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19	20 Band Meeting 5:00PM	21 Chief & Council	22	23	24	25
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Community Information and Upcoming Events

Happy Birthday to everyone in the month of March!!



Community Garden

We want to hear from YOU!

What do you want grown in this years community garden?

What would make you visit the community garden more often?

Do you have any events you want to see happen in the community garden?

Do you have any suggestions for the community garden?

Send any comments or questions to ?aqam's Land and Resource Project coordinator at snikkel@aqam.net or call 778-761-3171.



Salmon, Salmon, Salmon.

Frozen: Whole
Canned: Large or Small Jars



Contact Kim at the Administration Office at 778-761-0913 or khalvorson@aqam.net



7970 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC V1C 9E4 { 604.426.5717 } T: 250.426.5717 F: 250.426.8935

Garbage Removal Contract

Garbage Removal Contract is up for bid for the 2023 - 2026 seasons. Closing date is March 10th. For a bid contract please email smore@aqam.net or stop by the Reception desk



?aqam Administration Community Contact List Update

Please contact receptionist@aqam.net or ksnow@aqam.net with your current phone number, email and mailing address
This information is for Administration communication purposes only and will not be shared.



PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED FOR SPRING 2023 ON AQAM FEDERAL RESERVE LANDS

February 14, 2023

AQAM and area residents are advised that AQAM, in conjunction with the BC Wildfire Service, are planning to conduct a 1,240 hectare prescribed burn between April 1- April 30, 2023, weather and burning conditions permitting. The prescribed burn unit is immediately East of the Canadian Rockies International Airport and extends East to Mission Road on Federal Reserve lands described as Kootenay IR No. 1.

The prescribed burn is being conducted for ecosystem enhancement purposes- to improve biodiversity while reducing wildfire risk. The practice of using fire (ᐅᐱ-ᐱᐱᐱᐱ) to support ecosystem renewal and health is a management practice that has been implemented by AQAM for generations.

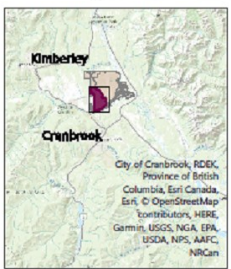
This project will improve habitat for several species including Elk (ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ), Deer (ᐱᐱᐱᐱ), Flammulated Owl (ᐱᐱᐱ), Lewis' Woodpecker (ᐱᐱᐱᐱ) and Little Brown Bat (ᐅᐱ-ᐱᐱᐱ).

To accommodate sensitive wildlife species the burn will not take place after May 1st. Over the likely two-day ignition period, area residents can expect to experience periods of smoke. However, the burn will be conducted under weather conditions that will minimize the impacts and duration of smoke. Public safety is paramount so access to the burn unit will be limited until the area can be assessed for danger trees and hot spots.

To learn more about this prescribed burn, please join us at the **Dan Joe Memorial Gymnasium** at 7500 Mission Road, Cranbrook BC V1C 7E5 on **March 2nd from 5-7 PM.**

Contacts:

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Airport Pasture Treatment Area

Scale: 1:20,000


0 0.5 1 km

NAD83 UTM Zone 11N

Map updated February 8, 2023
by Skylar Nikkel, Lands & Resources Project Coordinator
data provided by John Braoe, Registered Professional Forester,
Nupqu Development Corporation and the Province of BC

Orthoimagery courtesy of Canfor
Data is compiled from several sources, and the up-to-date digital files may not reside at this office

Legend
Prescribed Burn Area



**INVITATION TO QUOTE
PRESCRIBED BURN PREPARATIONS CONTRACT
MARCH-MAY 2023**

Location
Kootenay IR No. 1 (see attached map).

Timeline

- Weather permitting, all field work must be completed by March 31, 2023.
- Reporting must be completed May 31, 2023

Deliverables

- Wildlife Tree Raking**
 - 79 wildlife trees, ranked as High and Very High value, require the raking of ground fuels to a 3m radius on each tree to reduce the risk of fire spread to the tree (GPS locations will be provided for wildlife tree locations).
 - Ensure that no piles or accumulations result from the removal of the fuels, as this will put the wildlife tree at increased risk
 - Document with Photographs:
 - Pre-treatment: Document wildlife tree or patch with two photographs. One photo which best shows tree characteristic or condition, ie: basal scar, (closer photo) and one photograph which shows the overall tree (+/-full tree).
 - Post Treatment: The Contractor shall document the prepared (raked) tree to show treatment conducted. It requires one photo per tree showing the tree condition and protective results pre burn.
 - Post Burn, the contractor shall revisit and re-photograph each treated tree post burn (May 2023) to document success of treatment.

- Report is an excel spreadsheet that includes site locations and photo documentation, as above.
- Fenceline Post Raking**
 - 2.75 km of fenceline raking- All wooden fence posts require raking to bare mineral soil 20 cm around each post
 - No treatment required for spacers between posts
 - Corral**
 - Dig a fireguard 30 cm in width and down to bare mineral soil around the corral at a distance of 20 m from the structure.
 - Signage Removal/Installation**
 - Remove and collect any visible signage in the project area.
 - Reinstall signage post prescribed burn.

Insurance
The Contractor shall ensure that the proper licenses and insurance are carried as defined by local, provincial, or federal laws/regulations.

Bid Closing
All bids are to be submitted on the attached bid sheet, in a sealed envelope marked "confidential" by 4:30 p.m. on Friday March 10th, 2023 to:

Skylar Nikkel, Lands and Resources Project Coordinator
7470 Mission Road
Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 7E5
snikkel@aqam.net
778-761-3171

*****Incomplete bids will not be accepted

THE BAND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY OR ALL BIDS. THE LOWEST BID WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE ACCEPTED AS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.



**INVITATION TO QUOTE
PRESCRIBED BURN PREPARATIONS
BID SHEET**

Bidder Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Bidder's Address: _____

BID DETAILS:

\$ _____ per tree x 79 trees = \$ _____

\$ _____ per km x 2.75 km = \$ _____

for corral fireguard \$ _____

signage removal/installation \$ _____

final reporting \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Required Attachments

- Please attach the following documentation:
- Photocopy of Driver's License
 - WCB Clearance letter or indication you will be obtaining WCB coverage.
 - Adequate insurance coverage or indication of obtaining coverage.

In submitting this bid, I understand and acknowledge that I will be required to sign a legally binding contract, effective March 15, 2023 ending May 31, 2023. As an independent contractor, I will be required to supply all labor, equipment and materials to complete the deliverables within the contract including but not limited to arranging for adequate insurance coverage and adherence to all regulatory agencies having jurisdiction.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

DATE

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