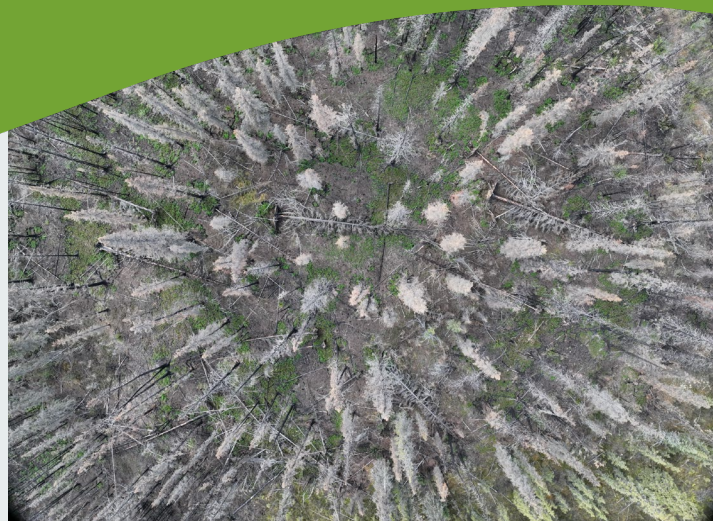


# Pelly five-year wood supply update

The Pelly district is in central Yukon. With a long history of using fire-killed timber for fuel wood, the district now looks to expand planning to include new harvest plans and biomass development.

While there is a large volume of timber in the area, there are no commercial operations. Some past harvesting occurred in the 1995 Minto burn, but activity declined in the early 2010s as access was deactivated.

Historically, fuel wood has come from large burns close to roads, with the 2010 Minto fire on Selkirk First Nation Settlement Land continuing to provide local supply. This activity may be shifting to the Crooked Creek burn. New timber harvest plans are focused on salvaging fire-killed timber from recent burns.



## What's happening in the district

There are no active timber harvest plans, but two new projects are in development. The Crooked Creek THP is undergoing Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) review. The Pelly Fuelwood THP is in development and would support small scale timber harvesting. Timber salvage potential is also being assessed in the 2024 Willow Hills fire between Pelly Crossing and Stewart Crossing.

The Minto Burn THP access road has been deactivated, though small permit opportunities may still exist. Designated personal use fuel wood areas remain active.

## Current wood supply snapshot

- **Forest Resources Management Plan:** No.
- **Active Timber Harvest Plans:** 1 – McQuesten.
- **Available Timber:** Approximately 2,800 cubic metres.
- **Planned Timber Harvest Plans:** 2 - Crooked Creek and Pelly Fuelwood.
- **Community Wildfire Protection Plan:** No.
- **Personal Use Fuel Wood Areas:** 13 areas, 2,462 hectares.
- **Primary Wood Use:** Fuel wood and sawlogs for local use.
- **Active Commercial Harvesters:** No.
- **Average Annual Harvest:** N/A.

## Partnerships and Industry

Selkirk First Nation is interested in expanding forestry opportunities. Their priorities include exploring district biomass heating, securing fuel wood for their cordwood boiler, and for citizens.

## Long-term wood supply outlook

Access to timber is increasingly challenging as older burns are harvested and become degraded. The local forest inventory is based on outdated 1980s aerial photography, making planning difficult.

There is long-term potential for both commercial and community-based forestry initiatives.



## About the district

The Pelly district covers about 25,000 square kilometres in central Yukon and includes the community of Pelly Crossing. It lies within the Traditional Territories of Selkirk First Nation, Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation and First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, as well as the asserted traditional territory of White River First Nation.

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