

Apply Now: Kootenay ʔa·kin̓uku TREX BC PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING EXCHANGE

September 15-26, 2025 | Cranbrook, B.C.

Applications are now open for Kootenay ʔa·kin̓uku TREX. The BC Wildfire Service and Ktunaxa Nation are collaboratively delivering B.C.'s second prescribed fire training exchange (TREX) this fall, with support from the First Nations' Emergency Services Society.

WHAT IS TREX?

TREX is a unique, cooperative, prescribed burning training model that provides hands-on learning with a focus on local landscapes and values.

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Scan to watch the video
from Kootenay
ʔa·kin̓uku TREX 2024:



Kootenay ʔa·kin̓uku TREX will be hosted in the Ktunaxa community of ʔaq̓am, for the second time following our successful pilot in 2024. We are grateful to be able to learn together on ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

All participants must complete:

- [a moderate pack test](#) (this fitness test can be self-administered)
- [S-100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety](#)
- [I-100 Introduction to the Incident Command Systems](#)
- CIFFC's S-290 Principles of Fire Behaviour or S-390 Intermediate Fire Behaviour

If needed, we will work with successful applicants to connect them with training in their community.

For more information, reach out to
BCWS.TREX@gov.bc.ca.

HOW TO APPLY:

Scan the code or [follow the link](#) to access the online application form.



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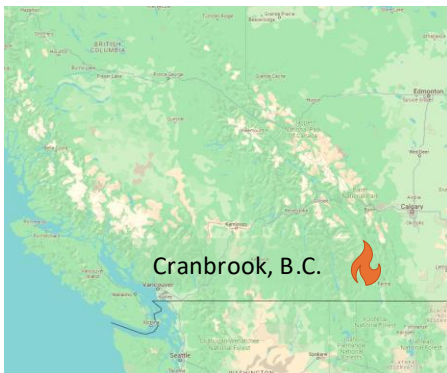
What can you expect?

Daily activities will depend on weather conditions. Our goal is to provide participants with experiential learning on prescribed fire projects throughout the East Kootenay.

If conditions are not suitable for burning, participants will learn through in-class sessions, field trips, guest speakers and peer-to-peer knowledge sharing.

Course themes will include:

- Indigenous knowledge and traditional use of fire
- Fire ecology and fire effects
- Prescribed fire planning and Implementation
- Experience and training in live prescribed fire scenarios



Who can apply?

Anyone can apply for BC TREX. The selection process will prioritize a range of experience levels, Indigenous representation, relationship-building with local partners, and training needs. **BC Wildfire Service staff, please follow the provincial training process.**

Registration Fee:

There is no registration fee.

Meals & Accommodation:

We're proud that TREX is being hosted by ʔaąam on ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa.

Training space, meals and accommodation (camping spaces) will be provided at no charge.

Additional Costs:

Participants and employers are required to cover costs associated with travel to and from the event and are responsible for all paid and/or vacation time, including overtime, accrued during TREX.

All participants need to come with Personal Protective Equipment. Please let us know if you need support accessing equipment.

Applications:

Applications will **close at 11:59 pm on June 16**. We intend to notify successful applicants by mid-July.

Learn more:

Questions? Email us!

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