

RDOS

Electoral Area "G"

Official Community Plan



# Citizen's Committee Meeting #2

April 19, 2021



# Agenda

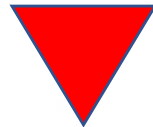
1. Welcome
2. Chair of the Committee / Approve Meeting Minutes (March 8<sup>th</sup>)
3. Project Update
4. Review the Background Report
5. Mapping Exercise

# Administrative

- Chair of the Citizens Committee
  - **Mel Kotyk**
  - Liaison for Members, point person for the RDOS staff and the Area Director
  - EcoPlan to provide administrative support, facilitate and listen to Committee Members
- Previous Meeting Minutes - Approval

# Project Update

**We are Here**



Citizens Committee | Online activities | Community survey | Focus groups | Open houses or online community sessions

# Phase 1 – Work Completed

- Engagement Program Outline
- Community Profile / Background Report
- Citizens Committee Set-up and Start
- Public Project Launch



# Resident Engagement – Start Up



- Regional Connections (online)
  - Information
  - Questions
  - Mapping
  - Video “What is an OCP?”
- CivicReady/Social Media Posts
- Post Card Mail Out – Direct to Residents
- Project Email List
- Survey launch (online/paper)

A scenic landscape photograph of a valley. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. The middle ground features a vibrant green field, possibly a golf course, with a winding river or stream to its right. The background consists of dark, forested mountains under a sky filled with heavy, grey clouds. The overall mood is somewhat somber due to the overcast sky.

*Discussion:*

What have you been  
hearing in the community?

# Looking Ahead – Phase 2

## **Objective: Understanding each community, identify key issues, vision and goals**

- Survey Summary
- Community Boards with QR Code
- Findings – Information Mail Out to Residents
- Community Open House
- What We Heard Report
- Citizens Committee Meeting



# Stakeholders – Who are we missing?

Town of Keremeos Council CAO

School District Board (#53)

Keremeos Irrigation District

Hedley Improvement District

Similkameen Improvement District

Interior Health Authority

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Agricultural Land Commission

Ministry of Agriculture

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

Integrated Land Management Bureau

Wildfire Management Branch

Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department

Fortis Gas/Fortis BC

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource  
Operations and Rural Development

Integrated Resource Operations Division

Resource Stewardship (Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Mgt)

Forest Tenures Branch and Land Tenures Branch

BC Wildfire Service (Kamloops Branch)

