**Management Team Report – March 2018**

**Forest License Events**

**Harvesting and Development**

The contract for the harvesting of CP 39 and 40 has been signed.

Due to the late winter and snow, the harvesting of CP 39 has been delayed until early May.

Recce in Keen Creek and timber development in Cooper Face was undertaken.

Talks are underway to try to facilitate road building and harvesting of CP 37 up Cooper Face in 2018. This chart area has proved problematic in the past due to the timber profile, low timber prices, and high cost of development and hauling. With the strong log markets, these previously uneconomical stands and areas will be targeted for harvesting.

**FES: Landscape Level Wildfire Protection Plan**

One of two projects proposed in our Forest Enhancement Society grant application submitted in November 2017 has been approved for funding. We will receive $50,000 towards the compilation of a 4 part study in our license area:

1. Assessment of Landscape level wildfire risk, building on and expanding the 2017 CWPP data. Stakeholder and Fire behaviour expert consultations. Design of strategic landscape level fuel break polygons that will guide future forestry activities [CWPP Rec. #6];
2. Assessment of water source vulnerability across the landscape. GIS mapping and database development of strategic and suitable water sources with adequate flow rates and accessibility. [CWPP Rec. #8];
3. Development of a Total Access Plan to create, map and inventory trail and road network in natural areas for suppression planning, identification of areas with insufficient access and to aid in strategic planning, and additional opportunities for operational or recreation planning [CWPP Rec.#30];
4. Integration of ungulate winter range enhancement opportunities in landscape level fire breaks and associated travel corridors.

We are preparing for a visit from a FES representative with a more in-depth work plan. We have met with / interviewed John Cathro, co-author of the Kaslo and Area D 2016 CWPP and Stephan Martineau, SIFCO. Both have been very supportive and committed to future information exchange. SIFCO, Cathro Consulting and FLNRORD Nelson have joined forces and are currently preparing a multi-day Wildfire Interface Conference to be held in Nelson during the last week of June 2018. Mark this on your calendars.

**Internal Affairs**

We have assembled a Directors’ Governance Binder to facilitate orientation of new directors. A digital version of this binder will be available to directors in the virtual Board Office Hub as well. We received a comprehensive Draft for a Board Governance Policy from Susan Mulkey, which we modified to form the footing of the Governance Binder. The Draft Policy has been posted for director review and comment and requires completion or ratification. It includes a Conflict of Interest Policy which we recommend to replace our COIP from June 12, 2013. In the wake of the 2018 AGM, all directors and management will start the new Board term with the signing of the “Accountability Agreement”. It integrates the requirements for a Directors’ Consent, Qualification, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest statement under Sections 43 (Directors must be qualified), 53 (Duties of directors), Division 4 (Directors’ Conflict of Interest) of the Societies Act.

We have updated the “KDCFS Roles and Responsibilities” Chart to reflect changes to office and bookkeeping.

AGM preparations are wrapping up. The 2018 Financial Statement has been completed by our accountant with input from Management and Treasurer Jeff Mattes.

Our new website launched on the day of the AGM and Savanna and Karma have done an excellent job with the design. Sabrina has donated all development time towards this project. Transparency and improvement in KDCFS information exchange with the community has been a frequent request of members and we proudly show commitment towards this goal as we enter the 2018 AGM.

**Building Partnerships**

Jeff, Sabrina and Carol are preparing for a visit with NACFOR management and bookkeeping staff in early April to share organizational information.

**Management Team Recommendations**

1. Signing of the “Accountability Agreement” by directors, managers and bookkeeper – to be filed.
2. Adoption of the Board Governance Policy as revised for the KDCFS, including the replacement of the stand-alone 2013 Conflict of Interest Policy.
3. Adoption of the updated “KDCFS Roles and Responsibilities Chart 2018”