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Tŝilhqot'in Using Technology to Restore Traditional Land in the Chilcotin



WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. - With support from the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC), Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation (CCR) is using drones to reforest areas of the Chilcotin plateau devastated by the 2017 wildfires.

The project is a trial using drones and hand deployment to direct seed close to 52 hectares

- roughly the area of 128 football fields - with thousands of both Lodgepole pine and Douglas fir. The seeds are embedded in a small vessel which contains a mix of soil and nutrients to give the seeds the best chance at germination. If successful, large fire-impacted areas can be restored much faster than by hand planting alone.

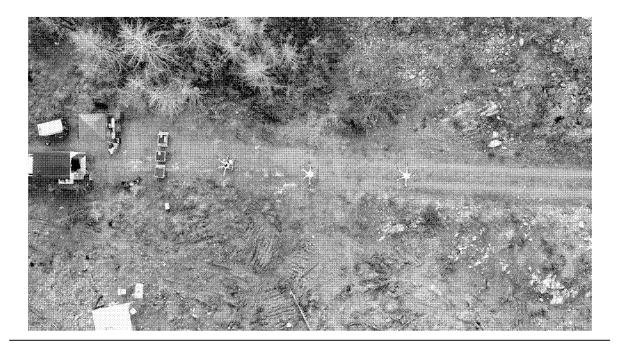
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"Generations and generations relying on the land, and having the fire come through was very devastating for a lot of people," said Paul Grinder, Councillor, Tl'etinqox Government. "This is just another way to improve and help the forest regenerate as fast as possible."

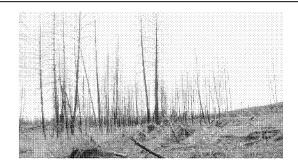
"We're doing this important work through CCR rehabilitating forest stands that have been devastated by wildfire," remarked Percy Guichon, Director, CCR. "Proving CCR has the capability and capacity to help manage our resources and our territories goes a long way towards supporting our future."

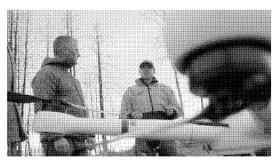
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