Lunch Break Fires: Be sure to properly and fully extinguish them!

**Location:** Higher elevation forestry site

**Date:** September 14, 2016

**Details of Incident:** On September 11th, a forestry worker on a high elevation worksite built a lunch fire, which he did not properly extinguish. There had been 6 inches of snow that morning.

Crews working on the site on September 14th smelled smoke, and found the smouldering remains of the fire. The fire was then fully extinguished, and checked again at the end of the day.

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Learnings & Suggestions: Cold, damp and even snowy conditions don't necessarily negate the chance of forest fires. Use utmost care and attention when starting any type of camp fire, any time of the year.

Always follow BC campfire regulations. Dig down to mineral soil. Clear a fire guard 1m x 1m in area to be free of fuels adjacent to the fire. Have either 8 litres of water or a hand tool on site while the fire is burning. Keep fire smaller than 0.5 m x 0.5m. Make sure the ashes of your fire are fully out and cool to the touch before you leave the area.

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