

How to use the Wildland Urban Interface Risk Class Maps

This guide outlines how to use the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Risk Class maps.

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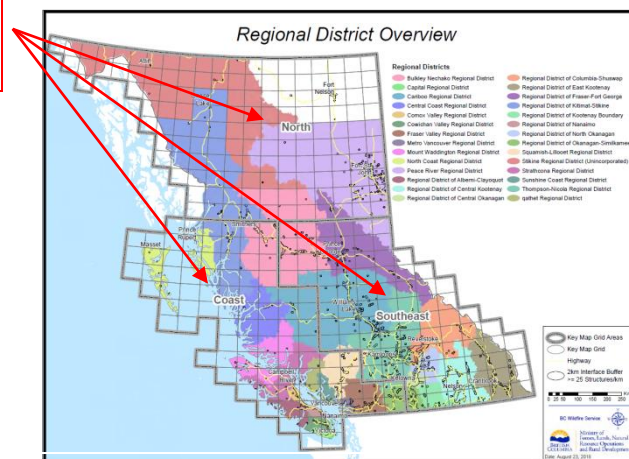
OVERVIEW MAPS - HYPERLINKED

The BC Overview Map by Regional District can be found by clicking the below link:

[WUI Risk Class - BC Overview By Regional District](#)

Clicking the link above will open this overview map of British Columbia divided into North, Southeast and Coast. Click on an area of the province to open a more detailed Key Map of the region.

Click on map to open the detailed Key Map



BC Overview Map by Regional District (Image Clip)

Key Map (Image Clip)



The detailed Key Map will open – this map will include some basic features for you to orient yourself.

The grids represent the extent of the large maps.

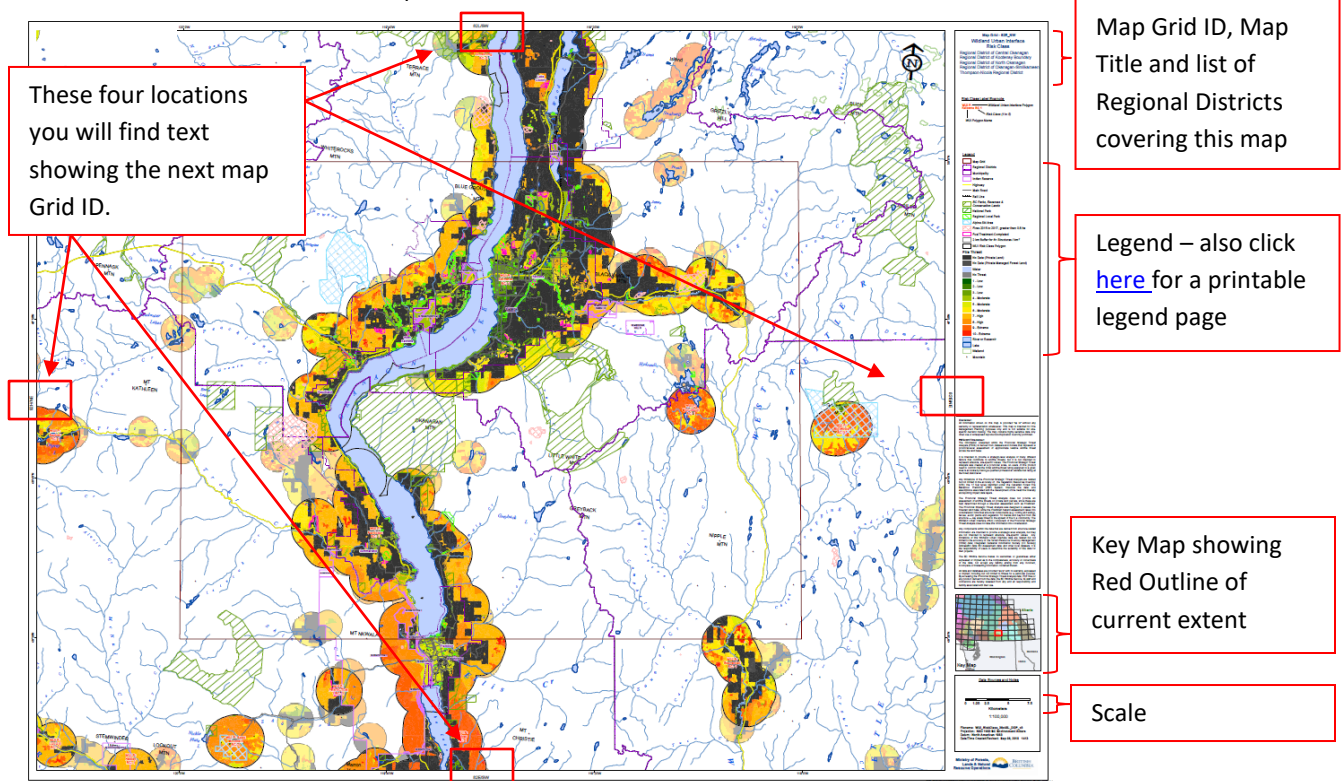
Click on a grid to open the large WUI Risk Class map of that area.

