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2025 Business Plan Wildwood Fire Protection (1365)

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Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.

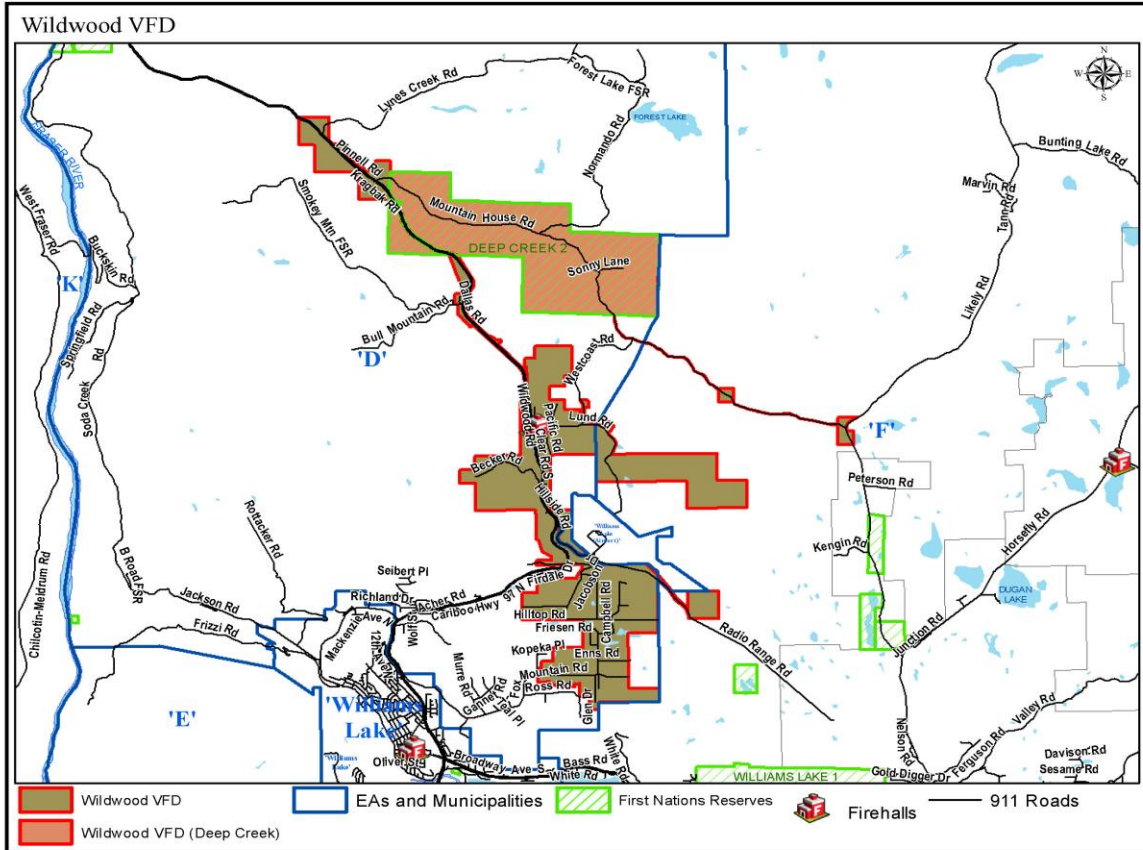
Department/Function Services



The Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department, authorized by Bylaw No. 1913 (1986) and Bylaw No. 2319 (1989), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. Wildwood Fire Protection was amended in 2008 by Bylaw No. 4435. Wildwood Fire Protection is funded by a taxation rate applied against the assessed value of land and improvements within the local service area. The maximum taxation rate that can be collected is the greater of \$34,325 or \$3.71/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection and first responder services within their specified area.

The Directors for Electoral Areas D and F are responsible for the governance of this service.



Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2025 Wildwood VFD Goals

1. **Goal:** Upgrade firehall lighting with LED lights.
Rationale: Replacing existing lighting with better lighting and higher efficiency will allow for a safer and greener environment.
Strategy: Use operational funds.
2. **Goal:** Replace overhead airlines.
Rationale: Current airlines are not compliant and a tripping hazard.
Strategy: Use operational funds.
3. **Goal:** Acquire pickup for first responder and wildfire response.
Rationale: Acquiring a used pickup truck with 4x4 will allow for better response to first responder and wildfire incidents.
Strategy: Use capital funds.

Significant Issues & Trends

Issues: Recruitment and Retention; Capital Asset Management; Records Management; and Equipment Standardization.

The sustainability of small volunteer departments is being challenged not only by rapidly increasing legislative requirements and related costs but all the increasing administrative demands which accompany these requirements.

- **Recruitment:** Protective Services will continue to work in conjunction with Communications to enhance advertising programs ensuring maximum exposure on multiple platforms in regard to recruiting.
- **Capital Asset Management:** The Cariboo Regional District is researching options for an asset management program. Protective Services will work with other departments to utilize this to identify possible shortcomings of the firehalls and hire qualified professionals to evaluate the buildings.
- **Records Management:** Protective Services staff will work with VFD personnel to implement and maintain records management for all fire department documents as per mandated requirements.
- **Equipment Standardization:** The standardization of equipment will allow for better operational functionality during emergency response with mutual aid partners. Protective Services will establish a committee to choose standardized equipment and work with Procurement to purchase as budgets allow.