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Ministry of Env / BC Parks

Parks Canada

South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program

Cooperative Growers Association

BC Cattlemen's Association

Lower Similkameen Community Services Society

Hedley Tourist Information Centre/Museum

***\*NOTE: USIB and LSIB are consulted as neighbouring governments, not as stakeholders.***

# Upcoming Open House – Ideas?



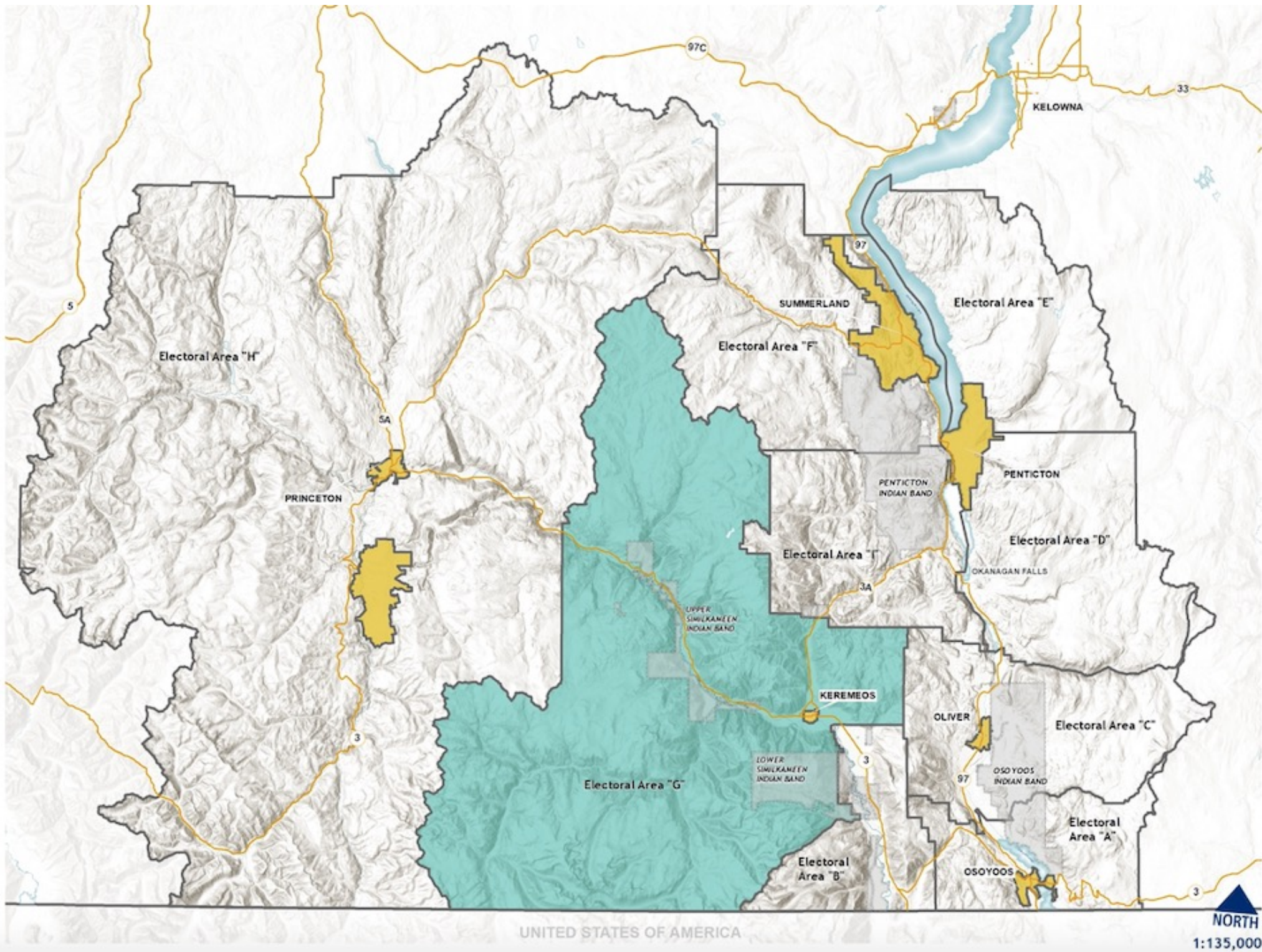


# Community Profile - Background Report Key Findings

Electoral Area "G"  
Official Community Plan Project  
Community Profile – Background Report  
(October 2020, updated March 2021)









# Demographics



- Relatively **stable population**
- **High seniors population**, which is expected to experience the most growth in the coming years
  - Closest assisted living and health care is in Princeton or Keremeos



# Housing



- Housing has become **less affordable**, as the median home price increased by 32.5%.
- Primary housing type are **single family homes** (60%)
- **81% own** homes, 19% rent
- **Hidden homelessness** is a notable challenge
- **Limited housing availability** in Hedley
- Projected **29-43 new homes needed by 2041** (based on 1-1.5% growth)















