

Friends of Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park

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On a rare, wet and rainy day last June, Forest Consultant Bruce Morrow outlined details of a proposed wildfire risk reduction plan for the Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park and adjacent Crown land to interested attendees. Pictured here (far left) Bruce Morrow, Forest Consultant. On horseback (left) Yvonne Prokopetz, President of the Barnhartvale Horse & Hikers Trail Preservation Society, and Jim Sloper, Chair, Wetlands Restoration Committee.

Forest Management Plan for Park

For those expressing curiosity over the many ribbons festooning the Park Trails and adjacent Blackwell Trails System, there is a simple explanation.

The City of Kamloops is planning a wildfire threat reduction and ecosystem restoration project in the **Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park** and neighbouring Crown land. The recent pine beetle kill has resulted in many dead and downed trees creating a dangerous ground fuel situation that requires remediation.

The project will also thin the Douglas Fir forest in some areas to enhance forest health.

The work should reduce the risk of a catastrophic wildfire event that includes difficult-to-control behaviours such as candling or crowning. If a fire does occur, crews should be able to

Project Goals

- fall most of the remaining standing dead trees, with retention of the highest value wildlife trees
- reduce the surface fuel volume and continuity by piling and burning a majority of the dead downed pine trees
- space and prune the Douglas Fir thickets to reduce inter-tree competition and create a healthier, more vigorous forest
- pile and burn the created debris during the winter months under proper venting and a smoke management plan.

more quickly contain it on the ground where it moves much slower.

The ribbons mark work areas and hubs, placed by **Bruce Morrow Forest Consulting**. The public are asked to please leave them in place.

A request for Provincial funding will be made when it first becomes available this October, and the project may begin as early as November if the request is successful. Similar work has already been completed in Kenna Cartwright Nature Park.

A map of the proposed work area is available and has been posted for [download here](#).

Any questions should be directed to info.parkfriends.ca. We will keep you informed on project progress!



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