The WRCC is fostering collaboration in the wildland fire ecosystem by developing a [national knowledge exchange platform](#), hosting both regional and [national gatherings](#), and partnering with knowledge holders to create products that get wildfire knowledge to the people that need it most. Examples include: [Wildfire alters forest succession](#) and [Fire Regime Changes in Canada](#). Through this work, the WRCC aims to build and strengthen networks of collaborative wildfire resilience changemakers.

Real Examples of Where Collaboration is Making a Difference in the Forest Sector

Across Canada's forest sector, forestry-led collaborations are already delivering measurable gains for wildfire resilience. In interior British Columbia, the Fraser Basin Council convenes [Wildfire Roundtables](#) where forestry plays a central role. These collaborations bring municipalities, First Nations, industry, and government together to align fuels management, share lessons in real time, and build partnerships that move projects forward.

In the Yukon, Teslin Tlingit Council partnered with Yukon University and territorial forestry and fire agencies on [forest harvest and wildfire risk reduction research](#). The co-generated knowledge will help implement a Timber Harvest Plan that prioritizes conifer stand conversion to reduce wildfire risk, in addition to supporting the growth of culturally important plants in the future deciduous forest.

In Alberta, the [Northwest Grizzly Bear Team](#) shows how forestry helps anchor cross-sector collaboration. The forest sector worked alongside industry, government, public and Indigenous partners to manage complex risks through coordinated action to bridge knowledge gaps and inform next steps. These examples make it clear: when forestry leads and collaborates, outcomes are stronger, knowledge moves faster, and landscape-scale challenges like wildfire become more manageable.

Engage with the WRCC

Whether you are working on broader forest management planning, detailed harvesting plans, silvicultural prescriptions, or fuel reduction strategies with communities, your work can enhance wildfire resilience. From learning how to begin, to sharing your success stories, everyone can contribute or learn from collaborative, purpose-built, networks.



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To make our work place-based, the WRCC is establishing seven regional networks in Canada, each convened by a Regional Coordinator. In 2026, the Regional Coordinators will launch webpages to highlight regional success stories and share upcoming events. Visit our [website](#) to learn who your Regional Coordinator is, find updates on these offerings, and reach out to help direct our work:

- What knowledge do you or others need to live better with fire?
- What work are you doing to advance wildfire resilience in your area?
- What topics should be addressed in regional or national events about wildfire resilience?
- Where are there needs for collaboration in your wildfire work? Who specifically should be involved?