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British Columbia Utilities Commission
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Dear Registrar:

Re: FortisBC Inc. (FBC)

Complaint Regarding FBC Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Policy - British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) Order G-154-25 and Decision (Decision) FBC PSPS Policy Compliance Report

On May 7, 2025, the Town of Princeton concurrently filed a complaint with the BCUC and a letter to FBC regarding FBC's announcement that it would introduce a PSPS policy (Complaint).¹ On May 14, 20, and 22, 2025, additional complaints about FBC's PSPS policy were filed with the BCUC by the Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB), the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB).²

On June 23, 2025, the BCUC issued Order G-154-25 and Decision (Decision), in which the Panel closed the Complaint and determined that FBC's PSPS policy is consistent with the Terms and Conditions of FBC's Electric Tariff. The Panel directed FBC, among other things, to file a report with the BCUC by November 14, 2025, containing the information set out in Appendix A to the Decision (Report), and to concurrently provide a copy of the Report to the Town of Princeton, the Lower Similkameen Indian Band, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band.³

FBC respectfully submits the attached Report pursuant to Directive 6 of Order G-154-25.

¹ Exhibits B1-1 and B1-2, respectively.

² Exhibits B2-1, B2-2, B3-1, B4-1 and B4-2.

³ Directive 6.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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FORTISBC INC.

**Public Safety Power Shutoff Policy
Compliance Report**

**In Accordance with
British Columbia Utilities Commission
Order G-154-25**

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1. INTRODUCTION

On June 23, 2025, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued its Decision and Order G-154-25 regarding a complaint filed with respect to FortisBC Inc.'s (FBC) Public Safety Power Shutoff Policy (PSPS) (PSPS Decision). Among other things, the PSPS Decision directed FBC to file a report with the BCUC by November 14, 2025, containing the information set out in Appendix A to the PSPS Decision (Report) and to concurrently provide a copy of the Report to the Town of Princeton, the Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB), the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB).¹

Appendix A to the PSPS Decision sets out the information which the Report is to contain.

In compliance with Directive 6 of Order G-154-25, the Report is organized as follows:

- **Section 2** provides a summary of the engagement activities. This includes engagement undertaken with impacted parties up to the date of filing the Report, debriefing after the 2025 Wildfire Season, an overview of feedback received, any lessons learned from the engagement process, and planned future customer engagement activities;
- **Section 3** provides a summary of all PSPS events that occurred during the 2025 Wildfire Season;
- **Section 4** includes an assessment of the efficacy of the PSPS policy and a discussion of any changes expected to the policy for the 2026 Wildfire Season and expansion of its use;
- **Section 5** provides a discussion on the indices used to trigger the initiation of the PSPS process, an assessment as to whether these indices continue to be appropriate or whether FBC considers changes are necessary, and an assessment of weather events that did not trigger but were close to triggering the PSPS initiation steps; and
- **Section 6** discusses lessons learned from the 2025 Wildfire Season.

2. SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

In Appendix A to the PSPS Decision, the BCUC directed that FBC provide a summary of the engagement undertaken with impacted parties regarding the PSPS policy up to the filing of the Report, including the engagement completed in the Fall of 2025 after the peak of the 2025 wildfire season. The summary should include an overview of the feedback received and any key lessons learned from the engagement processes. In addition, the BCUC directed FBC to provide a summary of planned future customer engagement.

¹ Directive 6.

2.1 ENGAGEMENT UNDERTAKEN TO DATE

In March 2025, FBC initiated a phased engagement plan on its PSPS policy, starting with initial engagement with local governments, First Nations, and provincial officials. FBC followed this initial engagement with an awareness and education campaign focused on customers and the general public in areas identified as being at the greatest risk for a PSPS event. Awareness and education activities continued through October 2025. The detailed engagement log is provided in Appendix A which identifies engagement activities with First Nations (Appendix A-1) and all other stakeholders (Appendix A-2). FBC provides the following discussion of the various stages of stakeholder engagement and the outreach activities undertaken.

During March and April 2025, FBC met with the Upper and Lower Similkameen Indian Bands, local governments in Princeton, Keremeos, Midway, Greenwood, Regional Districts of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) and Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), Interior Health, MLAs, provincial ministries, and other key stakeholders such as the BC Cattlemen's Association. Multiple in-person and virtual meetings were held to provide information, gather feedback, and identify critical infrastructure. FBC also provided information packages prior to and after the meetings.

From April to October 2025, FBC continued its engagement activities, including holding meetings and open house events, sharing information on its website, conducting public outreach through paid media (digital, print, and radio), communicating through direct customer emails and social media, and outreach to news media. Open houses were promoted using the same channels (excluding radio).

FBC held three in-person open houses in June 2025, located in Greenwood, Keremeos and Princeton, with over 177 attendees. Comment forms were available at each of the open houses and an online form to submit questions was made available on the FBC website. In general, the feedback received included concerns over the length of a potential power outage and criteria for when a PSPS event would be initiated. Many of the attendees were in favour of wildfire prevention measures.

In June 2025, FBC commissioned a third-party survey, conducted by Leger, of residents in the Kootenays and Okanagan-Similkameen and found that while 78 percent agree it is important to be prepared for prolonged outages, only 29 percent felt prepared. The survey also found that 88 percent believed it is important for utilities to take steps to prevent their infrastructure from becoming a potential ignition source for wildfires, and 60 percent were willing to accept temporary power outages during extreme wildfire threats. FBC provides the detailed survey results in Appendix B.

FBC held additional meetings with First Nations, municipalities, Interior Health, Emergency Management Branch, MLAs, and other stakeholders. The Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) was engaged to advocate for recognizing proactive power shutoffs as emergencies under provincial legislation. FBC provides a copy of a letter sent by FBC to Minister Greene in this regard in Appendix C.

FBC continued to provide education to its customers and the public on the PSPS policy and its overall wildfire safety practices through ongoing digital paid media. FBC is sending direct mail to all potentially affected customers to help increase awareness of what to expect if initiation of a PSPS event is being considered in their area and to encourage vulnerable customers to register with FBC so the Company can take additional steps to notify them.

FBC hosted an interactive session with the communities to which FBC's PSPS policy applies during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in Victoria in September to review the PSPS policy, engagement efforts to date, and share important lessons learned which are discussed in Section 2.2 below. In advance of the session, FBC shared an Engagement Summary Report with key stakeholders (a copy of which is provided in Appendix D). FBC gathered feedback from the local and provincial government officials at the session and has taken that information into consideration for its ongoing wildfire mitigation practices including its PSPS policy. Much of the feedback was similar to that received earlier in the year and mentioned above.

FBC hosted two additional open houses in October in Midway and Hedley to further engage potentially impacted communities and address concerns. The open houses were promoted through paid media (digital and print) as well as on social media, the FortisBC website, community posters, customer direct emails and outreach to news media and community leaders. A total of 39 people attended. Comments were consistent with earlier feedback.

2.2 FEEDBACK AND LESSONS LEARNED

Feedback came through many channels – in-person sessions, comment cards, emails, webform completions, phone calls, letters, social media, and the BCUC complaint review process. The input from all sources helped inform FBC's understanding of the concerns and what matters most to communities and customers.

The top themes identified were wildfire risk and prevention, how the PSPS policy is implemented, and safety concerns during outages. People wanted clarity on criteria, fairness, and how risks like fire hazards and crime would be managed. Other concerns included food spoilage, support for vulnerable populations, reliable notification systems, and funding for wildfire prevention. Customers were concerned about the ability to prepare for and manage through a prolonged outage.

FBC also heard about communication challenges, backup power needs, infrastructure improvements, and impacts to water pumping infrastructure. Residents suggested better notification about inclusion in the PSPS policy, specifically more notice and using multiple channels. There were several suggestions regarding more investment in the electricity system to allow for more targeted shutoffs and quicker restoration of power, especially in remote communities. Respondents also highlighted the need for maintenance, such as clearing vegetation from rights-of-way and replacing aging pole structures.

Local governments within the communities where FBC's PSPS policy applies expressed concern about the lack of initial clarity on the locations, thresholds, frequency and length of potential PSPS

events, the level of consultation and engagement prior to implementing the policy, the impact on the communities to fight wildfires with no electricity, and the inability to receive provincial emergency funding to support communities during PSPS events. A key lesson learned for FBC's future engagement activities is to ensure community officials are informed of key details of the PSPS policy, including triggers of a PSPS event and affected locations, and have the opportunity to consider potential PSPS events in their own emergency planning processes, prior to FBC conducting more general public outreach.

The feedback highlights the need to encourage community emergency officials to include planning for power outages as an identified risk in their emergency management plans. Power outages can happen for a variety of reasons, including severe weather, motor vehicle accidents, trees falling on power lines, or necessary maintenance. Therefore, it is important for communities to be prepared for power outages, regardless of the cause, to support community resilience. FBC recognizes the need for open two-way communications with community partners where FBC shares information about its PSPS policy and receives information from the community about its critical infrastructure needs.

FBC provides a summary of key themes in the Engagement Summary Report in Appendix D.

2.2.1 Future Customer Engagement

FBC will continue to monitor and assess its wildfire safety practices and risk areas and will evolve its engagement activities and operational practices based on feedback and lessons learned from previous seasons.

FBC is committed to ongoing engagement with customers, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders as it continues to refine and evolve its PSPS policy and wildfire safety practices.

2.3 STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2026 ENGAGEMENT

In 2026, FBC's goal is to continue to engage with communities that could be affected by PSPS events to strengthen awareness and preparedness. The engagement activities planned for 2026 will include continuing to share information with communities and reviewing the notification process and materials for possible changes. A key focus will be on educating customers about the potential for PSPS events and encouraging them to prepare for potential power outages, regardless of the cause.

FBC's engagement activities are focused on:

- Building trust and resilience in communities where the PSPS policy applies and may be directly affected by PSPS events;
- Ensuring clear, inclusive, and proactive communication;
- Strengthening awareness and preparedness;
- Close collaboration with local governments, First Nations and emergency officials;

- Reinforcing messaging for communities where the PSPS policy applies; and
- Helping to improve notification processes, including for vulnerable and hard-to-reach customers.

3. PSPS EVENTS DURING THE 2025 WILDFIRE SEASON

In Appendix A of the PSPS Decision, the BCUC directed FBC to provide a summary of all PSPS events that occurred during the 2025 Wildfire Season, if any, including:

- The number of times each PSPS stage was initiated including an overview of the weather conditions in each case.
- A description of alternative measures considered in each case, with rationale as to why they were not viable.
- The total number of customers impacted.
- A description of areas impacted.
- The average outage duration (hours).
- The average outage restoration time (hours) and a discussion on the re-energization process.
- A description of communication with key, local stakeholders.
- A description of when impacted parties were notified in accordance with the policy, including a description of the process by which vulnerable customers were notified

3.1 SUMMARY OF PSPS EVENTS

During the 2025 Wildfire Season, the threshold weather conditions (Indices) that would trigger initiation of a PSPS event (1. Sustained wind speeds in excess of 75 km/hour; and 2. A Fire Weather Index (FWI) of greater than 47) did not occur, thus FBC did not initiate a PSPS event.

FBC has developed an event log, a sample of which is provided below in Table 1. This sample event log shows the details that would be captured should a PSPS event be initiated.