# Land Use and Area Findings

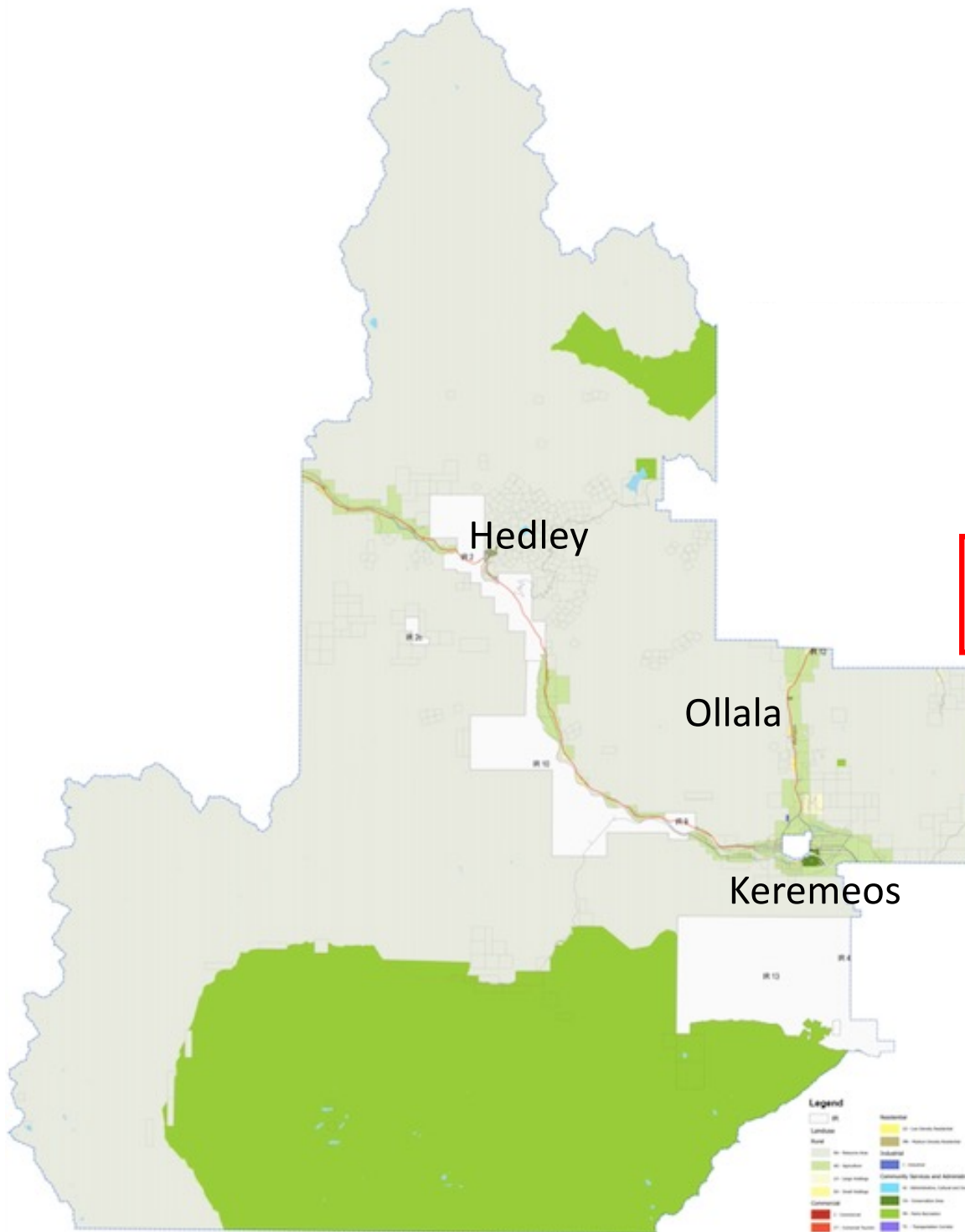


- Key land uses are - **Resource, Parks/Rec, and Agriculture**
- A high number of **species at risk** are found in the area
- Many residents are **employed** in traditional resource occupations (e.g., agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting)
- There are several key **Provincial Recreation Areas**, including two recent expansions to Cathedral Provincial Park, totalling 82 hectares.

