

## Whitecourt Forest Area

# Hazard Reduction Burn

### Project description

A hazard reduction burn is a planned, controlled burning of high-hazard vegetation conducted by highly trained professional firefighters. These burns occur in grassy vegetation typically located along industrial right-of-ways and within the wildland urban interface surrounding communities. This burn will be approximately 23 hectares in size and is located just northwest of the golf course and just east of the airport by the Town of Fox Creek, Alberta. In preparation for this hazard reduction burn, provincial firefighters have planned extensively to ensure public safety. Burning will only begin when conditions are within the established burning prescription window. Firefighters will manage and monitor this burn until it's fully extinguished.

### Goal

- Strategic removal of hazardous grass around the Town of Fox Creek, reducing the risk of wildfire.
- Reduce the risk of a wildfire igniting from the use of Off-Highway (OHV) / Utility vehicles (UHV) in the area.
- Increase firefighting training and cooperation between the Fox Creek Fire Department and Government of Alberta firefighters.

### Benefit

- Enhance community protection by safely removing high-risk areas of grass vegetation.
- Reinforce pre-planned wildfire containment lines surrounding the Town of Fox Creek.

### Timeline

The hazard reduction burn is scheduled to take place during the spring of 2024. Ignition will only take place when weather conditions are conducive to burning, and when safe to do so.

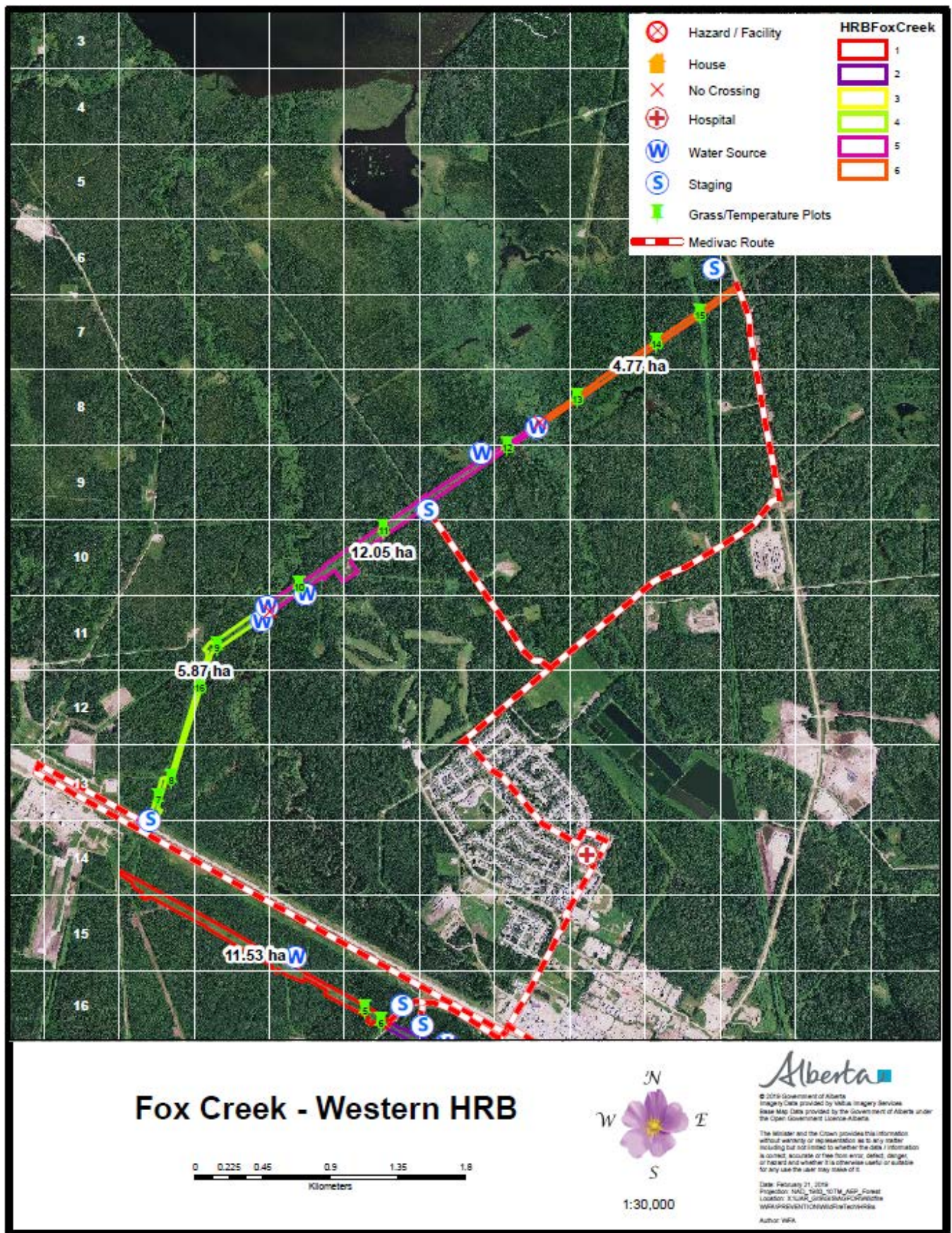
### Road closures

All public roads and highways will remain open during the hazard reduction burn. Minor delays may occur resulting from localized smoke concerns. Smoke notification signs will be in place along major roadways. The immediate area adjacent to the hazard reduction burn has a public access closure until the area is safe to enter.



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