



WILDFIRE DEFENCE SYSTEMS CANADA

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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SUMMARY

During wildfire incidents, residents, public fire resources, and law enforcement may see or encounter private wildfire resources retained by insurance companies to provide wildfire loss intervention services to their policyholders.

As part of its ongoing commitment to proactive risk management, Genesis through RMA Insurance Ltd., has partnered with Wildfire Defence Systems Canada Inc. (WDS Canada) to provide wildfire loss intervention services to eligible members of the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange. This value-added protection helps shield insured properties in high-risk zones during active wildfire events.

WHO YOU MAY SEE

Wildfire Defense Systems, Inc. and Wildfire Defence Systems Canada Inc. is a Qualified Insurance Resource (QIR). Multiple insurance companies writing homeowner coverage include WDS Canada wildfire loss intervention services as standard in their policies.

Qualified Insurance Resources are personnel and equipment working for an insurance company with a mission to perform wildfire loss intervention services to insured structures. QIRs operate in compliance with and acknowledgement of Incident Command (IC) or the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). WDS Canada field personnel are trained to National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) standards and satisfy equivalent Canadian/Provincial standards operating wildland engines, tenders, and squads built and maintained to NWCG specifications.

WHAT WDS CANADA RESOURCES LOOK LIKE

It is likely you will encounter WDS Canada firefighters and equipment wherever wildfire threatens structures. WDS Canada wildland engines, tenders, and support vehicles are white with blue striping and bear “INSURANCE RESOURCE” markings. WDS Canada field personnel are outfitted with PPE the same as any qualified wildland firefighter you would see.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

WDS Canada field personnel follow a strict set of procedures and protocols and are trained to act in a safe, disciplined, and professional manner.

Arriving WDS Canada units will:

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Locate the Incident Command Post (ICP), Incident Command (IC), and the liaison office

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Submit their operations plan, including property addresses where they need to provide mitigation services

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Request a briefing

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Seek the approval of the IMT to operate within evacuation zones

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Observe all instructions and orders of the Incident Management Team (IMT)

WILDFIRE LOSS INTERVENTION ACTIONS

WDS Canada QIRs will conduct pre and post-firefront wildfire loss intervention services which may include any of the following:

PRE-FIREFRONT ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Removal of combustibles from structure exteriors
- ◆ Sealing of windows, doors, vents, and chimneys
- ◆ Emergency fuel mitigation
- ◆ Zone sprinkler system setup (WDS Canada will not connect to any public or incident water supply)
- ◆ Fuel break preparation
- ◆ Apply approved, environmentally safe fire retardant and/or fire blocking gel

POST-FIREFRONT ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Check and extinguish any hot spots, residual fires, or embers
- ◆ Remove sealing and covering materials from structures
- ◆ Breakdown sprinkler systems
- ◆ Clean-up/wash down retardant and gel

ADDITIONAL WDS CANADA KEY SERVICE POINTS

- ◆ Structures are triaged and served based on threat, not value
- ◆ Response is included in a property owner's policy
- ◆ Response is in anticipation of wildfire threat. No night operations. No fire front suppression
- ◆ No service contracts with any public agency, ministry, or province
- ◆ Operates within the incident command system:
 - ◇ Operates only with the acknowledgement and permission of the AHJ
 - ◇ Crews are self-sufficient:
 - No cost to the incident
 - No drain on incident resources
 - ◇ Provides the incident with a complete list of properties it will serve
 - ◇ Upon request, provides the incident with property action reports
- ◆ Employs only proven strategies and tactics that preserves property
- ◆ Intervention activities complement the overall incident

WDS Canada Insurance Resource Commanders or incident liaisons will introduce themselves when arriving on incident and are always available to incident command and/or the Authority Having Jurisdiction.



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