## AREA "G" LAND USE

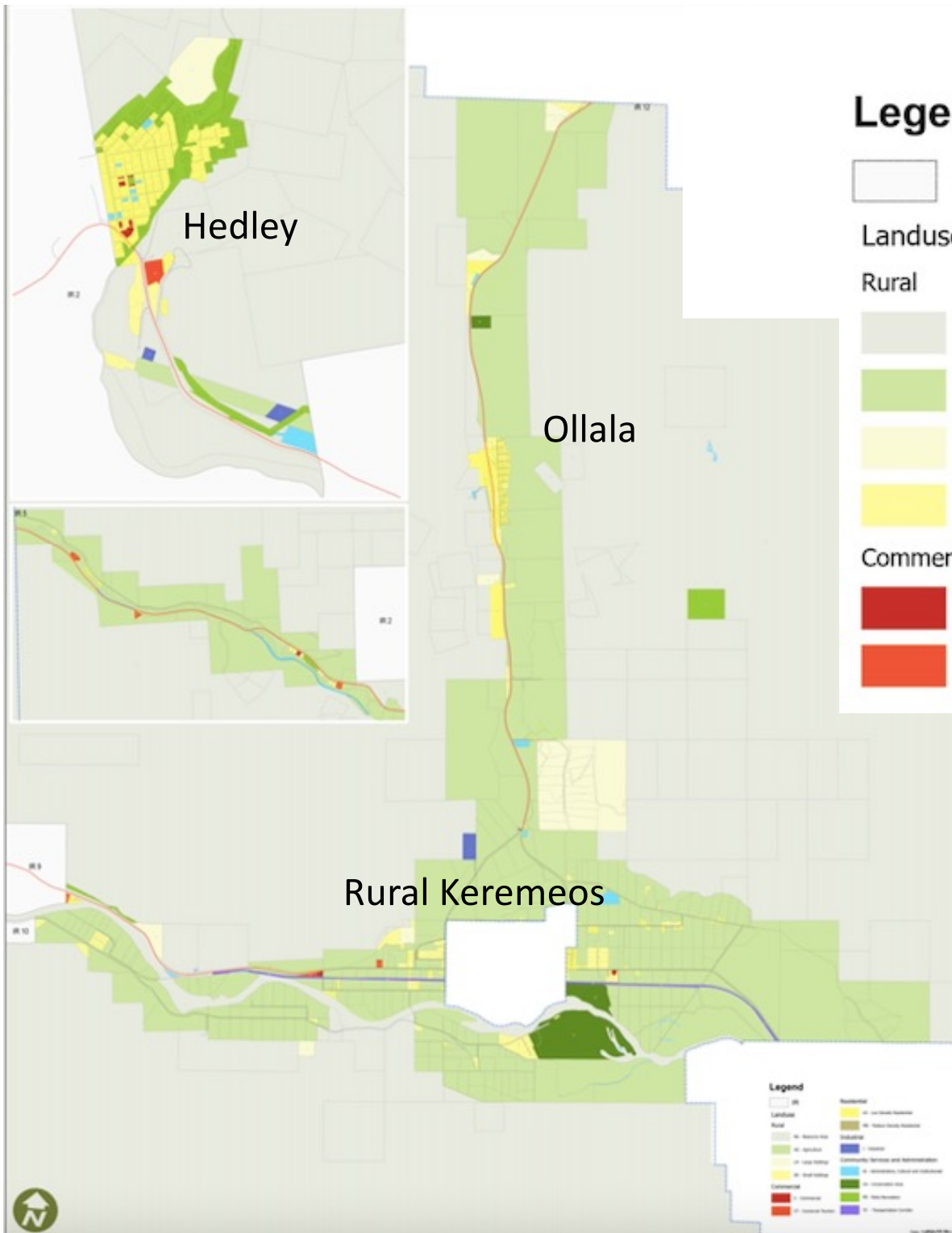
### Legend

 IR	<b>Residential</b>
<b>Landuse</b>	 LR - Low Density Residential
<b>Rural</b>	 MR - Medium Density Residential
 RA - Resource Area	<b>Industrial</b>
 AG - Agriculture	 I - Industrial
 LH - Large Holdings	<b>Community Services and Administration</b>
 SH - Small Holdings	 AI - Administrative, Cultural and Institutional
<b>Commercial</b>	 CA - Conservation Area
 C - Commercial	 PR - Parks Recreation
 CT - Commercial Tourism	 TC - Transportation Corridor



