



## FOREST & WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT IN NEPAL

“Forest fire is emerging as one of the major challenges threatening biodiversity in general and forest ecosystems in particular in Nepal”

Motivated by that pronouncement, the facts on the ground of the increasing frequency and devastation by forest and wildfires as well as Canada’s extensive experience in fire prevention and response, a focused 2-year project was developed by Thompson Rivers University with the support of the International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) in partnership with Nepal Department of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management. Ivan will outline the complexity of issues affecting decision-making and the agreed development process for the establishment of a new cell within the Nepal Department of Forests to lead the management and coordination of effective fire response.

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