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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## TNRD FireSmart, Public Libraries Team Up For Regional Roadshow

Kamloops, BC – July 18, 2023 – Over the next three weeks, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) FireSmart program is hitting the road for Thompson-Nicola Regional Library community branches to offer FireSmart educational opportunities.

The objective of each community library visit will be to educate and interact with residents of the TNRD, and raise awareness and understanding of how to mitigate the risk of damage from wildfire on their property. Brochures and other educational materials will also be provided.

"We have been active across rural areas of the Thompson-Nicola region this spring and summer, attending as many community events as possible and connecting directly with residents," said Dan Funk, FireSmart Coordinator. "We are looking forward to our regional roadshow at our community libraries, which will be another tool in the toolbox to inform residents about why they should protect their homes from wildfires, and how easy it is to do in many cases."

"We know all too well the risk of wildfires in our region, and aligning the TNRD FireSmart program with our community libraries is one way we can bring this important messaging directly to our residents," said Melissa Lowenberg, Manager of Community Libraries & Engagement.

The schedule for the upcoming FireSmart community library visits are as follows:

- July 18, 2023: Chase Library: 11 am to 4 pm
- July 19, 2023: Blue River Library: 10 am to 2 pm
- July 20, 2023: Clearwater Library: 10 am to 4 pm
- July 25, 2023: Cache Creek Library: 10 am to 2 pm
- July 27, 2023: Clinton Library: 1:30 pm to 5 pm
- July 28, 2023: Logan Lake Library: 11 am to 3 pm
- August 1, 2023: Ashcroft Library: 10 am to 3 pm
- August 3, 2023: Mobile Library:
  - o Avola: 10 am to 11 am
  - o Vavenby: 12:30 pm to 2 pm
  - o Birch Island: 3:15 pm to 4 pm
- August 4, 2023: Savona Library: 11 am to 3 pm

Please note that a local FireSmart Coordinator is established in TNRD Member Municipalities of Barriere, Merritt and Kamloops, where the TNRD also owns and operates library branches. Residents in those communities can contact their local government or local fire department directly for more information.

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To learn more about how to FireSmart your home and property, and to find resources including the FireSmart BC Homeowner's Manual and the Farm/ Ranch Wildfire Plan Guide, visit: tnrd.ca/firesmart.

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