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To: The City of Red Deer

I would like to request that The City of Red Deer undertake the required maintenance in the forested areas near our Building to reduce or prevent the high potential of Fires.

The forested area we are referencing is located North of our building and follows Michener Avenue to 55th Street and it stretches west to the Alberta Infrastructure property line. After the Windstorm in Red Deer on [June 21](#), 2017, many trees in this area were uprooted and left to decompose. It was determined during the storm clean up efforts that there were many trees that could not be safely removed so the decision was made to clear the pathways but leave many of the trees where they fell. There has been much more deadwood falling since this time that has been accessible to be properly removed by City workers, however the trees are just cut and the pieces are thrown back into the tree line. With the continuous dry conditions over the years and more increased winds the underbrush and these fallen decomposing trees contribute to a more combustible environment which significantly increases the fire risk in our area.

We realize that the Forested areas located in Michener Hill is a delicate ecosystem and we hope the city can determine a way to protect this area but also address the high potential for fire risk by removing the accessible deadfall.

There has already been a brush fire in one of the areas within the city limits this year; we certainly do not want this area to be the next one affected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sierra Michener Hill Resident,