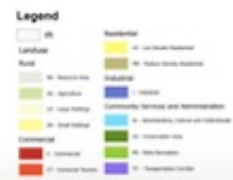
**Legend**

 IR	 LR - Low Density Residential
<b>Landuse</b>	 MR - Medium Density Residential
<b>Rural</b>	 I - Industrial
 RA - Resource Area	<b>Community Services and Administration</b>
 AG - Agriculture	 AI - Administrative, Cultural and Institutional
 LH - Large Holdings	 CA - Conservation Area
 SH - Small Holdings	 PR - Parks Recreation
<b>Commercial</b>	TC - Transportation Corridor
C - Commercial	
CT - Commercial Tourism	



## Legend


- |   |  |
|---|--|
| IR  |  |
| <b>Landuse</b>                                  |  |
| <b>Rural</b>                                    |  |
| RA - Resource Area                              |  |
| AG - Agriculture                                |  |
| LH - Large Holdings                             |  |
| SH - Small Holdings                             |  |
| <b>Commercial</b>                               |  |
| C - Commercial                                  |  |
| CT - Comercial Tourism                          |  |
| <b>Residential</b>                              |  |
| LR - Low Density Residential                    |  |
| MR - Medium Density Residential                 |  |
| <b>Industrial</b>                               |  |
| I - Industrial                                  |  |
| <b>Community Services and Administration</b>    |  |
| AI - Administrative, Cultural and Institutional |  |
| CA - Conservation Area                          |  |
| PR - Parks Recreation                           |  |
| TC - Transportation Corridor                    |  |

