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cffdrs.core-package Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System

## **Description**

The cffdrs.core package allows R users to calculate the outputs of the two main components of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System (CFFDRS; http://cwfis.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/background/summary/fdr): the Fire Weather Index (FWI) System (http://cwfis.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/background/summary/fwi) and the Fire Behaviour Prediction (FBP) System (http://cwfis.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/background/summary/fbp) along with additional methods created and used Canadian fire modelling. These systems are widely used internationally to assess fire danger (FWI System) and quantify fire behavior (FBP System).

#### **Details**

The FWI System (Van Wagner 1987) is based on the moisture content and the effect of wind of three classes of forest fuels on fire behavior. It consists of six components: three fuel moisture codes (Fire Fuel Moisture Code, Duff Moisture Code, Drought Code), and three fire behavior indexes representing rate of spread (Initial Spread Index), fuel consumption (Buildup Index), and fire intensity (Fire Weather Index). The FWI System outputs are determined from daily noon weather observations: temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, and 24-hour rainfall.

The FBP System (Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group 1992; Hirsch 1996) provides a set of primary and secondary measures of fire behavior. The primary outputs consist of estimates of fire spread rate, fuel consumption, fire intensity, and fire description (i.e., surface, intermittent, or crown fire). The secondary outputs, which are not used nearly as often, give estimates of fire area, perimeter, perimeter growth rate, and flank and back fire behavior based on a simple elliptical fire growth model. Unlike the FWI System, which is weather based, the FBP System also requires information on vegetation (hereafter, fuel types) and slope (if any) to calculate its outputs. Sixteen fuel types are included in the FBP System, covering mainly major vegetation types in Canada.

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## See Also

fbp, fireSeason, fwi, gfmc, hffmc, sdmc, wDC

BackRateOfSpread

Back Fire Rate of Spread Calculator

## **Description**

Calculate the Back Fire Spread Rate. All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992).

#### Usage

BackRateOfSpread(FUELTYPE, FFMC, BUI, WSV, FMC, SFC, PC, PDF, CC, CBH)

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## **Arguments**

FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

FFMC Fine Fuel Moisture Code

BUI Buildup Index
WSV Wind Speed Vector
FMC Foliar Moisture Content
SFC Surface Fuel Consumption

PC Percent Conifer

PDF Percent Dead Balsam Fir

CC Degree of Curing (just "C" in FCFDG 1992)

CBH Crown Base Height

#### Value

BROS: Back Fire Rate of Spread

#### References

https://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/publications/download-pdf/10068 Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

BuildupEffect Build Up Effect Calculator

# Description

Computes the Buildup Effect on Fire Spread Rate. All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992).

# Usage

BuildupEffect(FUELTYPE, BUI)

## **Arguments**

FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

BUI The Buildup Index value

## Value

BE: Build up effect

## References

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#### **Description**

Buildup Index Calculation. All code is based on a C code library that was written by Canadian Forest Service Employees, which was originally based on the Fortran code listed in the reference below. All equations in this code refer to that document. Equations and FORTRAN program for the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1985. Van Wagner, C.E.; Pickett, T.L. Canadian Forestry Service, Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Chalk River, Ontario. Forestry Technical Report 33. 18 p.

#### Usage

```
BuildupIndex(dmc, dc)
```

## **Arguments**

dmc Duff Moisture Code
dc Drought Code

#### Value

A single Build Up Index value

## References

http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/pubwarehouse/pdfs/19927.pdf Development and structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1987. Van Wagner, C.E. Canadian Forestry Service, Headquarters, Ottawa. Forestry Technical Report 35. 35 p.

CriticalSurfaceIntensity

Critical Surface Intensity Calculator

# Description

Calculate Critical surface intensity (CSI).

## Usage

CriticalSurfaceIntensity(FMC, CBH)

#### **Arguments**

FMC Foliar Moisture Content
CBH Crown Base Height

#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Value

**CSI** 

## References

https://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/publications/download-pdf/10068 Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

CriticalSurfaceRateOfSpread

Critical Surface Rate of Spread Calculator

#### **Description**

Calculate Critical Surface fire rate of spread (RSO). The value of each of these equations can be returned to the calling function without unecessary additional calculations.

