

# Cokel Wildfire Services

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## Opportunity

New federal funding through the **Emergency Management FireSmart™ Program** empowers Indigenous communities to safeguard their lands and homes. As a 100% Indigenous-owned company, Cokel Forestry guides you through grant applications and in partnership with your local leadership provides you with specialized wildfire services, to build resilient FireSmart communities.

## We Offer

### Wildfire Pre-suppression Planning

Preparing for wildfires is a vital step to safeguard your community, starting with a **preliminary review** and followed by an **in-depth visit to assess local conditions**. By integrating your traditional knowledge and expertise, a tailored report with practical recommendations will be provided for your review.

### Wildfire Risk Assessments

Our wildfire services prioritize the safety of Indigenous communities through **expert planning, design, and construction of fireguards**. We collaborate closely with community leaders to create tailored fireguard solutions that protect homes, cultural sites, and natural resources from wildfire threats. Using sustainable practices and local knowledge, our team designs robust fireguards to reduce fire risk while preserving the land's ecological and cultural value.

### Fuel Reduction, Forest Thinning, Prescribed Burning

Vegetation management is vital to a safe community. Cokel Forestry partners with the Indigenous community and local contractors to effectively and efficiently reduce wildfire threat through **strategic vegetation removal**, which balances wildfire risk while keeping the community looking natural.

### Fire Breaks

A fire break is an important protection feature. It is a **linear vegetation break** around the community, that allows wildfire suppression crews to set up **defensive measures**.

### Wildland Fire Crew Training

For provinces that allow contractor wildfire training, the Cokel Wildfire Division is able to deliver the **Type II Firetrack Training** to assist in community members becoming eligible to work for contractor crews and then bring that knowledge back to the community in times of need.

### Fire Mapping

Cokel Forestry has **professional GIS mapping services** available to assist in the planning and implementation of the FireSmart work.

### FireSmart Training, Workshops, Conferences

Becoming FireSmart requires the community to be engaged and proactive in wildfire management. Cokel will **train local crews to complete FireSmart work** and set up **community workshops** or town halls to help residents become wildfire aware.

### Community and Youth Engagement

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