

BC Wildfire Service Letter of Support

Forest Enhancement Society of BC
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To whom it may concern:

Re: Mountain Labyrinths Inc. FESBC Application for Landscape Scale Fuel Breaks to Protect Revelstoke and Area

I am writing you on behalf of BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). Our organization supports the application to the Forest Enhancement Society of BC from Mountain Labyrinths Inc., in partnership with B.A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd., and retired BCWS Wildfire Officer Archie McConnachie, to design and initiate implementation of landscape scale fuel breaks to protect the City of Revelstoke and the local area.

This team has been working on community wildfire protection for the Revelstoke area since 2009. Their most recent project, completed in 2013, included identification of *community scale* fuel breaks or defensible areas around the perimeter of the populated area, and updating the Revelstoke and Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

One of the highest priorities in the updated CWPP is to identify and establish *landscape scale* fuel breaks, or defensible areas, around the community. Their project plan includes working closely with staff from the City of Revelstoke Fire Rescue Services, BC Wildfire Services Columbia Fire Zone, Parks Canada and Columbia Shuswap Regional District, whom they have worked with in the past, as well as with the District Office of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, local forest licensees, and First Nations claiming traditional territory in the area who wish to be involved. The team has contacts with recreational and other user groups to engage these interests if needed as well.

Based on our past positive working relationships with team members, we are confident that this team brings together the best local knowledge, provincial scale wildfire expertise, GIS capacity and project management skills to complete the project efficiently to meet our local needs.

We will allocate staff time to participate in this project throughout the design and implementations phases.

We encourage you to support this application.

Please contact me if you require more information.



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