Use the **back button** in the web browser to navigate back to the overview map. Or click [here](#).



WUI RISK CLASS MAP – FEATURES

Here are some features on the map.



LABELS - WUI RISK CLASS MAPS

BCWS generates a standard provincial set of WUI Risk Class Maps by grid ID.

At each WUI Polygon group you will see an orange label and a number representing the Risk Class, see Image 1 below. The WUI Polygon PSTA info will be a solid fill colour while the lighter colour represents PSTA for the area where the structure density is 6 structures/km² or greater, as seen in Image 2.

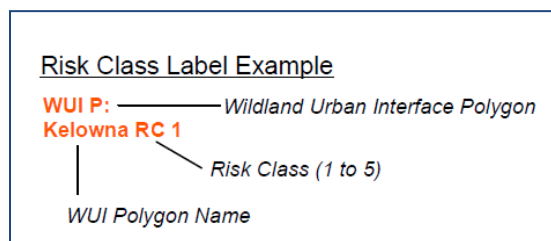


Image 1: Risk Class Label Example

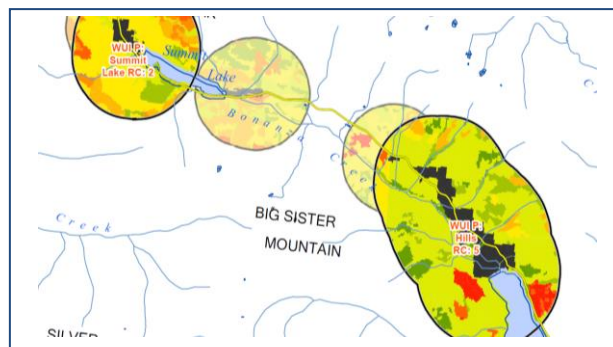


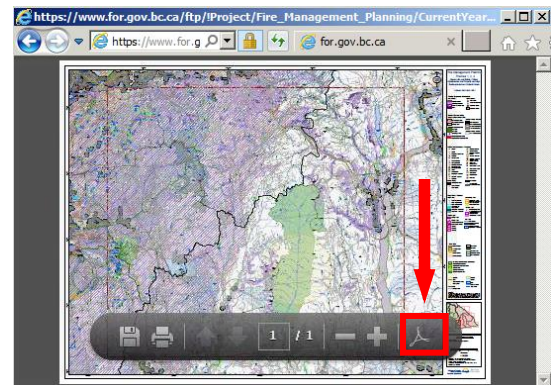
Image 2: WUI Risk Class Map Example, solid vs transparency

UNCOVERING ADOBE PDF TOOL FUNCTIONS IN INTERNET EXPLORER

- Hover your mouse at the bottom middle of the web browser until the dark grey toolbar appears.
- Click the Adobe symbol which will activate the tools and display options.

*Note these WUI Risk Class maps can be viewed in any web browser (Chrome, Safari, Microsoft Edge, FireFox, etc.).

*For the advanced Adobe Tools use Internet Explorer.



