



## Management Report – November/December 2017

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### Forest Operations

#### **CP 39/40**

During the SP walkthrough of CP 40 blocks 1 and 2 it was noted there was extensive DRA (root rot), especially in the lower slopes of the blocks. Due to this, a more intensive harvest of these blocks with small internal reserves containing healthy trees retained is recommended. It was first anticipated that all 3 blocks would have fairly high (30%) levels of retention but due to the root rot, blocks 1 and 2 will have more intensive harvesting retaining healthy group islands. This method of retention is preferred over single tree selection in root rot affected stands. Root rot mitigation for future crops was discussed, with potential for a trial with part of block 2 being stumped and part of the block left untreated. This will not change our income projections as we will be harvesting slightly more than anticipated due to the high occurrence of root rot.

#### **CP 36**

PWP has indicated the pile burning had been completed however Bill Kestell noted in his email that many piles were hard to burn and remain unburnt. They have asked for their deposit back. A review of the burning was attempted on November 17<sup>th</sup> but the road was impassable by pick up.

An email was sent to PWP with a recommendation of a hold back on the remaining 25% deposit to deal with this issue. No response has been received.

Recommend another email is sent to PWP requesting a \$4000 holdback on this deposit to cover the cost of burning the remaining piles.

### Long Term Planning

A LTP meeting was held on December 6. From this meeting a Community Forest Spring convention was envisioned to discuss LTP with various other Community Forests.

Recommend we put this convention on hold until next fall or winter for the following reasons:

- we have multiple projects on the go that we feel are more important at this time
- it could be costly with all the prep work involved when we should be pinching pennies
- discussions have been had with NACFOR on two occasions about their LTP
- based on these discussions, Jeff was working on a similar project to NACFOR's this summer/fall.
- let's work on our vision and get our plan operational before we host

### Internal Affairs

Assessment of current office management procedures, infrastructure, future needs, goals and timelines.

Restructuring recommendations.

Insurance recommendations.

### Grants

The Kaslo and Area D Draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) [*John Cathro Consulting*] was released November 18. It fell into the application uptake period of the Forest Enhancement Society (FES) grants and was used to step into a multi-year KDCFS Landscape Level Wildfire Protection Plan. We are asking for \$345,000 to:

1. Undertake a Landscape Wildfire Protection Plan within the KDCFS license area that will build on the recommendations of the Kaslo and Area D 2017 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). In addition our plan will define areas of critical water shortage or supply and identify flow timing and equipment constraints, as well as strategic access points, or access needed. Landscape wildfire breaks will be assessed for Ungulate Winter Range (UWR) enhancement opportunities.



2. undertake 30 hectares of Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI) fuel treatments in high risk polygons identified in the 2017 CWPP that are located within the KDCFS license area in close proximity to Kaslo Village and bordering the highway 31 corridor.

We received great support letters in principal from stakeholders: FLNRO, Regional Emergency coordinator, RDCK director, VOK, private landowner, Woodlot 494, recreation club CORST. Deadlines closed on November 24. FES gears are turning slow:

Nov 28 - Dec 4: Proposal screening by FESBC

Dec 4 - Jan 19: FLNRORD review and feedback

Jan 19 – Feb 20: FESBC review and recommendations

Feb 20: FESBC Board meetings to review recommended proposals.

On or Before March 31, 2018: FESBC Board decisions communicated to Proponents.

A request to transfer the CIP grant from the Buchanan Trail to the EGT project was approved. Reporting for the Canada 150 grant has been referred to our accountant for finalizing.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

CP40 Blks 1 and 2: a more intensive harvest of these blocks with small internal reserves with healthy trees retained is recommended.

CP 36: Recommend another email is sent to PWP requesting a \$4000 holdback on this deposit to cover the cost of burning the remaining piles.

KDCFS Office Restructuring: transition into a CLOUD based office structure to align with our identified long-term goals and cost savings. [Board Presentation].

LTP: postpone CF convention until next fall/winter