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I have worked in fire and emergency management for over 24 years, with the fortunate opportunity working across 3 countries within numerous land management government agencies, focusing on forest and wildfire operations.

Majority of this time has been working in wildfire prevention associated with the urban interface environment, focusing on integrated fire management planning concepts and community/landscape resiliency. The knowledge gained over this time is supported by 22 years of direct operational experience, ranging from incident management to prescribed fire.

I was a volunteer fire fighter for the Country Fire Authority for several years, giving me the first taste of fire and emergency management – haven't looked back since!

My passion and interest lie within wildfire prevention, bringing people, agencies and communities together to collectively work together in reducing the risks and impacts of wildfires on our landscapes and values.

In my current role as Manager of Wildfire Prevention for BCWS, I see a great opportunity and partnerships with FireSmart Canada and their provincial partners, building FireSmart Canada on a national scale while promoting the program within BC as the foundation of our prevention program.

I enjoy working with like-minded individual, sharing knowledge and experiences with the endeavor of helping communities to work and live with wildfire.