Table 1: Sample Event Log

Event #	Date	Circuit	Notification				Conditions		No. Customers	Duration
			72 Hour	48 Hour	24 Hour	Imminent	Wind Speed	FWI		

4. ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFICACY OF THE PSPS POLICY

The BCUC directed FBC to provide an assessment as to the efficacy of the PSPS policy and a discussion of any changes expected to the policy for the 2026 Wildfire Season and/or expansion of its use.²

4.1 ASSESSMENT OF THE PSPS POLICY

While it was not necessary to initiate a PSPS event in 2025, FBC conducted an emergency exercise to test the elements of the PSPS policy. The results of the emergency exercise did not identify any conditions that necessitated modifications to the PSPS policy. FBC will continue to hold emergency exercises which include PSPS events to ensure efficacy.

4.2 CHANGES TO THE PSPS POLICY FOR THE 2026 WILDFIRE SEASON

At this time, FBC has not proposed any changes to its PSPS policy and is not proposing to expand the areas to which the PSPS policy applies. However, FBC is in the early stages of investigating the addition of three distribution feeders, which could impact the areas to which the PSPS policy applies. Consistent with Order G-154-25, FBC will conduct engagement with impacted parties prior to expanding the area to which the PSPS policy applies. Further, in accordance with Order G-154-25, FBC will file the revised version of the PSPS policy with the BCUC within 30 days.

5. INDICES USED TO TRIGGER THE INITIATION OF THE PSPS PROCESS

In the PSPS Decision, Appendix A, the BCUC also directed FBC to provide a discussion on the indices used to trigger the initiation of the PSPS process (i.e., the specific sustained wind speeds and fire weather index) and an assessment as to whether these Indices continue to be appropriate or whether FBC considers changes are necessary. The discussion should include an assessment of weather events that did not trigger but were close to triggering the PSPS initiation steps.

5.1 DISCUSSION OF INDICES

The PSPS policy in place for the 2025 Wildfire Season was based on the following Indices which, if met, would trigger the initiation of a PSPS event:

1. Sustained wind speeds in excess of 75 km/hour; and
2. A Fire Weather Index (FWI) of greater than 47.

The Indices were derived from a 10-year history of weather events in the FBC electric service area. The sustained wind speed of 75 km/h is at the 95th percentile of sustained winds in the 10-

² PSPS Decision, Appendix A, item 4.

year period. The fire weather index of 47 is at the 95th percentile of fire weather index present at fire starts in the service area over the same 10-year period. FBC will continue to evaluate industry practices and its own experience after each wildfire season to determine whether the continuation or modification of the Indices is appropriate. Pursuant to Order G-154-25, should any changes to the Indices in the PSPS policy be necessary, FBC will file the revised PSPS policy with the BCUC within 30 days of any amendments being made.

During the 2025 Wildfire Season there was one wind warning weather event which occurred in the South Okanagan on July 14, 2025. During this weather event, three of the feeders covered under the PSPS policy experienced an FWI approaching the PSPS policy threshold; however, the sustained wind speeds were not near the threshold to initiate a PSPS event. Although a PSPS event was not initiated, there were electric service outages recorded on these feeders as a result of this weather event. The following table provides the details of the weather event on those three feeders for information purposes.

Table 2: 2025 Weather Events Approaching Indices for a PSPS Event to be Initiated

Event Details	Feeder	FWI	Wind Speed	Outage Time/Duration	PSPS Activated	LAT	LONG	Outage Case
Strong winds that may cause damage are expected or occurring. Strong winds are expected. Where: South Okanagan - including Penticton and Osoyoos. When: This afternoon. Remarks: Strong northerly winds of 70 gusting to 90 km/h are expected to develop this afternoon. These strong winds will gradually ease later in the day.	PRI2	27-37	11-12	11:47 - 6 hours	No	49.54946	-120.76	28678
	PRI4	29-36	14-15	11:38 - 5.8 hours	No	49.61977	-120.362	28680
	KET1	42-49	10-15	13:34 - 8.5 hours	No	49.17216	-118.977	28686

6. LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE 2025 WILDFIRE SEASON

Finally, in the PSPS Decision, Appendix A, the BCUC directed FBC to provide a discussion of the lessons learned from the 2025 Wildfire Season, irrespective of initiation of a PSPS protocol or event.

6.1 LESSONS LEARNED

In addition to the engagement lessons learned as discussed in Section 2.2 above, FBC identified that improvements to its 24-hour weather monitoring systems to validate localized weather forecasts would be beneficial. Therefore, FBC is evaluating and considering systems and process improvements in order to better manage, evaluate, and support operational awareness and validate the weather forecasts from Natural Resources Canada. Further, FBC plans to install additional weather stations at various locations in its service area to ensure accuracy of weather

information when considering whether the conditions and Indices are met to determine if a PSPS event should be initiated.

7. CONCLUSION

From FBC's perspective, the 2025 Wildfire Season was mild and it was not necessary to initiate a PSPS event. FBC will continue to monitor and evaluate its wildfire safety practices and policies and will consider evolving industry practices and its own experience after each wildfire season to determine whether changes to its PSPS policy or an expansion to the applicable PSPS policy area are required.

Appendix A-1

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT LOG

Indigenous Engagement Log					
Date	Consultation Type	First Nations Community	External Representatives	FBC Representatives	Summary
25-Mar-25	Virtual Meeting	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Mangager, Manager, Community & Indigenou Relations, Senior Project Manager	Meeting to discuss the PSPS project. Discussed potential issues, how we can assist, notifications.
26-Mar-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Followed up with the coordinators - sent a link to the FortisBC Emergency Response Plan and followed up on the Emergency Prepareness week BBQ they are hosting
3-Apr-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of website link to USIB now that the website is live.
14-Apr-25	In-Person Meeting	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Chief, Band Manager and Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Mangager, Manager, Community & Indigenou Relations, Senior Project Manager	Meeting to discuss the PSPS project. Discussed potential issues, how we can assist, notifications. Invite to the open houses, as well as identifying critical infrastructure intheir community.
15-Apr-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Followed up with coordinator and sent him a link to the FortisBC Emergency Response Plan and the PSPS website
2-May-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of our open house information to share with the staff and their community.
2-May-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of our open house information to share with the staff and their community.
2-May-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Shared the virtual open house link with him for his community members who are not able to attend in person on May 15 in Keremeos.
2-May-25	Phone Call	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Emergency Management Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received a phone call and email from the coordinator inviting FortisBC to their Emergency Prepardness BBQ on May 9. FEI sent mutiple donation items to the USIB for the BBQ.
5-May-25	E-Mail	First Nations Health Authority	Executive Director Public Health Response	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received an email from the executive director about the First Nations engagement prior to the launch of the project. We responded that we have engaged with the nations impacted by the project and extended an invite to meet with the Interior chapter of the FNHA.
7-May-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Chief	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Received an email from Chief about a follow up meeting with the community on June 5. Replied with an alternative date.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Family Support Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Chief	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	PSPS update email
13-May-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Chief	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	PSPS update email
13-May-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June. Received an email back from the coordinator and he will be forwarding on the information with Chief and Council.
14-May-25	Letter	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Chief	Community & Indigenous Relations Mangager, Manager, Community & Indigenou Relations, Senior Project Manager	Received a letter of concern from LSIB, outlining to stop implementation of PSPS and to continue with Indigenous engagement.
15-May-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received a response to our email.
20-May-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Chief and Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for a follow up meeting and more information around their critical assets.
20-May-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations, Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for a follow up meeting and more information around their critical assets.
22-May-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Chief and Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations, Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
28-May-25	E-Mail	First Nations Health Authority	Executive Director Public Health Response	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a follow up email to the email on May 5, regarding a meeting to discuss PSPS further.
6-Jun-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations, Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Sent out a follow up email and requested a meeting to discuss the PSPS project updates.

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Date	Consultation Type	First Nations Community	External Representatives	FBC Representatives	Summary
7-Jun-25	Virtual Meeting	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Chief	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenou Relations, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Mgmt	Meeting with the Chief and Council to update on the PSPS policy
9-Jun-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations, Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Received an email from USIB about their opposition to the PSPS policy and asking for generators for each of their community members.
17-Jun-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received an email from the coordinator about the letter to the Minister and asking for a copy to share with Chief and Council.
3-Jul-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received an email to meet on July 29 and present to Chief and Council. FBC accepted the invitation and also sent back information about the PSPS policy via the information sheet.
3-Jul-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Responded to the coordinators email about the letter to the Minister regarding emergency funding for local government and First Nations, in the event of a PSPS activation
29-Jul-25	Virtual Meeting	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations, Family Support Coordinator and Emergency Management Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenou Relations, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Mgmt	Presentation to Chief and Council on the PSPS policy. Follow up to send a copy of the letter from Minister to USIB Chief.
31-Jul-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a follow up email to the director which included a copy of the letter FBC sent to Minister. USIB will be sending a letter of support to the Minister. CIR to follow up with coordinator regarding open house in Hedley in mid October.
31-Jul-25	E-Mail	Lower Similkameen Indian Band	Communications & Emergency Program Coordinator	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Follow up email to ask if they would like a community meeting or any additional information on the policy.
7-Aug-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Director of Operations	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	<p>The Director of Operations sent a copy of the letter they sent to the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness in regards to the PSPS policy. Main Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PSPS events are not classified as emergencies under provincial law- This prevents access to provincial emergency funding during shutoffs- Creates hardship and uncertainty for First Nations and local governments <p>Request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Province should revise emergency funding policies to include PSPS events- Emphasizes the need for support to protect vulnerable populations and essential services <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Open to meeting with the Minister to discuss solutions
8-Sep-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Family Support Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Informed the coordinator of the upcoming open house in Hedley on Oct 14. Shared an infographic with her with the information on the open house.
25-Sep-25	E-Mail	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Family Support Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Open house update and shared social media information to post their community channels.
14-Oct-25	Information Session	Upper Similkameen Indian Band	Community members	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Hosted a public open house in Hedley at USIB's community hall regarding the PSPS policy.