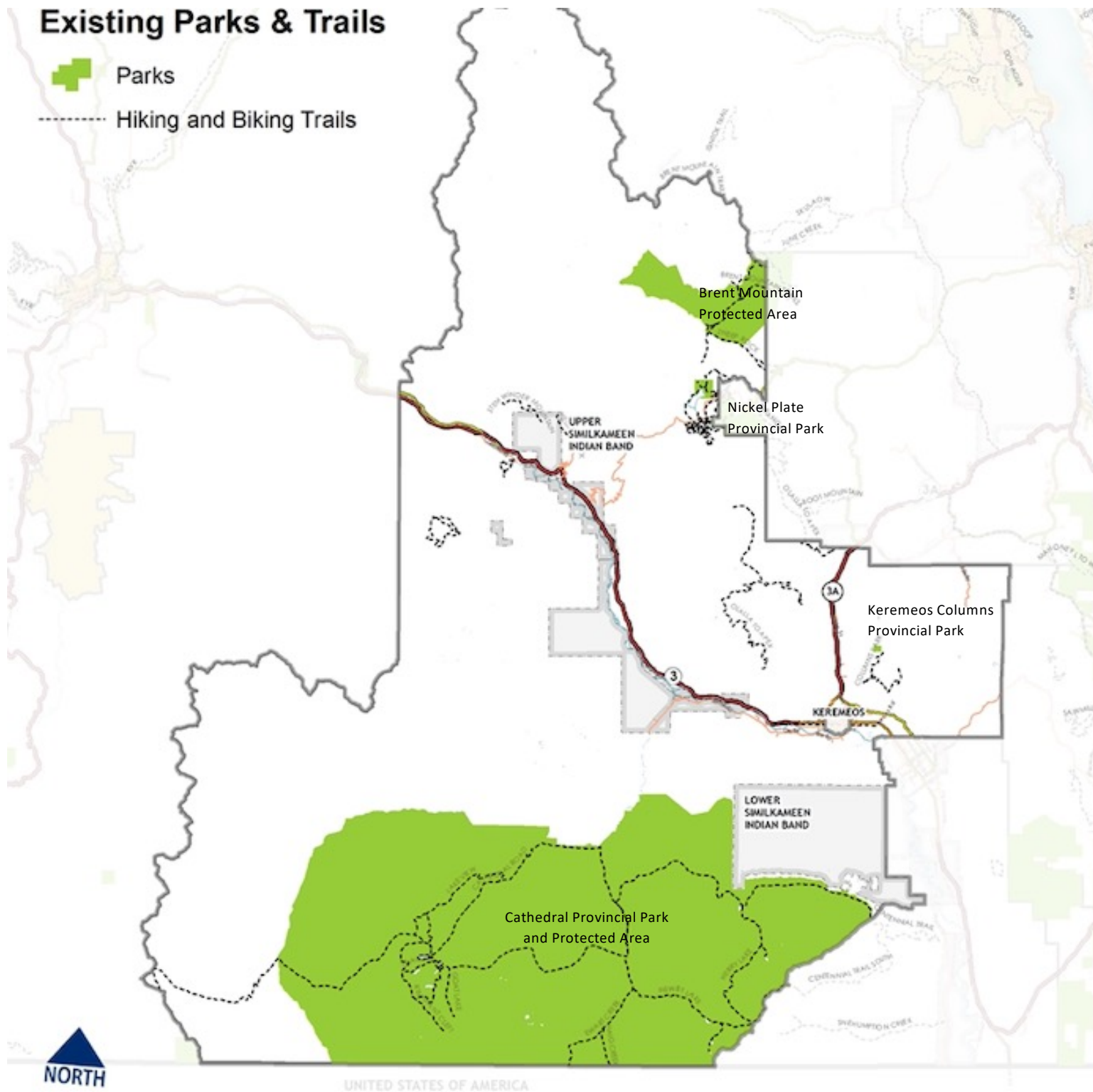




# Existing Parks & Trails

 Parks

 Hiking and Biking Trails





# Infrastructure & Servicing

- Solid Waste Management Plan (2011)
  - Increase waste diversion rate from 51% to 73%
  - Keremeos Transfer Station to Campbell Mountain Landfill
  - RDOS Curbside Recycling and Garbage Collection for rural areas
- Water
  - RDOS water system in Ollala (groundwater well) – 200 properties
  - Keremeos Irrigation District – rural Keremeos (groundwater well)
  - Hedley Improvement District – 2 groundwater wells
- No Liquid Waste Management Plan

# Hazards



- **Flood Risk**

- Increased flood risk and land erosion
- Limited flood risk data available (outdated)