#### Usage

CriticalSurfaceRateOfSpread(CSI, SFC)

## **Arguments**

CSI Critical Surface Intensity
SFC Surface Fuel Consumption

## **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

## Value

**RSO** 

## References

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#### **Description**

Calculate Calculate Crown Fraction Burned.

# Usage

CrownFractionBurned(ROS, RSO)

## **Arguments**

ROS Rate of Spread

RSO Critical Surface Rate of Spread

## **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

## Value

**CFB** 

#### References

https://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/publications/download-pdf/10068 Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

CrownFuelConsumption Crown Fuel Consumption calculation

## Usage

CrownFuelConsumption(FUELTYPE, CFL, CFB, PC, PDF)

# Arguments

FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

CFL Crown Fuel Load (kg/m^2)
CFB Crown Fraction Burned (0-1)

PC Percent Conifer (

\itemPDFPercent Dead Balsam Fir (

CFC Crown Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2)

Computes the Crown Fuel Consumption by Fuel Type. All variables names are laid out in the same manner as FCFDG (1992) or Wotton et. al (2009)

Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). "Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Wotton, B.M., Alexander, M.E., Taylor, S.W. 2009. Updates and revisions to the 1992 Canadian forest fire behavior prediction system. Nat. Resour. Can., Can. For. Serv., Great Lakes For. Cent., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Information Report GLC-X-10, 45p.

CrownRateOfSpreadC6

C-6 Crown Fire Spread Calculator

## **Description**

Calculate crown rate of spread (RSC).

#### Usage

CrownRateOfSpreadC6(ISI)

## **Arguments**

ISI

Initial Spread Index

#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

## Value

**RSC** 

## References

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#### **Description**

Calculate the Head fire spread distance at time t. In the documentation this variable is just "D".

## Usage

```
DistanceAtTime(FUELTYPE, ROSeq, HR, CFB)
```

#### Arguments

FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

ROSeq The predicted equilibrium rate of spread (m/min)