Appendix A-2

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT LOG 2025

Stakeholder Engagement Log

Date	Consultation Type	Stakeholder	External Representatives	FBC Representatives	Summary
18-Mar-25	E-Mail	Princeton	CAO and Mayor	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Email to set up a meeting to discuss the PSPS policy.
31-Mar-25	Virtual Meeting	BC Government Energy and Climate Solutions	Director, Electricity Policy at Government of British Columbia, Director. Energy Decarbonization Branch, Executive Director	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager and Sr. Manager Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Initial discussion to introduce the project and seek questions and suggestions from the Province's perspective.
1-Apr-25	Letter	Princeton	CAO and Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Midway	CAO and Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Midway	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Greenwood	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Greenwood	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Beaverdell, Christian Valley, Westbridge, Rock Creek, Mt. Baldy	Director Area E	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Keremeos	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Cawston	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Keremeos Rural/ Hedley	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
2-Apr-25	Letter	Princeton Rural	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Introduction letter to the project and key facts about PSPS. Reaching out to set up meetings with stakeholders
3-Apr-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received an email from CAO thanking us for the information. He will be adding the information to the agenda at the next council meeting. Council only members update.
4-Apr-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	Public Works Manager	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received an email from the Public Works Manager. He would like to be added to all future PSPS communication pieces.
4-Apr-25	Phone Call	Princeton	Manager of Protective Services	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager and Manager, Emergency Management	Discussion regarding the following concerns 1 – Power to their pumping infrastructure – sewage and water, which is inclusive of fire hydrants etc. 2 – Impacts to municipal infrastructure. Essentially, they're not currently set up with backups.
8-Apr-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Constituency Assistant - MLA for Boundary-Similkameen and the Official Opposition Critic for Water, Land, Resource Stewardship and Wildlife Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Follow up email post-call with MLA. Request for a meeting to further discuss the PSPS policy
10-Apr-25	E-Mail	Regional District Central Kootenay	Manager of Community Sustainability	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Responded to his email for more information about the PSPS policy.
10-Apr-25	E-Mail	Media	Global Okanagan news reporter	Corporate Communications Manager	Invitation for media briefing.
10-Apr-25	E-Mail	Media	CBC Okanagan news reporter	Corporate Communications Manager	Invitation for media briefing.
14-Apr-25	In-Person Meeting	Keremeos	CAO and Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations, Senior Project Manager	Meeting to discuss the PSPS project. Discussed potential issues, how we can assist, notifications. Invite to the open houses, as well as identifying critical infrastructure.
14-Apr-25	Phone Call	Rogers Communications	Project Managers	Senior Project Manager	Project update call.
14-Apr-25	E-Mail	Media	Penticton Herald editor	Corporate Communications Manager	Invitation for briefing
15-Apr-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	Public Works Manager	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of FortisBC's Emergency Plan and a link to our PSPS website.
16-Apr-25	Phone Call	Telus Communications	Project Managers	Senior Project Manager	Project update call.
16-Apr-25	E-Mail	BC Government, MECS	Director, Energy Decarbonization Branch	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Offered to schedule a briefing on PSPS.
16-Apr-25	In-Person Meeting	Media	Castanet	Corporate Communications Manager	Media briefing on the PSPS policy
16-Apr-25	In-Person Meeting	Media	Black Press	Corporate Communications Manager	Media briefing on the PSPS policy
17-Apr-25	Virtual Meeting	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Manager, Emergency Services	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager	Meeting with the RDOS to discuss the PSPS project and the impacts on their Emergency Services
17-Apr-25	E-Mail	BC Government	Legislative Assistant - MLA for Boundary-Similkameen and the Official Opposition Critic for Water, Land, Resource Stewardship and Wildlife Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Request for a meeting with MLA
17-Apr-25	E-Mail	BC Government, MECS	Chief of Staff to Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Shared backgrounder. Highlighted April 30 for public launch. Mentioned engagement with NDP and BCC MLAs.
29-Apr-25	E-Mail	BC Government	Constituency Advisor - MLA for Kootenay-Monashee in 2024 and the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Emailed to set up a meeting with MLA
30-Apr-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Legislative Assistant - MLA for Boundary-Similkameen and the Official Opposition Critic for Water, Land, Resource Stewardship and Wildlife Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Confirming meeting on the 1st of May with MLA
30-Apr-25	Presentation	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Board of Directors	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations, Senior Project Manager	Presentation to the Board about the PSPS policy and wildfire mitigation.
30-Apr-25	E-Mail	BC Government, MECS	Chief of Staff to Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Shared news release.
1-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	Legislative Assistant to MLA for West Kelowna-Peachland and the Official Opposition Critic for Emergency Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Request for a meeting with MLA - Request was made by his office to FBC.
1-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	Legislative Assistant - MLA for Boundary-Similkameen and the Official Opposition Critic for Water, Land, Resource Stewardship and Wildlife Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Shared Wilfire safety practices presentation in PDF prior to meeting
1-May-25	In-Person Meeting	BC Conservative Caucus	MLA Boundary-Similkameen	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Cancelled on May 1st 2025. Rescheduling in progress.
1-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Legislative Assistant - MLA for Boundary-Similkameen and the Official Opposition Critic for Water, Land, Resource Stewardship and Wildlife Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Attempting to reschedule meeting with MLA for a different time during the day.
1-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	Legislative Assistant to MLA for West Kelowna-Peachland and the Official Opposition Critic for Emergency Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Shared Wildfire safety practices presentation in PDF prior to meeting
1-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	Constituency Advisor - MLA for Kootenay-Monashee in 2024 and the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Shared Wildfire safety practices presentation in PDF prior to meeting
1-May-25	In-Person Meeting	BC Conservative Caucus	MLA West Kelowna-Peachland & Emergency Management Critic	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Responded that the policy has been announced and our focus is on engaging with MLAs, local government and other stakeholder to ensure folks understand the need for it and ensure we're identifying the appropriate mitigations.
1-May-25	In-Person Meeting	Government-Kootenay-Monashee	MLA	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Further information on the potential impact of the PSPS policy.
1-May-25	Virtual Meeting	Princeton	Mayor	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Responded to Mayor's request for a meeting for more information on the PSPS policy.
1-May-25	In-Person Meeting	BC Government, MECS	Chief of Staff to Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Senior Corporate Communications Advisor	Shared engagement PPT and highlighted engagement with local and Indigenous communities.

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2-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Manager of Corporate Administration	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of our open house information to share with the board directors and their social media channels.
2-May-25	E-Mail	City of Greenwood	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of our open house information to share with the staff.
2-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of our open house information to share with the staff.
2-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of our open house information to share with the staff and the public.
2-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a copy of our open house information to share with the staff and the public.
2-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Disaster Risk Planner	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Spoke with RDOS staff about setting up a table at the Keremeos open house for the RDOS Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA) project. Also sent a copy of the open house information sessions.
2-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Legislative Assistant - MLA for Boundary-Similkameen and the Official Opposition Critic for Water, Land, Resource Stewardship and Wildlife Management	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Rearranging meeting with MLA for Monday, May 5th
5-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government, MECS	Director, Energy Decarbonization Branch (EDB)	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Followed up on earlier offer to provide a technical briefing.
5-May-25	In-Person Meeting	Government - Boundary-Similkameen	MLA	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Meeting rescheduled from May 1st to May 5th. Further information on the impact of the PSPS policy and discussion regarding public response to date. A summary.
5-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Legislative Assistant - MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Followed up with MLA assistant regarding the contact information for the Cattleman's Association of BC and offer to meet again to discuss further questions.
5-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Manager of Corporate Administration and Emergency Coordinator	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Emailled to ask if any of their Emergency Awareness team members from RDKB would like to attend the Greenwood open house and set up a table at the event.
5-May-25	Phone Call	BCEHS	Manager, Disaster Risk Reduction Resilience	Senior Project Manager	BCEHS reached out to get further information on PSPS. They want to be involved in any PREOC calls in order to support their clients. They will check their sites to see if any preparations need to be made.
5-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Legislative Assistant - MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Re-shared background information as requested by MLA. Re-shared our initial outreach to MLA's office to set up a meeting on April 8th
7-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Legislative Assistant - MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Emailled with Cattleman's Association email
8-May-25	Letter	Princeton	Mayor	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Received a letter of concern from the Mayor of Princeton with a CC to the BCUC and our other key stakeholders
8-May-25	Phone Call	BC Hydro	Director, Shareholder Relations	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Discussion about the PSPS project and comments from MLA on social media indicating that BCH will soon develop a PSPS.
8-May-25	Phone Call	BC Government, MECS	Executive Director, Energy Innovation Branch	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Discussion about the PSPS project and comments from MLA for Boundary-Similkameen and the Official Opposition Critic for Water, Land, Resource Stewardship and Wildlife Management on social media indicating that BCH will soon develop a PSPS. Offered follow-up briefing. Shared news release and background as follow-up, which have been shared with MECS previously.
8-May-25	In-Person Meeting	BC Conservative Caucus	MLA Boundary-Similkameen	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	In person discussion. Follow-up to May 1 meeting. Indicated that we are planning a third open house, would share details once confirmed. Also that we would follow-up with ranching contacts provided in May 1 meeting. MLA mentioned that she is still receiving many letters, including one from Princeton. Still many concerns about the PSPS. Indicated that we are seeking further information to bring to open houses.
8-May-25	In-Person Meeting	BC Government, MECS	Chief of Staff to Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Chief of staff called after receiving the meeting request from MLA. Provided updated on engagement to date.
8-May-25	In-Person Meeting	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Board of Directors	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager	Met with the Board of Directors to present the PSPS presentation and answer questions.
9-May-25	Phone Call	BC Government, MECS	Executive Director, Energy Innovation Branch	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Director called to request info to help prepare a letter they can use to respond to incoming letters. 10 received so far. Resent previous material that has been shared with MECS and committed to share further info. Offered to setup technical briefing with staff if desired.
9-May-25	E-Mail	BC Cattlemen's Assoc	President	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent the President an email to introduce her to the project and set up a meeting date with her and the Cattlemen Assoc.
12-May-25	E-Mail	BC Cattlemen's Assoc	President	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Follow email with President and booked a presentation date in OK Falls with the BC Cattlemen's Assoc. on May 29
12-May-25	E-Mail	Council of KAS1840 - Mt Baldy	Council	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received two letters of concern
13-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received a letter of concern from the Mayor of Greenwood
13-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Director Area E	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area B Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area G Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area H Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent email regarding the BCUC direction and the postponement of the open houses to early June.
13-May-25	Letter	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received a letter of concern from the Mayor of Greenwood
13-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	Mayor	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Response from the Mayor.
13-May-25	Phone Call	BC Government	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Called Constituency Assistant and left a voicemail
13-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent email regarding PSPS changes with request for call-back and link to statement
14-May-25	E-Mail	BC Cattlemen's Assoc	President	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager	Sent President an email to postpone the meeting on May 29 and to rebook in mid June.
14-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Received response from MLA's office saying they will follow up asap.
14-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent email response with cell phone number and request to set up a meeting during week of 26th of May
14-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent email to MLAs CA requesting meeting for 26th of May
14-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Confirming meeting on 26th of May
15-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Manager, Emergency Services	Senior Project Manager	Received an email from the RDOS questions regarding PSPS program.
15-May-25	Phone Call	Interior Health	Director, Emergency Services	Manager, Emergency Manager	Phone call with Interior Health to discuss the PSPS policy.
15-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	CAO and Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Emailled to set up a meeting with Mayor and Council on May 26. Received an email back stating they can meet the week of June 2.
15-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a follow up email to their letter and asked to set up a meeting with Mayor and Council
15-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a follow up email to their letter and asked to set up a meeting with Mayor and Council

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15-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Looking to set up a meeting with Mayor and Council after their May 20 meeting. Waiting to hear back from the CAO on an date that would work for a meeting.
20-May-25	E-Mail	BC Cattlemen's Association	President	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a follow up email to the President to reschedule the May 29 meeting in OK Falls. Looking to reschedule to June. Still waiting on a response.
20-May-25	E-Mail	BC Cattlemen's Association	President	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
20-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Councilors	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Director Area E	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Manager of Emergency Programs	Senior Project Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Manager of Emergency Services	Senior Project Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area B Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area G Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area H Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing. Also asked for more information around their critical assets in their communities
20-May-25	E-Mail	Mt Baldy Strata	Strata President	Customer Service	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Manager of Emergency Services	Manager, Emergency Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
20-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Manager of Emergency Programs	Manager, Emergency Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
21-May-25	E-Mail	BC Cattlemen's Association	President	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Rescheduled meeting for June 12, as per BC Cattlemen's request
22-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Received an email back with a list of Keremeos' Critical assets
22-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	MLA	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
22-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	MLA	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
22-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	Chief of staff, Office of Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions (MECS) and MLA for Vancouver-Renfrew	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
22-May-25	E-Mail	BC Conservative Caucus	MECS staff	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
22-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent out an PSPS policy update letter along with notification of the BCUC filing.
22-May-25	E-Mail	BC Government	MLA	Govt Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Received response saying they are comfortable with the policy changes and do not need to meet to discuss further.
22-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
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22-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Councillors	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	CAO	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	Mayor	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Director Area E	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
22-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out a PSPS policy notification on the BCUC Order
26-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	Mayor, CAO, Council, Manager of Protective Services	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager, Director, Community & Indigenous Relations	Presentation to the Mayor, council, CAO and Emergency Manager on the PSPS policy

