



Management Team Report – April 2018

Forest License Events

Woodlands

The STELLAR tenure expansion proposal and management plan was filed with government agencies on April 12. We were contacted by both, the Land Officer and Jason Remple for input on April 17. Comment deadline is May 17. STELLAR'S original area is 31,740 ha. The amendment will add 21,162 ha for a new total of 52,902 ha. The license term is for 30 years. Ski tenures operate under an Occupant License to cut with a 5 year term. Approval for glading is given during FLNRORD review of their Annual Plan. Depending on the location of the cutting this process is either dealt with by FLNRORD tenures (standing timber) or stewardship (plantation) foresters. Any cutting above our operability line is outside our tenure and requires no KDCFS, solely FLNRORD consultation. We learned during our meeting with Jason that he has intentions to reduce his amendment area, particularly around Mt Carlyle. He will share his glading plans in advance and is willing to work with us in the writing of prescriptions for glading if we feel there is need. He also is willing to sign an agreement indicating Stellar will have good communication and work with the KDCFS for activities that will affect us in case he will cease to be a shareholder with STELLAR in the future. We may effect this agreement officially by a Board motion to be included in the Stellar License of Occupation. We also may motion for a reduced license term.

The 7-Mile harvesting will have 5 loads of firewood of delivered firewood for fundraisers (or other functions) within the Kaslo area. We need to decide who gets the loads, but recommend one is donated to May Days.

A small (2.6ha) area has been added on to CP 39. This addition will harvest an area heavily infested by root rot (DRA).

Hand falling in CP 39 starts on May 9th, with equipment moving down over the next week. Wood will start to be hauled by the end of next week.

Timber development has started up Branch 3 and Milford in the snow free areas.

An extension request for our approved Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) was submitted to the FLNRORD. Work is ongoing writing our new FSP.

PRT nursery have thawed a small number of trees for us. We fill-planted the rocky face at the brake check and a small block above the Zwicky Gravel pit. All other planting is still under snow. We will continue work around May 20. Wildfire Branch has been unresponsive to our emails throughout April. We learn now that they are committed to other work until the end of May but are still interested in burning our Keen blocks then. This saves us plowing to these blocks right now, but we will have to do a serious risk assessment when considering a spring burn that late into the season.

Spring Freshet. Keen Mainline recce on April 28 to 5km proved that there was some sluffing on the 2nd cribbing and a full deposit on the 4th cribbing (~2.5km), requiring hoe and truck removal. Ditches and cut-bank seeps were running, but the road still had a solid 50cm deep snow cover. By May 3 several more slumps and 2 road failures appeared in the first 2km. The road is thawing, freshet is in full run. We have offered Stan Baker cat/hoe and dump truck work which he passed on to Brenton Industries Ltd. after a joined site reconnaissance. Sean is working with a goal of fixing/opening the first 3 km of mainline and ensuring proper drainage by May 9 due to heavy rain forecast. By May 7 more sections failed and trucking degenerated a failure fixed in 2017. Current cost estimate: \$10,000. We have discussed contracting a professional assessment for the budgetary requirements needed to bring the Keen mainline to operational conditions that make yearly maintenance manageable.



Ron Jardine has opened a clogged culvert at the 3 Mile Gravel Pit that spilled onto the road and down a rec trail. Other roads in the S-end of the license have been monitored and maintained by hand, requiring ditch/culvert and tree removal work.

FES: Landscape Level Wildfire Protection Plan

We have scheduled a meeting with FES Operations Manager in Kaslo early May to establish the work plan and discuss funding. We have received the recipient agreement from PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (PwC), which needs signing of pages 1 and 27 by the Recipient. The directors have assembled a Wildfire Interface Committee during the April Board Meeting. We recommend that this committee be integrated into the Long-term planning committee because of overlapping strategies and ease of integration.

Internal Affairs

Valley Voice AGM report in the April 19 edition: we submitted corrections.

