



Managers Report –September 2017

CP Development

No new CP development has been undertaken. Spatial data for CP's 36, 37 and 39 was received from Timberland in September and the updated CP 40 spatial was received in October.

We are in the process of getting CP 40 approved, with harvesting anticipated for later this fall or in the spring. An email was sent out to the Board and recreation groups (TrailBlazers and KORS) requesting Sec 16 recreation approval that we may proceed with harvesting.

A new recreation map is being produced that includes cross country ski/mountain bike trails and warming hut. This CP has archaeological polygons overlapping it that need to be reviewed by a qualified professional. This was completed on Oct.14.

Shape files have been updated and are ready to submit for CP approval.

CP 36

The last invoice from Settle Holdings for the work on the Keen Creek Rd included work done within the cut blocks. According to the contract in place, this work was the responsibility of PWP.

We conducted an initial review of CP 36 to see if the harvesting and road building obligations were complete. There are still a few outstanding issues (blocked and damaged culverts, inadequate ditching) that need to be addressed prior to releasing PWP's 75% deposit. A joint field review has been scheduled with Bill Kestell and Jeff Reyden on October 17th to resolve these issues.

Due to the inadequate ditching and excessive water on the first 4km of the Keen Creek Road it is advisable to spend some time installing water bars, cleaning culvert intakes and ditching. There is also an old bridge that leads into block 5 that is questionable whether it is safe to cross with a pick-up truck. In light of these concerns, Norm Deverney (Geotech) has been asked to come out and provide recommendations on water management and the condition of the bridge.

Silviculture

We completed herbaceous treatment of 57.1 ha in 11 cut blocks for a total of \$67,198 throughout August and September. The contract value fell below the projected spending of \$89,600 due to delays by intermittent fire risk shut down and subsequent vegetation die-off from the extended heat wave. One 9.6ha block was deleted from treatment because 95% of trees planted this spring had expired in the heat. This is the third failed planting for this block. I had recently scheduled a field assessment with the FLNRORD stewardship forester to discuss relief options, but had to cancel because we are once again locked out by the private gate to Nashville despite verbal agreement from Andy Tyers to re-establish the old lock prior to this date. I am currently investigating our road use agreement with the landowners and options to proceed. Seedling mortality from the extended drought is widespread and blocks will require reconnaissance walks early next spring to assess survival through the winter. 6 blocks totaling 35.4ha have achieved Free to Grow status this fall and declarations are ready for signing and electronic reporting. CP36 mechanical site preparation for block 4 was prevented initially by blocked Keen mainline access and subsequently by fire shut down. The block is now covered in prolific and tall herbaceous growth after sitting idle since 2015. Seedlings are ready for planting early next spring and will require regular and



repeated brushing treatments to establish in advanced competition, likely bi-annually for the first 3 to 4 years. BC Wildfire Service had no burning window to broadcast burn Blocks 1, 2 and 5 in 2016 and likely will have no time or burning window to complete treating these blocks this fall since they are just getting relief from endless forest fire fighting. I have kept in touch with Asa and will explore any potential to burn early spring, just prior to planting. Heavy slash loading in these blocks will pose a substantial fire hazard for our planting investment and adjacent timber resources as well as mortality from slash creep if left untreated. All of CP 36 blocks are located in a moist ecological zone producing an abundance of dense and tall vegetation and will require a high silviculture investment to tend until free to grow. Treatment costs are considerably higher in blocks having poor and dangerous mobility.

Earl Grey Trail

Safety review: all injured workers have recuperated.

Completion: I have received a template from John Cathro to submit a final report for the 2 year project to the CBT funder. This report is due at December 30, 2017.