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27-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	Manager of Protective Services	Manager, Emergency Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Email to gather information on Critical Infrastructure / Sites - Re FortisBC PSPS Planning
28-May-25	Phone Call	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Manager of Emergency Programs	Manager, Emergency Manager	Phone call to discuss the PSPS policy and emergency management - critical infrastructure.
28-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out Public Service Announcement (PSA) information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Greenwood	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Keremeos	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Midway	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
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28-May-25	E-Mail	Princeton	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
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28-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Director Area E and CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Kootenay Boundary	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area B Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area G Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
28-May-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Electoral Area H Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
29-May-25	E-Mail	BC Cattlemen's Association	President	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent out PSA information with open house information
2-Jun-25	In-Person Meeting	Keremeos	CAO, Mayor and Public Works Manager	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations	Meeting to discuss the PSPS policy updates. Discussed potential issues, how we can assist, notifications. Invite to the open houses, as well as identifying critical infrastructure.
4-Jun-25	In-Person Meeting	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations , Jennifer Datchcoff	Met with CAO to update her on the PSPS policy before the Mayor and Council meeting on June 6
9-Jun-25	Virtual Meeting	Midway	Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager	PSPS presentation to the Mayor and Council of Midway.
11-Jun-25	Open House	Greenwood	MLA and community members	FEI staff	In person open house with 82 people in attendance
12-Jun-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Responded to the director's email regarding an open house in Hedley
12-Jun-25	Phone Call	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Follow up phone call with the director about the PSPS policy and the 72 hours preparedness information
12-Jun-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen & Princeton	MLA, Director and Princeton Mayor	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent a follow up email about the PSPS policy and providing follow up information to our phone call. Sent link to the Government of Canada webpage - 72 hours of preparedness
12-Jun-25	In-Person Meeting	BC Cattlemen's Association	BC Cattlemen's Association Members	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations , Regional Manager, Network Services, Brenden Tortenson	Meeting in OK Falls to speak to the Southern BC chapter of the BC Cattlemen's Assoc.
12-Jun-25	Open House	Keremeos	MLA and community members	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations, Manager, Emergency Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations	In person open house in Keremeos. 66 people in attendance.
12-Jun-25	Phone call/Email	Hedley Improvement District	Water Operator	Senior Project Manager	Phone call and subsequent email to confirm that the water pump that feeds Hedley is not in PSPS zone.
13-Jun-25	Virtual Meeting	Interior Health	Director, Emergency Response	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager,Manager, Emergency Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations	Met with IH to discuss the PSPS project and the impacts on the communities. Spoke about non-profit outreach, communication with vulnerable customers and line inspection methods.
13-Jun-25	Phone Call	Princeton	Manager of Protective Services	Manager, Emergency Manager	Spoke with CAO from Princeton.
13-Jun-25	E-Mail	Princeton	Mayor	Director, Community & Indigenous Relations	Follow up on voicemail left on June 6. Sent a follow up email regarding the Mayor and Council on May 26, 2025 and reached out for an opportunity to continue to engage with the Mayor on the policy.
18-Jun-25	Open House	Princeton			Provided an updates on the policv. as well as the BCUC upcoming filing requirements. Open House for PSPS in Princeton. 42 people in attendance.
20-Jun-25	Virtual Meeting	Interior Health	Directors Emergency Response and Services	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations, Manager, Emergency Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations	Open House for PSPS in Princeton. 42 people in attendance.
20-Jun-25	Virtual Meeting	Interior Health	Directors Emergency Response and Services	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager	Presentation on the IH coordiantion call. Questions about EMRBC funding and vulnerable customer contacts. Shared the PSPS information sheet with Director of HEMBC.
2-Jul-25	E-Mail	Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness	Minister	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager	Sent email on behalf of VP, Indigenous Relations & Regulatory to Minister of Energy in regards to funding for local government and First Nations, in the event of a PSPS activation
15-Jul-25	Virtual Meeting	Princeton	CAO	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations, Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager	Meeting to discuss a working group for PSPS. Next meeting set for July 21
21-Jul-25	Virtual Meeting	Princeton	CAO	Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations, Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Senior Project Manager, Manager, Emergency Manager	PSPS update call.
22-Jul-25	Virtual Meeting	Ministry of Health	Director of Emergency Management	Manager, Emergency Manager	Had an informal discussion and the request for a more formal presentation at the provincial level
20-Aug-25	Virtual Meeting	Ministry of Health	Director of Emergency Management	Manager, Emergency Management, Senior Project Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Sr. Mgr Government Relations and Public Affairs,Corporate Communications Manager	Meeting with the Ministry of Health in regards to the PSPS Policy.
8-Sep-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent an email and updated her with the information on the upcoming open house
8-Sep-25	Virtual Meeting	PreparedBC	Manager, Public Education	Corporate Communications Manager	Call to discuss aligning messaging and possible joint campaing in 2026 re: wildfire outage preparedness
9-Sep-25	E-Mail	Hedley	Director	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent an email and updated him with information on the upcoming open house
9-Sep-25	Virtual Meeting	Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness	Assistant Deputy Minister, Partnerships, Engagement & Legislation	Senior Gov't Relations & Public Affairs Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations and Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Provided an update on the PSPS project and our engagement to date. Follow up meeting to the meeting with the Minister.

Stakeholder Engagement Log					
Date	Consultation Type	Stakeholder	External Representatives	FBC Representatives	Summary
11-Sep-25	E-Mail	Local Gov't officials	Mayors and Directors in Midway, Greenwood, Keremoes, Princeton, Regional District Okanagan Similkameen and Regional District Kootenav Boundary	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Sent an invite to all phase one local government officials for the Sept 23 information session in Victoria.
13-Sep-25	In-Person Meeting	Rock Creek	Rock Creek Fall Fair	Street Team	Street team attended the fall fair and spoke about the PSPS policy with the community of Rock Creek.
23-Sep-25	In-Person Meeting	Local and Provincial Government	Princeton Mayor RDOS Director Director - RDKB ADM - Ministry of Energy & Climate Readiness (MECR) MLA Director - RDOS Director - MECR Director - Electoral Area	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations , Director, Community & Indigenous Relations , VP Indigenous Relation & Regulatory, Senior Project Manager, Manager of Emergency Management, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Held a PSPS information session in Victoria during the UBCM conference. Key themes: Energy & Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Greenwood is exploring a solar program similar to BC Hydro, with battery storage.•Enhanced vegetation management for power line tree clearing is needed.•RDKB has mechanisms for power shutoff; questions remain about community responsibility and access.•Interest in composite poles as alternatives to wood/steel. Emergency Preparedness & Community Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Need for generators at emergency hospitals and critical facilities (EDMA).•Initial communication challenges have been resolved since policy launch.•Continued engagement recommended per BCUC order.•Hedley's water system lacks backup power for pumps.•Fire risk mitigation includes dead tree removal along Highway 3A.
25-Sep-25	E-Mail	Regional District Okanagan Similkameen	Director, Hedley	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Open house update and shared social media information to post their community channels.
25-Sep-25	E-Mail	Midway	CAO	Community & Indigenous Relations Manager	Open house update and shared social media information to post their community channels.
14-Oct-25	Open House	Hedley		Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations , Director, Community & Indigenous Relations, Senior Project Manager, Manager of Emergency Management, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Hosted an open house in Hedley for the PSPS event. 22 people attended
15-Oct-25	Open House	Midway		Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, Sr Mgr, Community & Indigenous Relations , Director, Community & Indigenous Relations , Senior Project Manager, Manager of Emergency Management, Manager, Community & Indigenous Relations	Hosted an open house in Midway for the PSPS event. 17 people attended

Appendix B

PSPS SURVEY RESULTS



Public Safety Power Shutoff **Survey**



Date: June 26, 2025

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Methodology



Methodology

Online survey of n=400 BC Southern Interior residents (consisting of the Okanagan-Similkameen and Kootenay regions), aged 18 years or older, using Leger's LEO panel. Quotas were in place to ensure a demographically representative sample that aligns with Statistics Canada census proportions.



When

Data collection occurred from June 16–22, 2025.



Margin of Error

Since data collection was conducted with non-probability sampling, a margin of error is not reported. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of n=400 yields a margin of error no greater than $\pm 4.9\%$ (19 times out of 20) for the total BC Southern Interior sample.



Weighting

Results were weighted by **age, gender, and region** according to 2021 Canada Census proportions in order to ensure a representative sample of the population of the BC Southern Interior area.

Methodology



Significant Differences

Data in green / red indicate a significantly higher / lower proportion than that among the rest of the respondent group.



Rounded Data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

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Key Findings

Key Findings

Residents of the Okanagan-Similkameen and Kootenay regions are concerned about the threat of wildfires and feel related power safety measures are important. Many support proactive actions by utilities, such as power shutoffs during high wildfire risk periods and taking steps to prevent infrastructure from becoming an ignition source. However, preparedness levels for power outages are mixed, especially among specific demographic groups, highlighting an opportunity for targeted engagement and education.



High Concern About Wildfire Risk: More than half of residents are concerned about wildfire danger in their area, especially women and older individuals.



Conditional Support for Power Shutoffs: Most residents support preventative power shutoffs during wildfire threats, especially those who feel prepared.



Strong Value on Community Preparedness: Nearly eight in ten residents see community readiness for long power outages as important, with little disagreement across demographics.



Expectation for Utility-Led Fire Prevention: A large majority want utility companies to help prevent wildfires through infrastructure safety efforts, particularly emphasized by women.



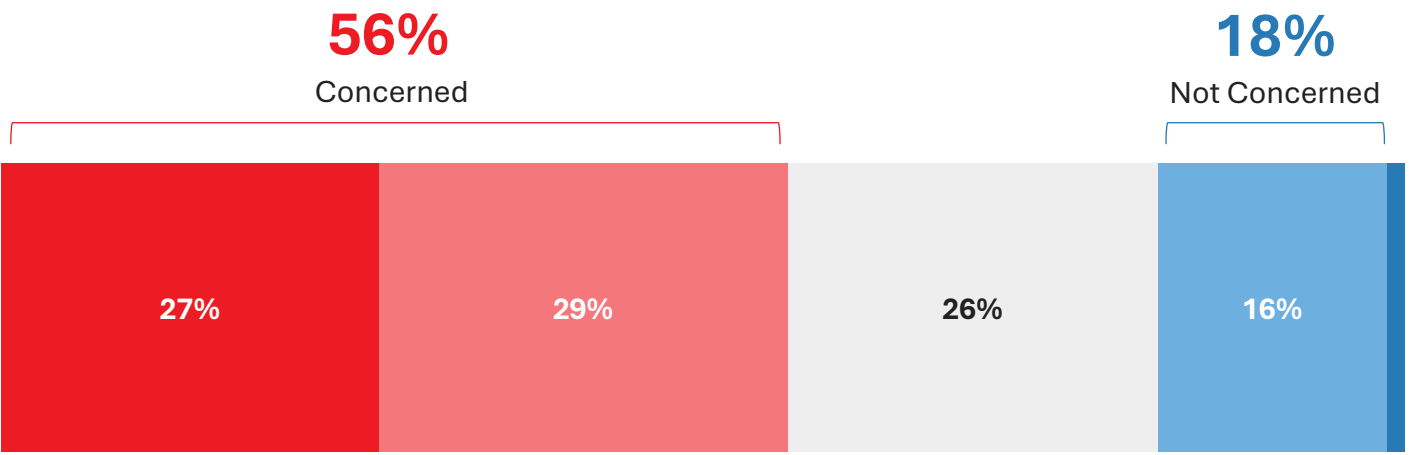
Split in Emergency Preparedness: Residents are split on how prepared they feel for extended outages or emergencies, with women and those in the Okanagan-Similkameen region feeling less equipped.

