# **Alberta Smoke Plume Observation data**

## **Description**

The Alberta Smoke Plume Observation Study was a field project conducted by provincial forestry staff in coordination with Natural Resources Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada to observe and measure smoke plumes from wildland fires in Alberta. The study used hand-held inclinometer measurements and photos taken from forestry lookout towers. Observations of 222 plumes were collected from 21 towers over a six-year period from 2010 to 2015. Observers reported the equilibrium and maximum plume heights based on the plume's final leveling height and the maximum lofting height, respectively. Observations were tabulated at the end of each year and matched to reported fires. Forest fuel types as well as fire sizes at assessment times were reported by the province. Fire weather conditions were obtained from the Canadian Wildland Fire Information System (CWFIS). Assessed fire sizes were adjusted to the appropriate size at plume observation time using elliptical fire-growth projections.

Geographic Extent

SW:-122.7 49.46, NE:-107.944 60.055



Time Period

From:2010 - To:2015

#### Resources

Resource Name	Resource Type	Language	Format
Alberta Smoke Plume Observation data	Dataset	English, French	XLS

#### **Additional Information**

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Date Type	Publication
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Date Type	Creation
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Maintenance and Update Frequency	Not planned



## **Data Classification**

GC Core Subject Forest fires, Remote sensing

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Topic category	Environment	
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Spatial representation type

Vector

Metadata language

English

Supplemental Information

The Alberta Smoke Plume
Observation Study was conducted
to observe and measure the smoke
plumes from wildland fires in
Alberta. This study used hand-held
inclinometer measurements and
photos taken at several lookout towers
in the province. The plume height
data and photos were used to validate
plume rise algorithms, which have
been incorporated in smoke and air

quality prediction models.

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The following paper presents a description and analysis of this database. We encourage users to read it before attempting further analyses.

Anderson, K.R.; Pankratz, A.; Mooney, C.; Fleetham, K. 2017. The Alberta Smoke Plume Observations Study. (in

preparation)

### **Distribution Information**

**Distribution format** 

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