



# Media Release

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## Selous Creek Wildfire Risk Reduction Treatment Commencement Notification

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has collaborated with several project partners to complete a fuel management project aimed at reducing wildfire risk in Selous Creek near the City of Nelson. Started in 2017, this unique project is supported by funding from the Forest Enhancement Society of BC and is an example of the high level of collaboration between regional and municipal governments, fire services and a local timber licensee.

This complex project consists of the following **completed** phases of treatment:

- 65 ha of mechanical harvesting by Kalesnikoff Lumber Company;
- 20 ha of mechanical fuel modification (debris piling);
- 5.5 ha of understory hand treatment along The Vein bike trail and surrounding areas; and,
- 2 ha of understory hand treatment along the Rail Trail.

Coming into the final stages of the project the following treatments will commence this autumn:

- 5.5 ha of understory hand treatment along the Rail Trail;
- 40 ha of machine-tethered fuel modification to create a debris-free guard around the outer perimeter of the harvested area and around reserve patches; and,
- Prescribed burning.

The prescribed burn will be completed under the direction of BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) this autumn and again next spring or autumn, dependent upon weather conditions and BCWS availability.

During operations the Rail Trail will have some restricted use during weekdays; please respect workers and posted signage.

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@netidea.com](mailto:cathro@netidea.com) or 250.505.3513.

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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