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Detailed Results

Concern About Local Wildfire Risk

Among residents living in the BC’s Southern Interior, over half (56%) are extremely or very concerned about the risk of wildfires in their area; 8 in 10 (82%) are moderately to extremely concerned (ratings of 3 to 5 on a scale of 5). There is no difference in high concern about wildfire risk among those who feel prepared (59%) vs. unprepared (60%) for power outages or emergencies.



■ 5-Extremely concerned ■ 4-Very concerned ■ 3-Moderately concerned ■ 2-Slightly concerned ■ 1-Not at all concerned

Wildfire Concern by Household Preparedness for Power Outages/Emergencies		
% Extremely or Very Concerned		
NET Prepared (n=111)	Neutral (n=151)	NET Not Prepared (n=138)
59%	50%	60%

Q1. How concerned are you about the risk of wildfires in your area?

Base: All respondents (n=400)

Figures 1% or less not labelled

Concern About Local Wildfire Risk

By Demographics

Overall, women (62%) are more extremely/very concerned about wildfire risk than men (50%).

% Selected	Total (n=400)	Region		Gender		Age			Home Ownership	
		Okanagan-Similkameen (n=284)	Kootenays (n=116)	Men (n=166)	Women (n=234)	18-34 (n=49)	35-54 (n=108)	55+ (n=243)	Own (n=282)	Rent (n=116)
NET Extremely + Very Concerned	56%	57%	54%	50%	62%	52%	63%	54%	57%	55%
Extremely concerned	27%	26%	30%	26%	28%	32%	31%	22%	25%	31%
Very concerned	29%	31%	24%	24%	34%	20%	32%	32%	32%	25%
Moderately concerned	26%	26%	27%	29%	24%	32%	21%	27%	26%	27%
Slightly concerned	16%	16%	18%	19%	14%	16%	17%	17%	16%	16%
Not at all concerned	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	-	3%	1%	1%

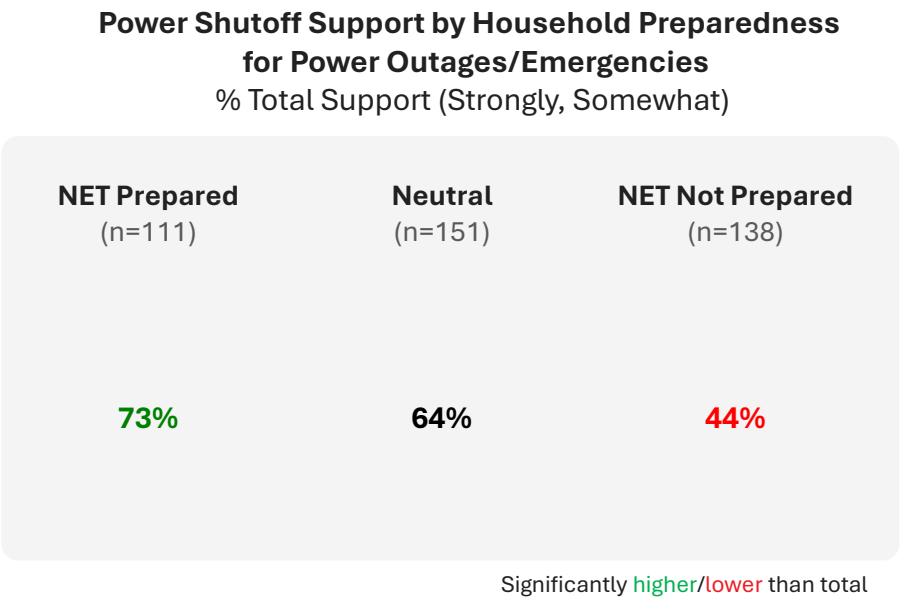
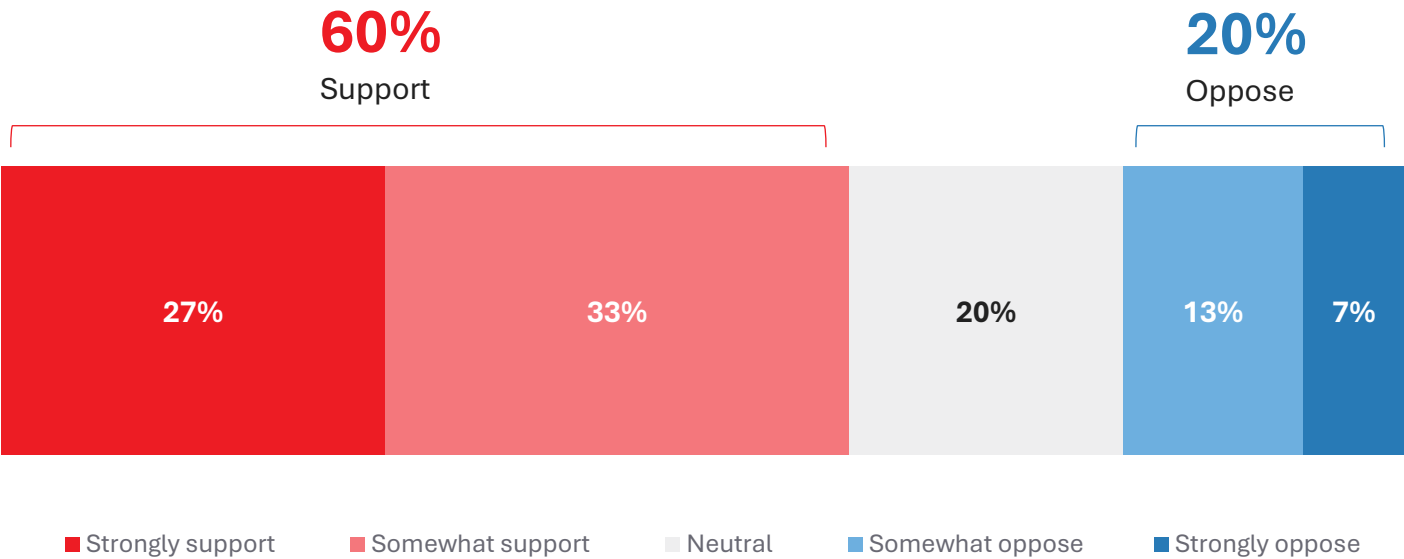
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Q1. How concerned are you about the risk of wildfires in your area?

Base: All respondents

Support for Power Shutoffs During Wildfire Threats

Six in ten (60%) BC Southern Interior residents support power shutoffs during extreme wildfire threats to reduce the risk of wildfires to communities. Those who feel prepared for power outages or emergencies are more likely to support power shutoffs during wildfire threats (73% vs. 44% not prepared).



Q2. To what extent do you support temporarily losing your power during a rare, but extreme wildfire threat to reduce risk of wildfire to communities?

Base: All respondents (n=400)

Support for Power Shutoffs During Wildfire Threats

By Demographics

Older residents (55+) are more likely (11%) to strongly oppose power shutoffs during extreme wildfire threats.

	Total (n=400)	Region		Gender		Age			Home Ownership	
		Okanagan-Similkameen (n=284)	Kootenays (n=116)	Men (n=166)	Women (n=234)	18-34 (n=49)	35-54 (n=108)	55+ (n=243)	Own (n=282)	Rent (n=116)
% Selected										
NET Support	60%	59%	64%	61%	60%	68%	54%	61%	62%	57%
Strongly support	27%	25%	33%	27%	28%	32%	25%	26%	27%	28%
Somewhat support	33%	34%	31%	34%	32%	36%	29%	34%	35%	29%
Neutral	20%	20%	18%	22%	17%	25%	21%	16%	16%	26%
NET Oppose	20%	21%	17%	17%	23%	7%	24%	24%	22%	17%
Somewhat oppose	13%	14%	10%	10%	16%	7%	18%	13%	13%	12%
Strongly oppose	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	-	7%	11%	9%	5%

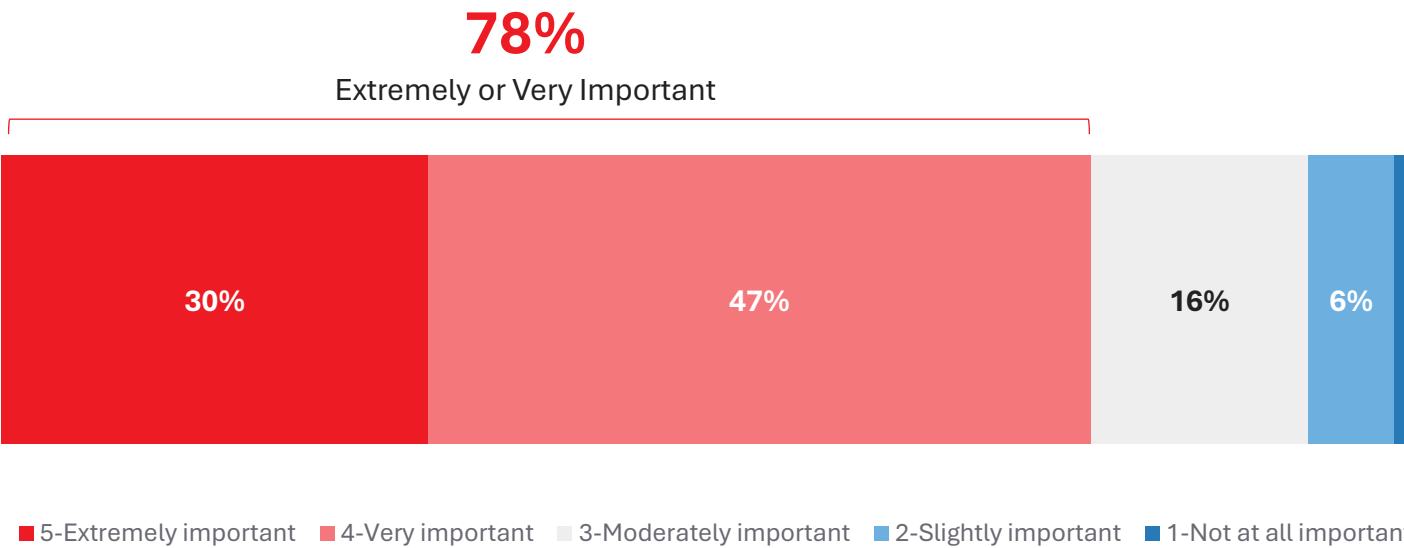
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Q2. To what extent do you support temporarily losing your power during a rare, but extreme wildfire threat to reduce risk of wildfire to communities?

Base: All respondents

Importance of Community Preparedness for Outages

Nearly eight in ten (78%) believe it is extremely or very important that communities are prepared for prolonged power outages; over 9 in 10 (93%) feel it is moderately to extremely important (ratings of 3 to 5 on a scale of 5). Those who say they are prepared for power outages or emergencies are more likely to think it is highly important for communities to be prepared for prolonged power outages (90% vs. 71% not prepared).



Importance of Communities Being Prepared for Outages by Household Preparedness for Power Outages/Emergencies
% Extremely or Very Important

NET Prepared (n=111)	Neutral (n=151)	NET Not Prepared (n=138)
90%	74%	71%

Significantly higher/lower than total

Q3. How important is it that communities are prepared for prolonged power outages, regardless of the cause?

Base: All respondents (n=400)

Figures 1% or less not labelled

Importance of Community Preparedness for Outages

By Demographics

There are no notable demographic differences when it comes to the importance of communities preparing for prolonged power outages.

