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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Irene Israel, Manager of Emergency Program Services

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Short Summary:

2023 UBCM CRI FireSmart Funding & Supports Project Update

Background:

Last year, the CRD Emergency Program Services staff were successful in their application to the 2023 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) FireSmart Community Funding and Supports for \$312,700.

As we approach the final stages of the project, here is an update in preparation for the 2024 funding application, which will provide support for FireSmart programming in 2025.

Travis Flanagan, the FireSmart Educator for the CRD, will provide an update of his activities.

Highlights:

The FireSmart educator participated in 25 community FireSmart events in the Cariboo Regional District with more planned until the end of 2024.

\$150,000 was used to waive tipping fees for off site vegetative debris disposal for residential property or homeowners who have taken vegetation management.

Participation in Community Roundtables and creation of the CRD Wildfire Resiliency staff committee.