HR The elapsed time (min)
CFB Crown Fraction Burned

#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Value

DISTt - Head fire spread distance at time t

DroughtCode	Drought Code Calculator	

#### Usage

```
DroughtCode(dc_yda, temp, rh, prec, lat, mon, lat.adjust = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

dc\_yda The Drought Code from previous iteration

temp Temperature (centigrade)
rh Relative Humidity (

\itemprecPrecipitation(mm)
\itemlatLatitude (decimal degrees)

\itemmonMonth (1-12)

\itemlat.adjustLatitude adjustment (TRUE, FALSE, default=TRUE)

A single drought code value

Drought Code Calculation. All code is based on a C code library that was written by Canadian Forest Service Employees, which was originally based on the

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Fortran code listed in the reference below. All equations in this code refer to that document. Equations and FORTRAN program for the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1985. Van Wagner, C.E.; Pickett, T.L. Canadian Forestry Service, Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Chalk River, Ontario. Forestry Technical Report 33. 18 p. Additional reference on FWI system Development and structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1987. Van Wagner, C.E. Canadian Forestry Service, Headquarters, Ottawa. Forestry Technical Report 35. 35 p.

http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/pubwarehouse/pdfs/19927.pdf Development and structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1987. Van Wagner, C.E. Canadian Forestry Service, Headquarters, Ottawa. Forestry Technical Report 35. 35 p.

DuffMoistureCode

Duff Moisture Code Calculator

#### Usage

DuffMoistureCode(dmc\_yda, temp, rh, prec, lat, mon, lat.adjust = TRUE)

#### **Arguments**

dmc\_yda The Duff Moisture Code from previous iteration

temp Temperature (centigrade)
rh Relative Humidity (

\itemprecPrecipitation(mm)

\itemlatLatitude (decimal degrees)

\itemmonMonth (1-12)

\itemlat.adjustLatitude adjustment (TRUE, FALSE, default=TRUE)

A single duff moisture code value

Duff Moisture Code Calculation. All code is based on a C code library that was written by Canadian Forest Service Employees, which was originally based on the Fortran code listed in the reference below. All equations in this code refer to that document.

Equations and FORTRAN program for the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1985. Van Wagner, C.E.; Pickett, T.L. Canadian Forestry Service, Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Chalk River, Ontario. Forestry Technical Report 33. 18 p.

Additional reference on FWI system

Development and structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1987. Van Wagner, C.E. Canadian Forestry Service, Headquarters, Ottawa. Forestry Technical Report 35. 35 p.

http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/pubwarehouse/pdfs/19927.pdf Development and structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1987. Van Wagner, C.E. Canadian Forestry Service, Headquarters, Ottawa. Forestry Technical Report 35. 35 p.

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FineFuelMoistureCode Fine Fuel Moisture Code Calculation

# Usage

FineFuelMoistureCode(ffmc\_yda, temp, rh, ws, prec)

## **Arguments**

ffmc\_yda The Fine Fuel Moisture Code from previous iteration

temp Temperature (centigrade)
rh Relative Humidity (

\itemwsWind speed (km/h) \itemprecPrecipitation (mm)

A single fine fuel moisture code value

Fine Fuel Moisture Code Calculation. All code is based on a C code library that was written by Canadian Forest Service Employees, which was originally based on the Fortran code listed in the reference below. All equations in this code refer to that document.

Equations and FORTRAN program for the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1985. Van Wagner, C.E.; Pickett, T.L. Canadian Forestry Service, Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Chalk River, Ontario. Forestry Technical Percent 32, 18 p.

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FireBehaviourPrediction

Fire Behaviour Prediction System Calculation (hidden)

## **Description**

Fire Behavior Prediction System calculations. This is the primary function for calculating FBP for a single timestep. Not all equations are calculated within this function, but have been broken down further.

## Usage

FireBehaviourPrediction(input = NULL, output = "Primary")

# Arguments

input Data frame of required and optional information needed to calculate FBP func-

tion. View the arguments section of the fbp manual (fbp.Rd) under "input" for

the full listing of the required and optional inputs.

output What fbp outputs to return to the user. Options are "Primary", "Secondary" and

"All". \_Default:\_ "Primary"

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#### Value

output: Either Primary, Secondary, or all FBP outputs in a data.frame

FireIntensity

Fire Intensity Calculator

# Description

Calculate the Predicted Fire Intensity

## Usage

```
FireIntensity(FC, ROS)
```

## **Arguments**

FC Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2)
ROS Rate of Spread (m/min)

## **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Value

FI: Fire Intensity (kW/m)

FireWeatherIndex

Fire Weather Index Calculation.

## **Description**

All code is based on a C code library that was written by Canadian Forest Service Employees, which was originally based on the Fortran code listed in the reference below. All equations in this code refer to that document.

#### Usage