NPA KDCFS Assessment Report 2017: This report was referenced in the Directors' Report at the AGM as being 'received'. We have brought it out onto the Agenda to determine **if, how and when** the Board would like to follow up **so we can schedule it**. We have made good progress in reviewing and updating Society documents this spring as well got a start on policies that are getting dated. We have also attached a Board Self Evaluation Tool for your consideration that could be adopted.

Andy Shadrack email inquiry regarding the Societies' plans to replenish 2017 reallocated Road 'Reserve' Funds towards general operations and silviculture and statement that funds should be available for future wildfire protection if required.

Owen Bendis communication: We had discussions with RCMP and our RDCK director. The FLNRORD DM did not return our call. The current dumping consists of 90% garden waste (see video). We discussed responsibilities of various agencies (RDCK, FLNRORD, Licensees, Invasive Weed Committee), benefits of fines versus education and motivations to dump in the bush versus the landfill, once the materials are loaded in the truck/trailer. RDCK is encouraging the dumping in the right place by allowing free landfill delivery of garden waste during spring/fall. VOK is picking up garden waste twice a year from residences, this covered in taxes. It appears there is minor benefit in dumping compostable material not at the landfill— other than saving a 1 km drive and restriction to one of the 3 days/week it is open. The mind-set may be that dumping hedge clippings in the forest is adding to what already is there in abundance and will compost. Fining versus education: should residents who dump compostable material in the forest be fined the same as garbage dumpers of household items? Dumping of Garden clippings may seem benign, but may be an avenue to spread unwanted invasive weeds from the garden. We were advised by RCMP to install a game cam and turn evidence over to RCMP for submission to the Conservation Officer. Illegal dumping is a fineable offense under the Environmental Management Act. We do not have to notify the public that the camera is in place. Aimee restarted discussions with FLNRORD left off after last year's dumping complaints and explored their help with obtaining a game cam. We are waiting for a reply. Other assistance may come from the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS). The landing last year was cleaned up by Shuttly Bench residents.

The Bjerkness Road dumping is a somewhat different problem in that it occurs on a parcel of private land. We will follow up with the private land owner who has responsibilities, such as reporting the dumping.

We need to correct conflicting Motions in Feb. 15 and March 14 minutes regarding the Consent to Act as Director. It was not combined with the Director's Nomination form, but was added into the Directors' Accountability Agreement as per the superseding March 14 motion.

Housekeeping requires signing of 2016 AGM minutes for the accountant.



Building Partnerships

NACFOR management visit on April 5. KDCFS team: Jeff, Sabrina and Carol. NACFOR team: Frances, Beth, Hugh. We had an excellent visit and information exchange.

Management Team Recommendations

1. Submission for Stellar. Jason Remple is willing to work with us so we as a Society remain neutral on the tenure expansion application. To effect this agreement we may choose to submit the following motion to the Lands Officer with a request for inclusion into the Stellar License of Occupation:
 - move that the Kaslo and District Community Forest be consulted by Stellar Heli Skiing during their Annual Planning and that this request is recorded in the Stellar License of Occupation by the Lands Officer to acknowledge the KDCFS exclusive rights to timber harvesting in the THLB.
2. that KDCFS donate a load of firewood to May Days and have a Board Committee recommend other groups/organizations that receive the other 4 loads.
3. that the Wilfire Interface Committee be integrated into the Long Term Planning Committee
4. that NPA KDCFS Assessment Report 2017 be scheduled for follow-up.
5. that
 - (a) Andy Shadrack is advised that information requests need to be communicated through management or the board, not bookkeeping.
 - b) The Board and members have approved our annual budget without Road Reserve accrual strategy. It is a governance question requiring response by the Secretary.
 - c) the 'Road Reserve' applies sound management and business sense to secure future operations capital and we will research how these 'reserve funds' may find the necessary budgetary definition in our upcoming Business Plan revision.
6. that directors complete the signing of the Accountability Agreement
7. that the Board sign the Recipient agreement pg. 1 and 27 for PwC
8. that the 2016 AGM meeting minutes are signed for the accountant
9. that the March 14 motion to accept the Directors' Accountability Agreement supersede the February 15 motion to include the Consent to Act as Director in the Nomination form.