



# Media Release

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## Selous Creek Wildfire Risk Reduction Project

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and Kalesnikoff are collaborating on a Selous Creek fuel management project that is designed to reduce the risk of wildfire adjacent to the City of Nelson and the Selous Creek water intake.

This project is supported through funding from the Forest Enhancement Society of BC and covers an area of approximately 65 hectares directly upslope from the Rail Trail on provincial Crown land.

The main objectives of the project are to reduce wildfire risk by retaining large, healthy fire-resistant trees, while removing dense understory trees and surface fuels, as well as enhancing infrastructure protection for potential future suppression efforts.

Similar projects have been completed in our area including in West Arm Provincial Park and Harrop Procter Community Forest. The Selous Creek project is unique due to its scope and scale, as well as the high level of collaboration between regional and municipal governments, fire services and a local licensee.

The planning for this project commenced in 2017. Kalesnikoff developed the cutting specifications in consultation with the RDCK and local experts. The first of several cutting permits was issued on June 3, 2021, and work is expected to go into this winter. Final debris removal may continue in 2022, depending on weather and local burning conditions.

Additional information is available at [www.rdck.ca/Selous](http://www.rdck.ca/Selous)

If you have questions, please contact project manager John Cathro at [cathro@neidea.com](mailto:cathro@neidea.com) or 250.505.3513.

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