	Total (n=400)	Region		Gender		Age			Home Ownership	
		Okanagan-Similkameen (n=284)	Kootenays (n=116)	Men (n=166)	Women (n=234)	18-34 (n=49)	35-54 (n=108)	55+ (n=243)	Own (n=282)	Rent (n=116)
% Selected										
NET Extremely + Very Important	78%	76%	80%	74%	81%	81%	76%	77%	76%	81%
Extremely important	30%	28%	35%	28%	32%	29%	32%	30%	29%	33%
Very important	47%	48%	45%	46%	49%	52%	43%	47%	46%	48%
Moderately important	16%	16%	14%	19%	12%	7%	19%	17%	16%	15%
Slightly important	6%	7%	3%	6%	6%	9%	5%	5%	7%	5%
Not at all important	1%	<1%	2%	1%	<1%	3%	-	<1%	1%	-

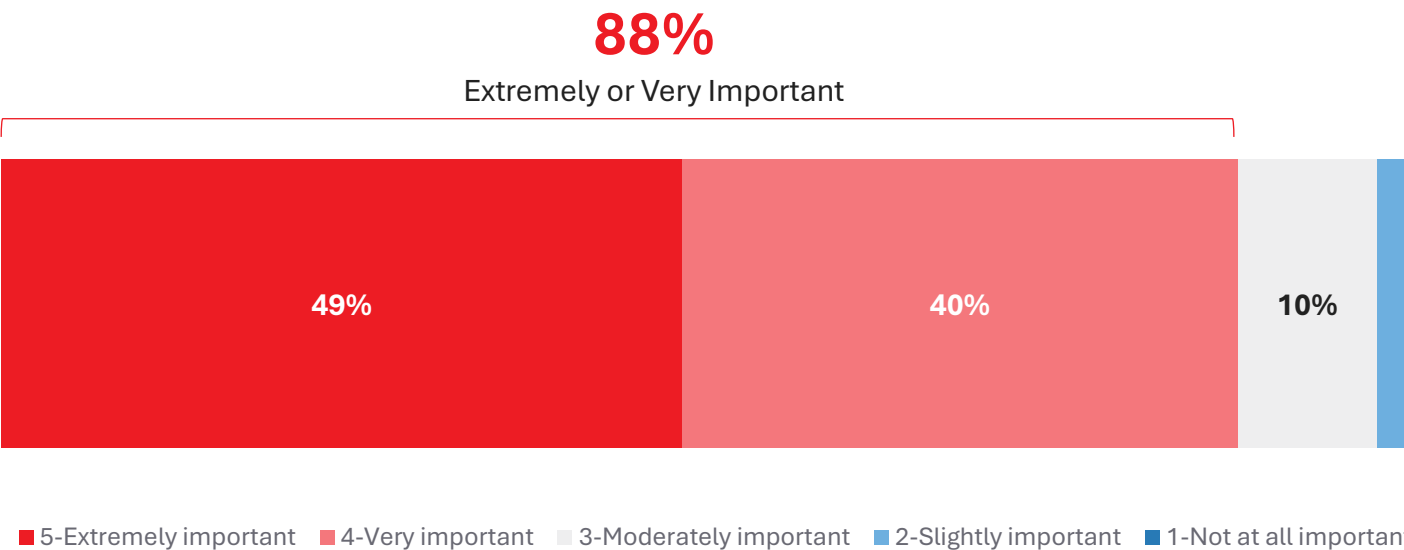
Significantly higher/lower than total

Q3. How important is it that communities are prepared for prolonged power outages, regardless of the cause?

Base: All respondents

Importance of Utility Companies Taking Action to Prevent Wildfires

A large majority (88%) believe it is extremely or very important that utility companies take steps to prevent their infrastructure from becoming a potential ignition source for wildfires; almost all (98%) feel it is moderately to extremely important (ratings of 3 to 5 on a scale of 5). No one responded that this is **not at all** important.



Results by Household Preparedness for Power Outages/Emergencies		
% Extremely or Very Important		
NET Prepared (n=111)	Neutral (n=151)	NET Not Prepared (n=138)
94%	85%	86%

Q4. How important is it that utility companies take steps to prevent their infrastructure from becoming a potential ignition source for wildfires?

Base: All respondents (n=400)

Figures 2% or less not labelled

Importance of Utility Companies Taking Action to Prevent Wildfires

By Demographics

Women are more likely than men to feel it is **extremely** important (55%) that utility companies take steps to prevent their infrastructure from becoming a potential ignition source for wildfires, while men (46%) tend more to feel it is **very** important.

	Total (n=400)	Region		Gender		Age			Home Ownership	
		Okanagan-Similkameen (n=284)	Kootenays (n=116)	Men (n=166)	Women (n=234)	18-34 (n=49)	35-54 (n=108)	55+ (n=243)	Own (n=282)	Rent (n=116)
% Selected										
NET Extremely + Very Important	88%	87%	90%	88%	89%	90%	85%	90%	87%	91%
Extremely important	49%	47%	52%	42%	55%	42%	48%	52%	47%	53%
Very important	40%	40%	38%	46%	34%	48%	36%	38%	40%	38%
Moderately important	10%	10%	8%	9%	10%	6%	12%	10%	12%	6%
Slightly important	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	3%	-	1%	3%
Not at all important	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

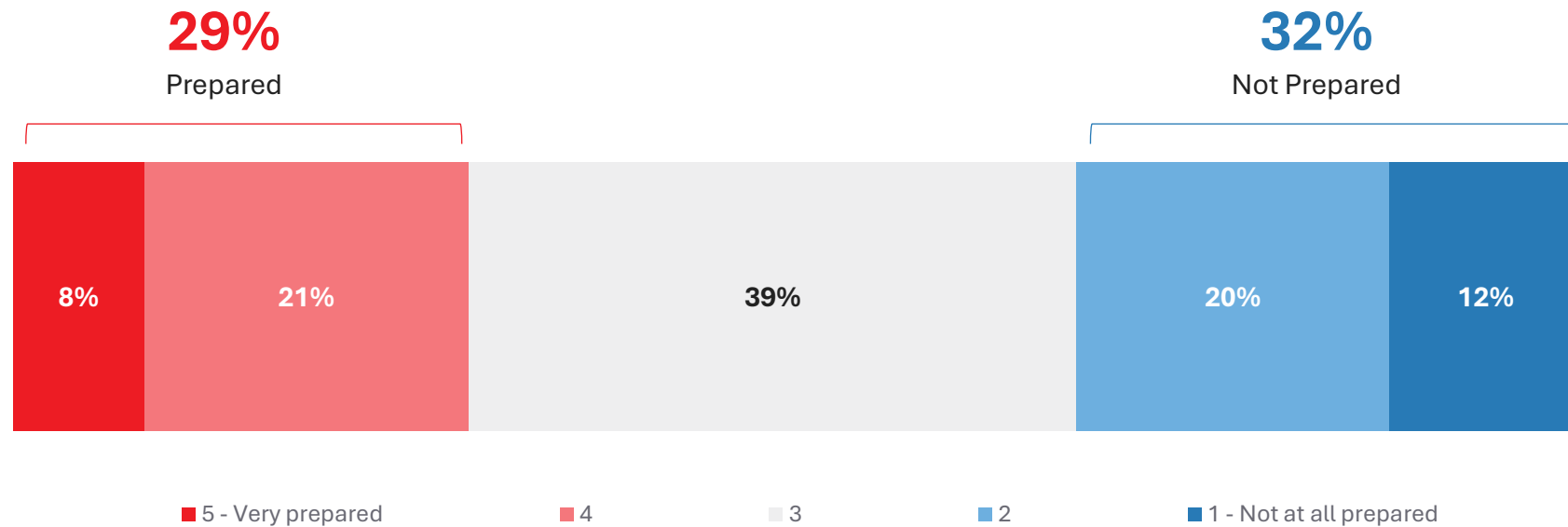
Significantly higher/lower than total

Q4. How important is it that utility companies take steps to prevent their infrastructure from becoming a potential ignition source for wildfires?

Base: All respondents

Household Preparedness for Emergencies

Approximately equal proportions feel they are prepared (29%) versus not prepared (32%) when it comes to managing an extended power outage or other emergency situation, while four in ten (39%) feel neutral.



Q5. On a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all prepared and 5 is very prepared, how prepared are you to manage an extended power outage or other emergency situations in your household?

Base: All respondents (n=400)

Household Preparedness for Emergencies

By Demographics

Men (36%) and those living in the Kootenays (38%) are more likely to feel prepared to manage an extended power outage or other emergency situations. On the other hand, women (41%), Okanagan-Similkameen residents (36%), and those aged 35-54 (42%) are more likely to not feel prepared.

% Selected	Total (n=400)	Region		Gender		Age			Home Ownership	
		Okanagan-Similkameen (n=284)	Kootenays (n=116)	Men (n=166)	Women (n=234)	18-34 (n=49)	35-54 (n=108)	55+ (n=243)	Own (n=282)	Rent (n=116)
NET Prepared	29%	25%	38%	36%	22%	33%	22%	31%	29%	28%
5 - Very prepared	8%	6%	15%	11%	6%	11%	10%	7%	6%	13%
4	21%	19%	24%	26%	16%	23%	12%	25%	23%	15%
3	39%	39%	37%	41%	37%	44%	36%	38%	37%	41%
NET Not Prepared	32%	36%	24%	23%	41%	22%	42%	31%	33%	31%
2	20%	22%	15%	14%	25%	15%	24%	20%	22%	17%
1 - Not at all prepared	12%	13%	10%	9%	16%	8%	18%	11%	12%	14%

Significantly higher/lower than total

Q5. On a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all prepared and 5 is very prepared, how prepared are you to manage an extended power outage or other emergency situations in your household?

Base: All respondents

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Sample Profile

Respondent Profile

All respondents, Base n=400

Gender	
Man	49%
Woman	51%

Age	
18-34	22%
35-54	29%
55+	49%

Area	
Urban	35%
Suburban	38%
Rural	27%

Income	
Less than \$40,000	24%
\$40,000-\$79,999	28%
\$80,000 - \$124,999	26%
\$125,000+	16%

Region	
Okanagan-Similkameen	70%
Kootenays	30%

Education	
High school or less	26%
College	37%
University	36%

Employment	
Employed	51%
Retired	36%
Homemaker/Unemployed	10%
Student	3%

Ethnicity	
White	85%
Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk / Inuit)	5%
Black	3%
South Asian	2%
Filipino	2%
Latin American	1%
Middle Eastern / North African	1%
Southeast Asian	1%
West Asian / Central Asian	1%
Chinese	1%
Japanese	<1%
Korean	<1%
Other	1%

NOTE: Prefer to answer responses not shown

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Appendix C

FBC LETTER TO MINISTER GREENE, DATED JULY 2, 2025



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July 2nd, 2025

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Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness
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sent via email: EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Greene,

The safety of the public and our employees is FortisBC's number one priority, which is why we recently introduced a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) policy in recognition of the escalating effects of extreme weather within British Columbia, including within our electricity service area. The PSPS policy aims to reduce the risk of our activities or equipment igniting a wildfire, as well as the risk of wildfires impacting our infrastructure. PSPS is a new, preventative measure to help keep customers and the communities safe by proactively de-energizing certain powerlines to reduce potential ignition sources in the most extreme fire weather and wind conditions.

When there is an increased risk of wildfires in British Columbia's Southern Interior region, FortisBC always takes a number of steps to help reduce the potential risk and impact of wildfires and protect public safety. This includes year-round work maintaining our system, managing vegetation to keep trees and other vegetation from falling on or touching our power lines and other means to reduce wildfire risk. PSPS is an extension of these efforts and is meant to be a tool of last resort.

