



NOTICE

SIFCo to begin Wildfire Home Survey Project in November 2019

Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative (SIFCo), in cooperation with the Villages of Silvertown, New Denver, and Slocan is rolling out a new Wildfire Home Preparedness Project that aims to conduct a baseline snap shot of residents' current awareness of wildfire risk to their properties and their barriers to completing risk reduction activities within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) boundary of the Villages. The initial work will be conducted by SIFCo personnel during business hours who will canvas door to door the homeowners in New Denver, Silvertown and Slocan. Personnel will capture a general impression of how well each home is aware of wildfire risk, a home's level of preparedness, and what concerns or issues homeowners have related to preparing for a wildfire event.

The wildfire threat to the Villages of the Slocan Valley has been well documented in the recently completed 2019 Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP). The high-risk rating of the surrounding landscape identified in the CWPP and the recent wildfire seasons in 2017-2018 underscore the need to take action by fully assessing our risk and level of preparedness. The door-to-door survey will provide valuable data to inform decisions about wildfire management support programs in the Slocan Valley.

This project is intended to be among the first steps in supporting local homeowners to prepare for wildfire risk within the Slocan Valley. For second home owners or residents who may miss the opportunity, they can contact the Wildfire Resiliency Program directly using the contact details below.

For more information, please contact Wildfire Resiliency Assistant Program Manager Amanda Murphy at 250-226-7012 or by email at wildfire@sifco.ca . Additional information may be found at <https://www.sifco.ca/wildfire>.

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