HOW TO ZOOM IN THE MAP VIA ADOBE IN INTERNET EXPLORER

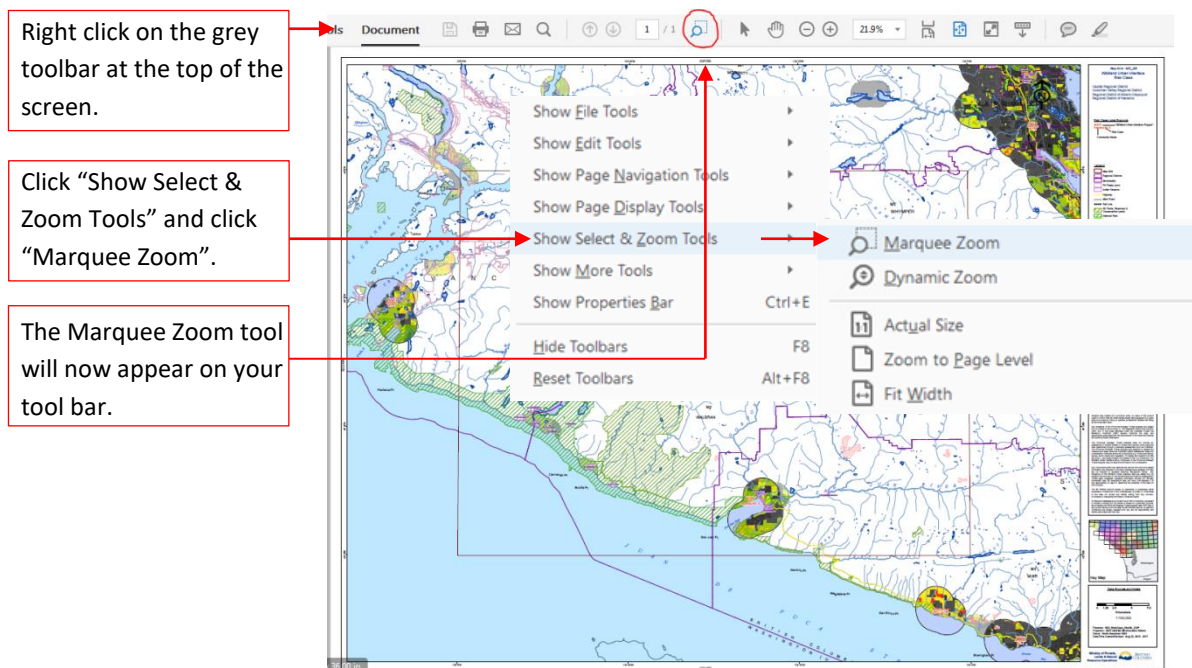
Zoom tools are available in Adobe via Internet Explorer.



Here are two other ways to zoom in Adobe via Internet Explorer:

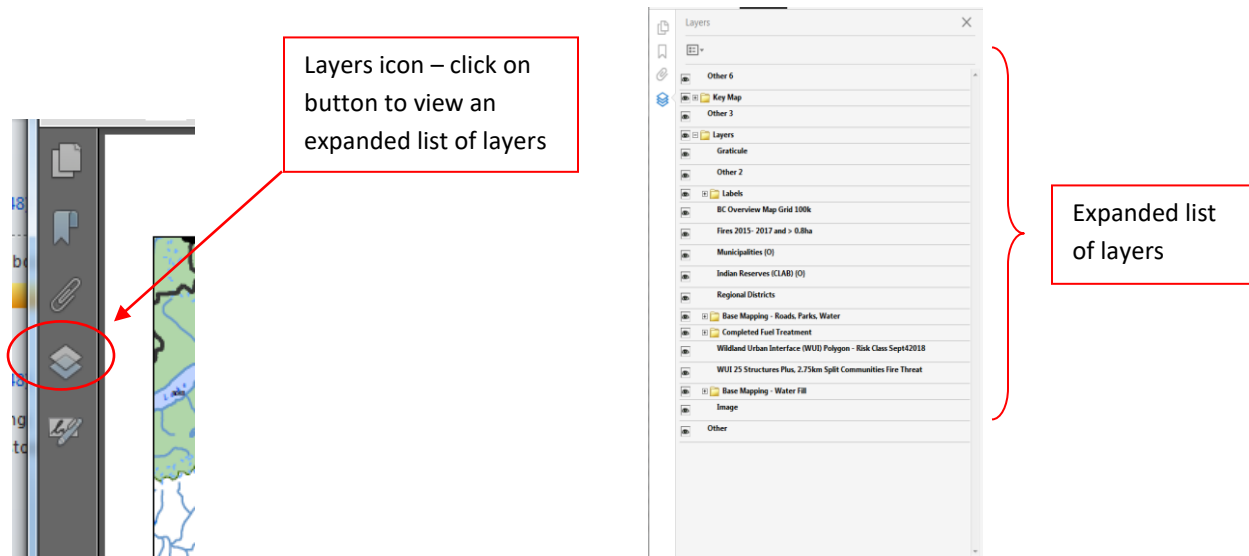
*Make sure you have enabled the adobe pdf tool function button (see [Uncovering Adobe PDF Tool Function via Internet Explorer](#))

- Hold down the Ctrl key on your keyboard and scroll with your mouse. This will zoom in and out of the map.
- Or, add the marquee zoom tool to draw a rectangle on the map and zoom to that location. This is useful on the larger maps to zoom to a specific area, see below:



LAYER LISTS - HOW TO TURN LAYERS ON OR OFF IN ADOBE VIA INTERNET EXPLORER

On the left hand side of the pdf map there should be a vertical panel of icons visible. If there are no icons then click the little grey arrow on the left hand side to open the side panel. In the side panel there are several icons. Clicking on the layers icon will expand to show the layers in the map. Click on the + to expand the different categories.



Click on the eye  beside each layer name to turn a layer on and off

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