As part of our efforts to introduce the PSPS policy, FortisBC has been engaging with First Nations, local governments and communities. During that process, we heard concerns regarding the accessibility of provincial funding should a proactive power interruption become necessary. Specifically, the interruption of power on its own is not defined as an emergency under the current provincial legislation or regulation. As such, First Nations and local governments are concerned they would not be able to access provincial funding in a PSPS event.

Given the importance of this issue, I've asked my team to reach out to your staff to arrange a time to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,

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Doug Slater
Vice President
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Appendix D

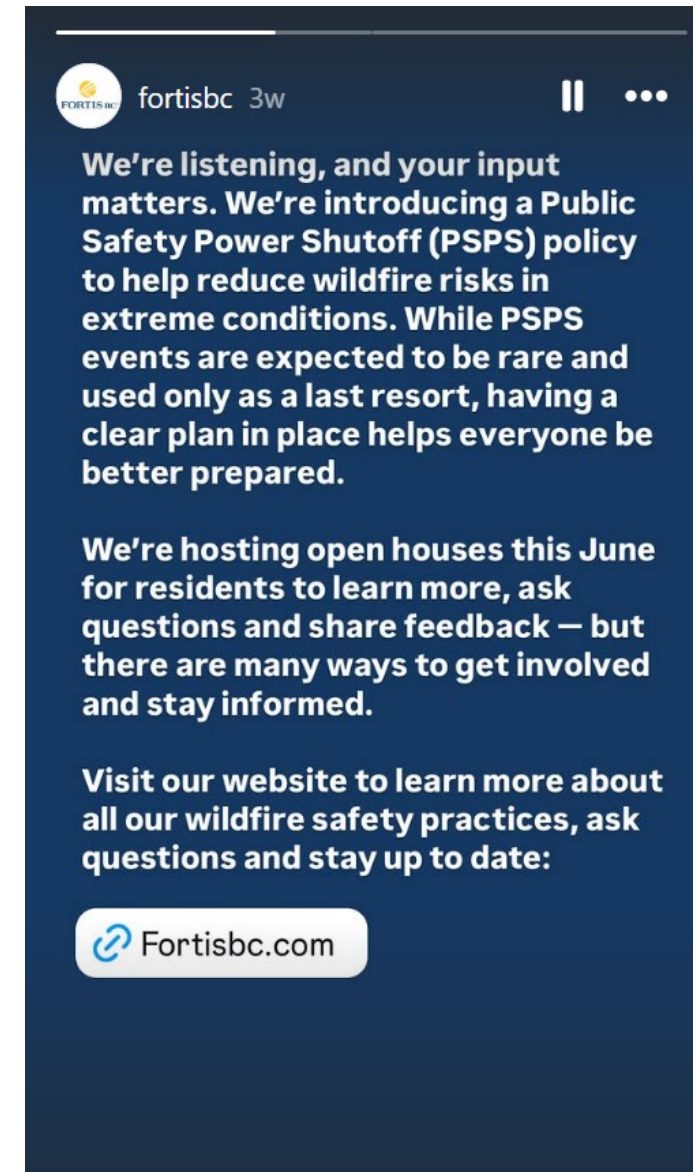
ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

2025 Wildfire Safety

Local and Indigenous communities and provincial engagement

Agenda

- Overview and key takeaways
- Engagement and communications timeline
- Initial local government, First Nations and provincial engagement
- Public awareness and education
- Ongoing engagement
- Public opinion research results
- Key themes and feedback
- Next steps
- Q&A





PSPS

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

This is a new, preventative measure we're planning to introduce this wildfire season in response to the escalating effects of extreme weather, recent devastating wildfire activity and evolving industry practices.



Extreme weather could result in a PSPS event

We consider a number of factors and conditions before initiating a PSPS under extreme conditions.

Components of the Fire Weather Index include:



Low humidity



High temperature



High winds



Dry vegetation

PSPS events are expected to be rare

The decision to implement a PSPS event will only be made based on a careful monitoring for fire risk conditions that include:

- a Fire Weather Index of 47 or more
- sustained wind speeds over 75 kilometres per hour



Overview and key takeaways

Since March of 2025, FortisBC engaged with local governments, First Nations, provincial officials and members of the public about its wildfire safety efforts, including the new Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) policy.

Key takeaways:

- High level of concern from all engaged around general wildfire risk and general support for wildfire prevention measures
- General feeling of lack of preparedness for prolonged outages
- Concern about the rollout of the new PSPS policy, and the level of engagement on the policy itself
- Key audiences asked for additional information about the PSPS policy, including the criteria for initiating a PSPS event and potential support from the Provincial government
- Members of the public largely (60%) support preventative power shutoffs as a wildfire mitigation measure according to public opinion research conducted in these areas in June 2025

Engagement and communications timeline

Phase	March – April	May - June	July - September
Phase 1: Initial engagement Meetings with First Nations, local and provincial governments and community officials ahead of public announcement			
Phase 2: Public awareness Public awareness and education on wildfire safety and the PSPS policy			
Phase 3: PSPS activation notification Keeping people informed before, during and after a PSPS activation			

Phase 1: Initial local government, First Nations and provincial engagement

Prior to public engagement, FortisBC began reaching out to municipalities, First Nations and provincial officials to provide as much notice as possible, gather feedback and identify critical infrastructure.

From **March to April**, FortisBC held a total of **14 meetings and calls with:**

- Princeton and Keremeos
- Upper Similkameen Indian Band
- Lower Similkameen Indian Band
- Regional District Okanagan Similkameen
- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Interior Health
- MLAs and provincial ministries
- Other stakeholders



Phase 2: Public awareness and education

FortisBC undertook significant efforts to raise awareness around wildfire safety practices, the new PSPS policy and communicate opportunities to provide feedback. These efforts started in April and will continue through the end of September.

Notification methods:

- New wildfire safety web pages created and updated throughout, includes ways to sign-up for notifications and ask questions
- Digital, print and radio advertising; paid social media
- Direct mail and email to potentially impacted customers
- News release, media statements, opinion article and media interviews
- Ongoing organic social media
- Open house promotion in targeted areas

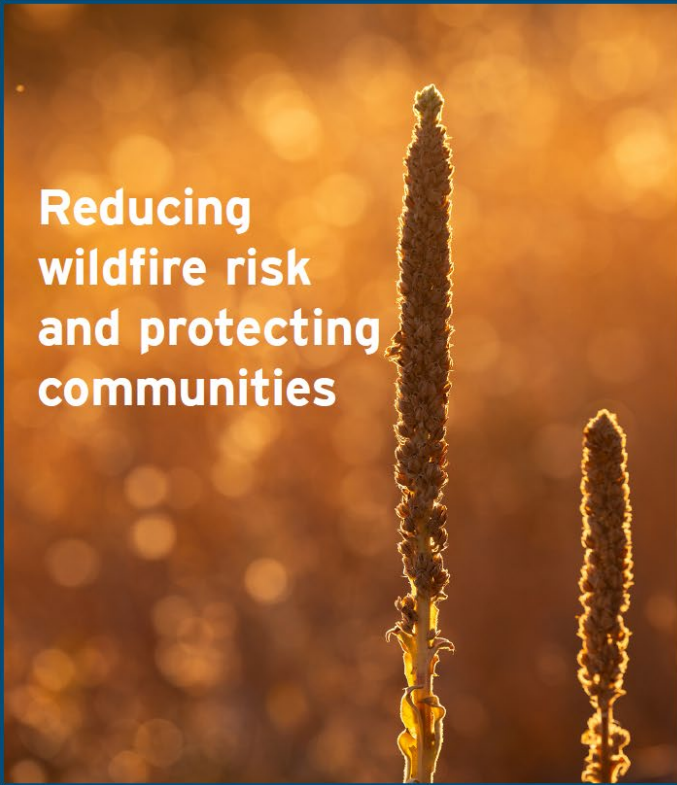


In-person open houses

FortisBC held three in-person community open houses between June 12 and June 19.

In total, there were 177+ attendees across all meetings.

- June 11 – Greenwood
 - **73 attendees**
- June 12 – Keremeos
 - **62 attendees**
- June 18 – Princeton
 - **42 attendees**



Reducing wildfire risk and protecting communities

 **FORTIS BC™**

Let's talk wildfire safety and the electricity system


We're committed to keeping you informed and prepared this wildfire season. From online resources to in-person open houses, there are several ways you can learn about our wildfire safety practices, including the additional preventative measure, Public Safety Power Shutoff.

To learn more:

- Visit our website at fortisbc.com/wildfiresafety
- Submit a question to the online feedback form
- Join us in person at our upcoming open house

Date: June 11, 4 to 7 p.m.
Location: McArthur Centre, 1355 Veteran's Lane, Greenwood, B.C.

Contact us at **1-866-436-7847** to register as a vulnerable customer if you or your family depend on power for medical needs or critical infrastructure.

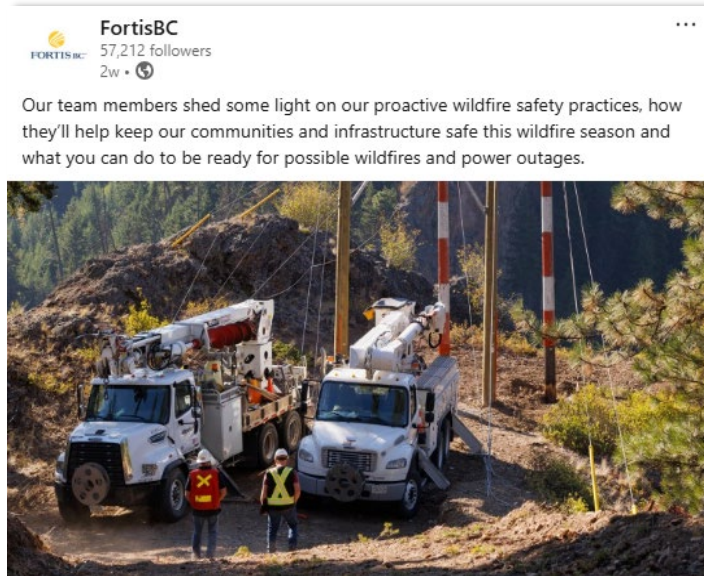


Social media posts and engagement: April 30 to July 21



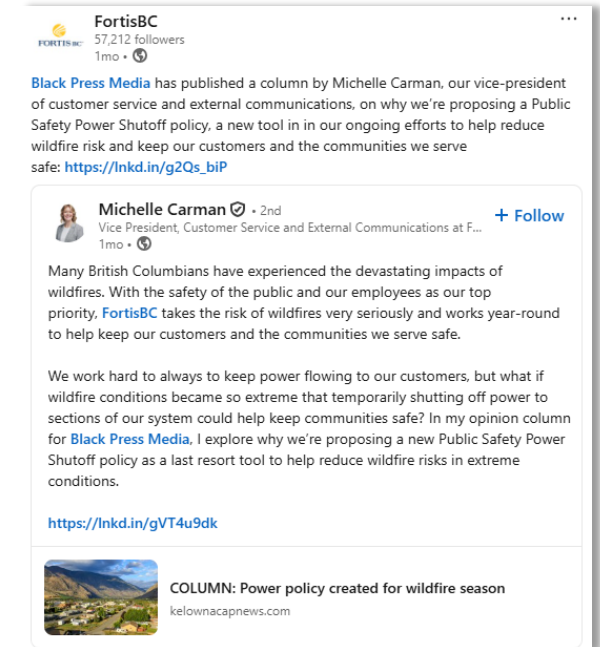
Organic social posts - 28 posts

- Approximately 1,547 impressions per post and 118 engagements each
- Initial video was watched approximately 10,000 times in total across Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram



PSPS LinkedIn Energy exchange article:

- Nearly 9,000 article views
- Reached 3,372 LinkedIn members



Black Press op-ed repost received:

- 5,000 impressions
- 102 engagements

Online engagement



As of the end of August:

- Approximately 6,400 page views from 4,000 users across three pages
- High engagement – average time is seven to over nine minutes per page
- Question with most views: How far in advance of a power shut off would you notify customers?