```
FireWeatherIndex(isi, bui)
```

## **Arguments**

isi Initial Spread Index bui Buildup Index FlankRateOfSpread 13

#### **Details**

Equations and FORTRAN program for the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1985. Van Wagner, C.E.; Pickett, T.L. Canadian Forestry Service, Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Chalk River, Ontario. Forestry Technical Report 33. 18 p.

Additional reference on FWI system

Development and structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1987. Van Wagner, C.E. Canadian Forestry Service, Headquarters, Ottawa. Forestry Technical Report 35. 35 p.

## Value

A single fwi value

FlankRateOfSpread

Flank Fire Rate of Spread Calculator

## **Description**

Calculate the Flank Fire Spread Rate.

## Usage

FlankRateOfSpread(ROS, BROS, LB)

## **Arguments**

ROS Fire Rate of Spread (m/min)

BROS Back Fire Rate of Spread (m/min)

LB Length to breadth ratio

#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Value

FROS Flank Fire Spread Rate (m/min) value

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FoliarMoistureContent Foliar Moisture Content Calculator

## **Description**

Calculate Foliar Moisture Content on a specified day. All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

# Usage

FoliarMoistureContent(LAT, LONG, ELV, DJ, D0)

## Arguments

LAT	Latitude (decimal degrees)
LONG	Longitude (decimal degrees)
ELV	Elevation (metres)
DJ	Day of year (offeren referred to as julian date)

Date of minimum foliar moisture content. \_If D0, date of min FMC, is not

known then D0 = NULL.\_

## Value

FMC: Foliar Moisture Content value

# Description

Computes the Initial Spread Index From the FWI System. Equations are from Van Wagner (1985) as listed below, except for the modification for fbp takene from FCFDG (1992).

## Usage

InitialSpreadIndex(ffmc, ws, fbpMod = FALSE)

# Arguments

ffmc Fine Fuel Moisture Code
ws Wind Speed (km/h)

fbpMod TRUE/FALSE if using the fbp modification at the extreme end

#### **Details**

Equations and FORTRAN program for the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. 1985. Van Wagner, C.E.; Pickett, T.L. Canadian Forestry Service, Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Chalk River, Ontario. Forestry Technical Report 33. 18 p.

Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical ReportST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario

#### Value

ISI - Initial Spread Index

IntermediateSurfaceRateOfSpreadC6

C-6 Conifer Plantation Intermediate Surface Fire Spread Rate Calculator

## **Description**

Calculate intermediate surface fire rate of spread, before BUI effect is applied (RSI).

#### **Usage**

IntermediateSurfaceRateOfSpreadC6(ISI, FMC)

## **Arguments**

ISI Initial Spread Index
FMC Foliar Moisture Content

#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

## Value

**RSI** 

#### References

LengthToBreadthRatio Length-to-Breadth ratio

#### **Description**

Computes the Length to Breadth ratio of an elliptically shaped fire. Equations are from listed FCFDG (1992) except for errata 80 from Wotton et. al. (2009).

## Usage

LengthToBreadthRatio(FUELTYPE, WSV)

#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Wotton, B.M., Alexander, M.E., Taylor, S.W. 2009. Updates and revisions to the 1992 Canadian forest fire behavior prediction system. Nat. Resour. Can., Can. For. Serv., Great Lakes For. Cent., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Information Report GLC-X-10, 45p.

@param FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType @param WSV The Wind Speed (km/h)

#### Value

Length to Breadth ratio value

LengthToBreadthRatioAtTime

Length-to-Breadth ratio at time t

# Description

Computes the Length to Breadth ratio of an elliptically shaped fire at elapsed time since ignition. Equations are from listed FCFDG (1992) and Wotton et. al. (2009), and are marked as such.

## Usage

LengthToBreadthRatioAtTime(FUELTYPE, LB, HR, CFB)

## **Arguments**

FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

LB: Length to Breadth ratio

HR: Time since ignition (hours)

CFB: Crown Fraction Burned

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#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Wotton, B.M., Alexander, M.E., Taylor, S.W. 2009. Updates and revisions to the 1992 Canadian forest fire behavior prediction system. Nat. Resour. Can., Can. For. Serv., Great Lakes For. Cent., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Information Report GLC-X-10, 45p.

#### Value

Length to Breadth ratio at time since ignition

RateOfSpread

Rate of Spread Calculation

#### Usage

RateOfSpread(FUELTYPE, ISI, BUI, FMC, SFC, PC, PDF, CC, CBH)

## **Arguments**

ISI	Intiial Spread Index

BUI Buildup Index

FMC Foliar Moisture Content

SFC Surface Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2)

PC Percent Conifer (

\itemPDFPercent Dead Balsam Fir (

\itemCCConstant

\itemCBHCrown to base height(m)

\itemFUELTYPETheFire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

ROS - Rate of Spread (m/min) value

Computes the Rate of Spread prediction based on fuel type and FWI conditions. Equations are from listed FCFDG (1992) and Wotton et. al. (2009), and are marked as such.

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Wotton, B.M., Alexander, M.E., Taylor, S.W. 2009. Updates and revisions to the 1992 Canadian forest fire behavior prediction system. Nat. Resour. Can., Can. For. Serv., Great Lakes For. Cent., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Information Report GLC-X-10, 45p.

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RateOfSpreadAtTheta Rate of spread at a point along the perimeter calculator

## **Description**

Computes the Rate of Spread at any point along the perimeter of an elliptically shaped fire. Equations are from Wotton et. al. (2009).

## Usage

RateOfSpreadAtTheta(ROS, FROS, BROS, THETA)

#### **Arguments**

ROS Rate of Spread (m/min)

FROS Flank Fire Rate of Spread (m/min)
BROS Back Fire Rate of Spread (m/min)

THETA

FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

#### **Details**

Wotton, B.M., Alexander, M.E., Taylor, S.W. 2009. Updates and revisions to the 1992 Canadian forest fire behavior prediction system. Nat. Resour. Can., Can. For. Serv., Great Lakes For. Cent., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Information Report GLC-X-10, 45p.

#### Value

ROSTHETA - Rate of spread at point theta(m/min)

RateOfSpreadAtTime Rate of spread at time t calculation

# Description

Computes the Rate of Spread prediction based on fuel type and FWI conditions at elapsed time since ignition. Equations are from listed FCFDG (1992).

#### Usage

RateOfSpreadAtTime(FUELTYPE, ROSeq, HR, CFB)

## **Arguments**

FUELTYPE The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType
ROSeq Equilibrium Rate of Spread (m/min)

HR Time since ignition (hours)
CFB Crown Fraction Burned

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#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Value

ROSt - Rate of Spread at time since ignition value

RateOfSpreadC6

C-6 Conifer Plantation Fire Spread Calculator

# Description

Calculate rate of spread (ROS).

## Usage

RateOfSpreadC6(RSC, RSS, CFB)

## **Arguments**

RSC	Crown Fire Spread Rate (m/min)
RSS	Surface Fire Spread Rate (m/min)
CFB	Crown Fraction Burned

## **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

## Value

ROS

## References

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SlopeAdjust

Slope Adjusted wind speed or slope direction of spread calculation

## Usage