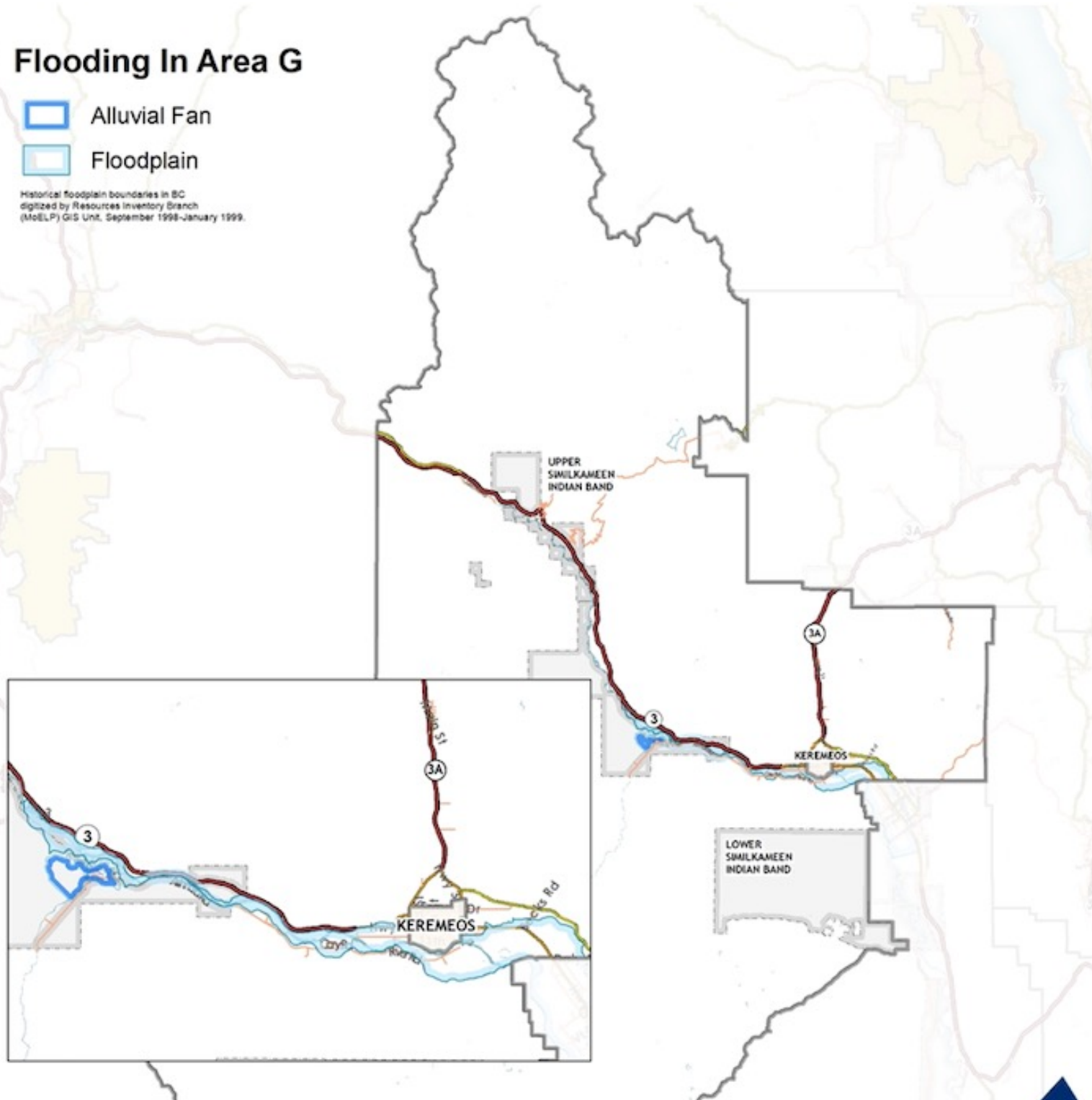
- **Wildfire Risk**

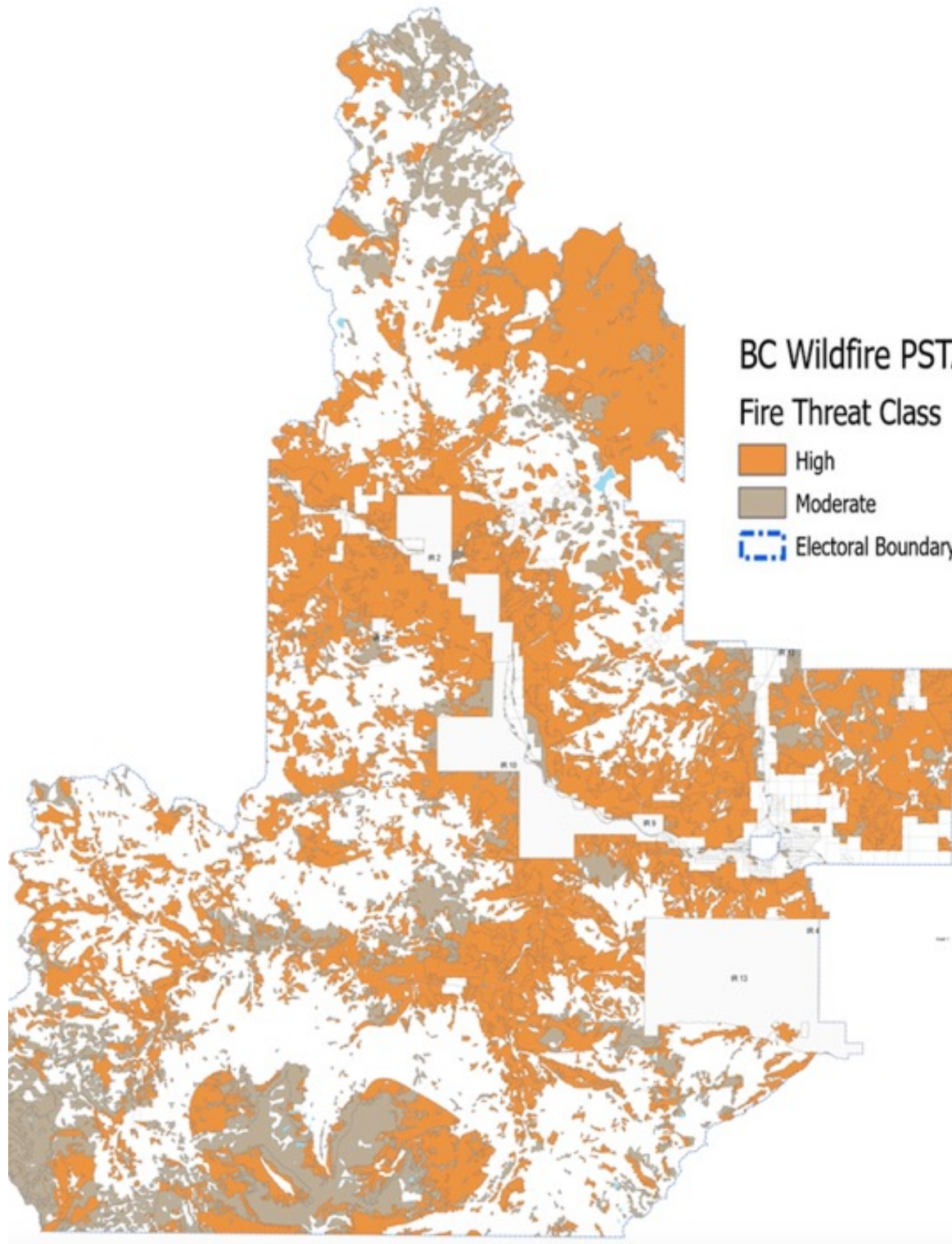
- PSTA Fire Threat Rating Class for Area “G” is rated high to moderate
- Grasslands and timber areas most at risk
- Fuel is primarily located on Crown lands
- Active FireSmart programs

# Flooding In Area G

-  Alluvial Fan
-  Floodplain

Historical floodplain boundaries in BC digitized by Resources Inventory Branch (MoELP) GIS Unit, September 1998-January 1999.





## BC Wildfire PSTA Fire Threat Rating

### Fire Threat Class

- High
- Moderate
- Electoral Boundary



# Key Notes & Information Gaps



- Traditional Territory of the Sylix peoples, USIB and LSIB lands
- Significant settler history in the area, tourism component
- Primarily rural population (concentrated in rural Keremeos)
- Distinct communities (Hedley, Ollala)
- Stable yet aging population
- Limited housing options
- Important ecological areas
- Flood risk, with limited data
- Wildfire risk is growing, some programs in place



A scenic landscape photograph of a valley. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. The middle ground features a large, vibrant green golf course with distinct mowed stripes. To the right of the golf course, a river flows through a rocky, light-colored channel. The background is dominated by steep, forested mountains with some rocky outcrops. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere. The text "Mapping Exercise" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

# Mapping Exercise

# Next Meeting

- Meeting Scheduled for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Agenda:
  - Review Resident Input (Phase 2)
  - Draft Directions - Vision and Framework for the Official Community Plan
  - Looking ahead to Phase 3



Be Part  
of the  
Plan

- *Meeting notes will be emailed with slides & posted on the Regional Connections page*
- *Further thoughts? Please email [anne-marie@ecoplan.ca](mailto:anne-marie@ecoplan.ca)*