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WHEN IT'S HOT, IT'S HOT . . . OR MAYBE IT'S NOT! THIRTY YEARS OF FOREST FIRE RESEARCH - A PERSONAL REFLECTION

The last thirty years of Canadian fire research has resulted in a better understanding and prediction of fire behaviour and effects, fire regimes, interaction of natural disturbances, prescribed burning, fuel dynamics, and fire risk and mitigation. This research has been a collaborative effort involving federal, provincial, and territorial agencies, universities and colleges, forest industry, and the private sector. Over the last 35 years, first as a graduate student and then as a fire researcher with the Canadian Forest Service, I have had the privilege of participating in some of this interesting research, both in BC and YK, and across the country. This talk is a personal reflection of my "hot and 'cool' " research experiences and results; the interesting and the inspiring people I have worked with; and some lessons learned. A grade 8 student shared the following with me after I gave a "forest fire" talk in his class: "I did not know there was a career path for someone who liked to play with matches as a kid".