```
SlopeAdjust(
  FUELTYPE,
  FFMC,
  BUI,
  WS,
  WAZ,
  GS,
  SAZ,
  FMC,
  SFC,
  PC,
  PDF,
  CC,
  CBH,
  ISI
)
```

#### **Arguments**

**FUELTYPE** The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType BUI The Buildup Index value WS Windspeed (km/h) Wind Azimuth WAZ GS Ground Slope ( \itemSAZSlope Azimuth \itemFMCFoliar Moisture Content \itemSFCSurface Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2) \itemPCPercent Conifer ( \itemPDFPercent Dead Balsam Fir ( \itemCCConstant \itemCBHCrown Base Height (m)

\itemISIInitial Spread Index

\itemoutputType of variable to output (RAZ/WSV, default=RAZ)

list(RAZ, WSV) - Rate of spread azimuth (degrees) and Wind Slope speed (km/hr)

Calculate the net effective windspeed (WSV), the net effective wind direction (RAZ) or the wind azimuth (WAZ).

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as FCFDG (1992) and Wotton (2009).

Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). "Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

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SurfaceFuelConsumption

Surface Fuel Consumption Calculator

#### Usage

SurfaceFuelConsumption(FUELTYPE, FFMC, BUI, PC, GFL)

## **Arguments**

**FUELTYPE** The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType

Fine Fuel Moisture Code **FFMC** 

**Buildup Index** BUI PC Percent Conifer (

> \itemGFLGrass Fuel Load (kg/m^2) SFC Surface Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2)

Computes the Surface Fuel Consumption by Fuel Type. All variables names are

laid out in the same manner as FCFDG (1992) or Wotton et. al (2009)

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SurfaceRateOfSpreadC6 C-6 Conifer Plantation Fire Spread Calculator

# Description

Calculate surface fire rate of spread (RSS).

# Usage

SurfaceRateOfSpreadC6(FUELTYPE, RSI, BUI)

# **Arguments**

**FUELTYPE** The Fire Behaviour Prediction FuelType RSI Intermediate Surface Fire Rate of Spread

BUI **Buildup Index** 

#### **Details**

All variables names are laid out in the same manner as Forestry Canada Fire Danger Group (FCFDG) (1992). Development and Structure of the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System." Technical Report ST-X-3, Forestry Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Value

RSS

#### References

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TotalFuelConsumption Total Fuel Consumption calculation

## **Description**

Computes the Total (Surface + Crown) Fuel Consumption by Fuel Type. All variables names are laid out in the same manner as FCFDG (1992) or Wotton et. al (2009)

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# Usage

TotalFuelConsumption(CFC, SFC)

## **Arguments**

CFC Crown Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2)
SFC Surface Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2)

#### **Details**

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# Value

TFC Total (Surface + Crown) Fuel Consumption (kg/m^2)

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