Ongoing engagement

In response to concerns following the initial public engagement, FortisBC postponed the open houses originally set for May, and continued to engage with municipalities and First Nations to provide more information and address concerns.

From May through August, FortisBC **held 7 additional meetings with:**

- Lower Similkameen Indian Band
- Keremeos and Midway
- Interior Health
- Members of the Legislative Assembly
- Other stakeholders

The Minister of EMCR was engaged to share feedback that called for recognizing proactive power shutoffs as emergencies under provincial policy.



Ongoing direct public engagement

FortisBC continued significant efforts to engage directly with members of the community to answer questions and listen to their feedback.

Engagement methods:

- Webpage with comment form
- Three open houses; two more planned for fall
- Printed feedback forms
- Public email address
- Public opinion research
- Rock Creek Fall Fair booth



Public feedback opportunities

Members of the public provided questions and feedback to FortisBC via a number of direct methods including:

- **27** feedback forms from open houses
- **15** emails
- **29** webform completions
- **51** calls to customer service
- **21** letters
- **22** social media responses
- **Approximately 60** letters of comment as part of the BCUC process



Key themes and feedback



Feedback themes

Across all forms of feedback from stakeholder meetings, open houses and website form entries, the top 11 key themes included:

1. Wildfire risk and prevention (80 mentions)

- Concerns about the criteria for initiating PSPS events, how frequently this could occur, and whether FortisBC is prioritizing vegetation management and other fire prevention strategies.

2. Policy and implementation (78 mentions)

- Feedback on the timing, rollout, and transparency of the PSPS policy, including questions about fairness in how areas were selected.

3. Safety and crime (43 mentions)

- Concerns about increased risks during outages, including fire hazards from generators, property crime, and challenges with emergency response and evacuation.

Feedback Themes

4. Communication (27 mentions)

- Frustration over inadequate information and suggestions for improving notifications, especially in rural areas with limited connectivity.

5. Generators and backup power (26 mentions)

- Issues related to affordability, safety, and practicality of using generators, especially for low-income or elderly residents.

6. Infrastructure and maintenance (26 mentions)

- Calls for better maintenance of power lines, more switches to isolate outages, and investment in infrastructure improvements like undergrounding.

7. Water and wells (24 mentions)

- Concerns from residents who rely on electric pumps for water access, especially for livestock, fire protection and daily needs.

Feedback themes

8. Food and Refrigeration (21 mentions)

- Worries about food spoilage during outages and the financial burden of replacing lost groceries.

9. Vulnerable Populations (19 mentions)

- Concerns about the impact of outages on seniors, people with disabilities, and those dependent on medical equipment.

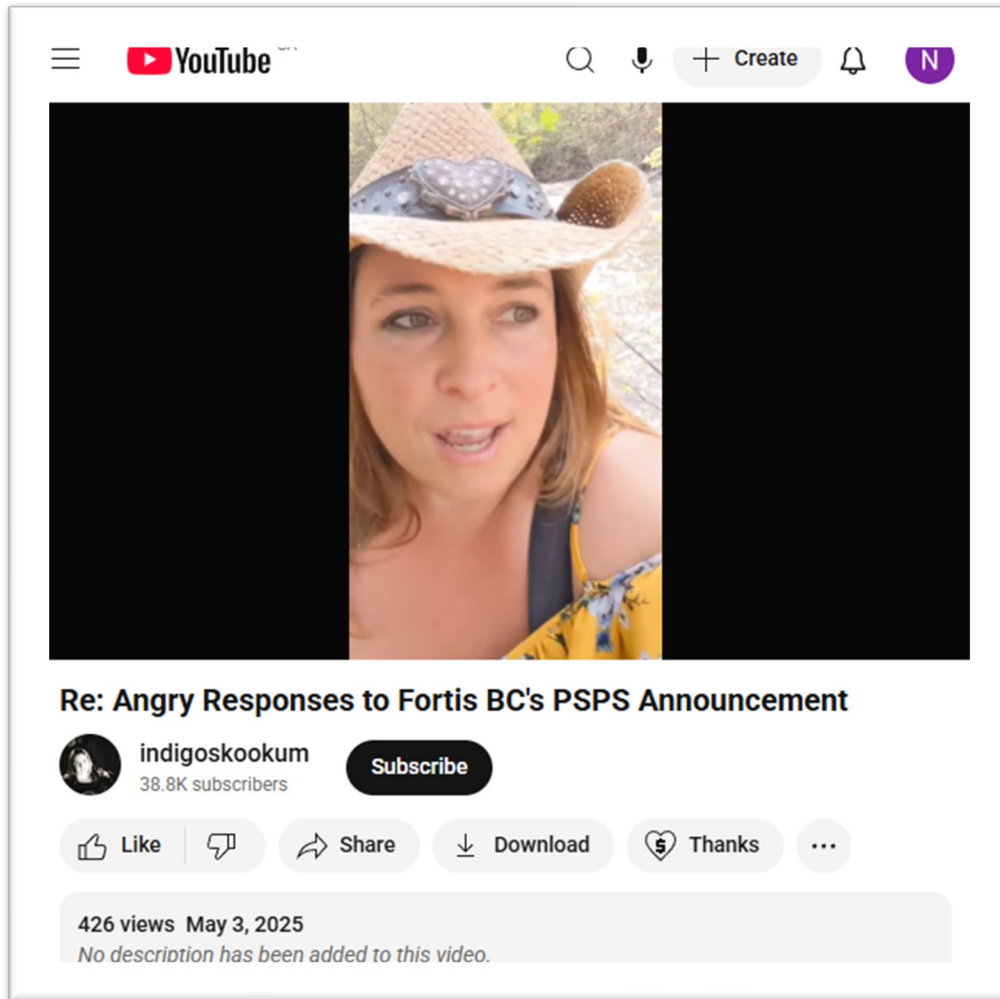
10. Technology and Notification Systems (19 mentions)

- Questions about how people will receive alerts and updates during outages when internet and cell service may be unavailable.

11. Wildfire Prevention Assessment (1 mention)

- Concerns about the lack of provincial funding for planned outages, forcing local governments, First Nations, and businesses to cover costs or seek provincial support.

Public support for wildfire prevention



"We are sitting on a powder keg in a tinder box. It only will take one tree to fall on one power line to burn down this entire area.

And if you live out here, you know this. Okay?

So instead of being upset with Fortis because they're going to be inconveniencing you, how about look at it from the perspective of, hey, that's actually really smart."

Public opinion research

Between June 16 and 22, FortisBC commissioned third-party research to better understand the views and interests of the public on the topic of wildfire safety and FortisBC's PSPS policy.

The research included:

- Online survey of 400 British Columbians from the Okanagan-Similkameen and Kootenay regions
- Results were weighted by age, gender and region according to the 2021 Canada Census to ensure a representative sample

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Public Safety
Power Shutoff **Survey**



Date: June 26, 2025

Feedback – public opinion research results



High concern about wildfire risk: More than half of residents are concerned about wildfire danger in their area, especially women and older individuals



Conditional support for power shutoffs: Most residents support preventative power shutoffs during wildfire threats, especially those who feel prepared.



Strong value on community preparedness: Nearly eight in ten residents see community readiness for long power outages as important, with little disagreement across demographics.



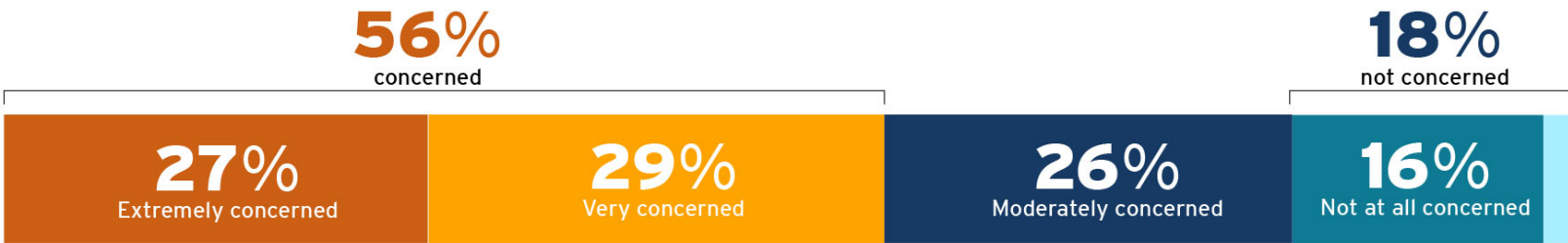
Expectation for utility-led fire prevention: A large majority want utility companies to help prevent wildfires through infrastructure safety efforts, particularly emphasized by women.



Split in emergency preparedness: Residents are split on how prepared they feel for extended outages of emergencies, with women and those in the Okanagan-Similkameen region feeling less equipped.

Feedback – Public opinion research results

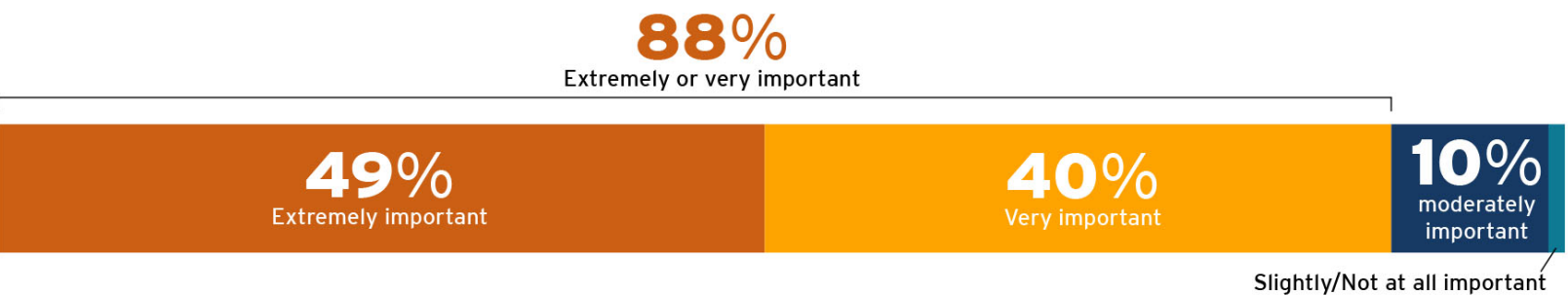
Concern about local wildfire risk



Support for PSPS as a proactive measure



Importance of utilities taking action to prevent wildfires



Next steps

FortisBC will continue to engage with customers and members of the public to raise awareness about wildfire safety and its PSPS policy.

This includes:

- ongoing paid advertising
- direct mail to potentially affected customers
- two additional open houses are scheduled for the fall in Midway and Hedley



Want to learn how power shutoffs help protect our community from wildfires?



Connect with us @fortisbc



Continuous wildfire mitigation

- FortisBC continues to closely monitor wildfire conditions and assess which areas are at greatest risk
- We continue to mitigate for wildfire risks year-round through a number of operational practices
- We will continue to evolve these practices to help protect your communities, applying the learnings and feedback from prior seasons



Q&A



Thank you



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