



Okanagan Indian Band

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MEMBER BULLETIN

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OKIB Fuel Management Worker Training Opportunity - *START DATE EXTENDED*

The goal is to increase employability and skills development for members of the Okanagan Indian Band. The development of the necessary skills to enhance employment capacity by training new members and to create in-house additional fuel management crews.

The development of selected individuals for fuel management crews will involve training and certification in Danger Tree Assessment, First Aid, Wildfire Suppression and Safety, and Power Saw Operations. These individuals will be utilized to conduct work on the Fuel Management Demonstration Project, providing opportunity to build experience, teamwork, supervisory skills, and burning/wildfire skills.

The demonstration project will occur in the unit immediately south of Birch Creek (previously Whiteman Creek). The newly trained hand crew will thin and drag all stems to the existing roads where it will be sorted and piled. Stems appropriate for fire wood will be bucked and piled for local member use or for deliver to elders. 1600 person hours or 200 man days

Danger Tree Assessor Course x 2 (Trainers will identify best candidates)

First Aid OFA 1 with Transport Endorsement x 10

S100/185 Basic Fire Suppression & Safety x 10 (all inclusive)

Power Saw Operator x 10 (all inclusive)

Funds will cover the cost of the courses for selected individuals identified by OKIB (640 person hours)

Other proposed outcomes and performance measures: Provide certifications, training, skillsets for selected individuals to field project crews for OKIB FireSmart and Fuel

Anticipated Start Date October 25th 2021