



Management Team Report – June / July 2018

Forest License Events

Harvest progress

CP39 (Wagon Rd): The harvesting of this Cutting Permit will be completed in the week of July 9. Some cleanup of brush remains to be done. An estimated 125 loads total, or approximately 5500m³, of timber came off of this block. The feller buncher is still not on site due to mechanical issues so the brushing of the Wagon Road will have to wait until it arrives.

CP40 (7 Mile): Corey Jacobs finished construction of the 3 spurs into CP 40 in June. Iron Peaks will be moving into CP 40-1 in the week of July 16 to start harvesting. Sunshine will probably be moving into the other two CP40 blocks near the end of July.

Timber Development

Sunshine Logging has upgraded the **Cooper Face** road and it is now pick up truck passable! They also constructed the short spur into CP 37-2 and one spur to the block boundary of CP 37-1. A TFSA was initiated on CP 37-1, which is a large, very steep, mostly cable block on the slope above Cooper Creek. There is some minor slope stability concerns as well as some avalanche concerns due to the steep (75%) sustained slopes all the way to Cooper Creek. It is anticipated that we will drop 4-5ha from this block to mitigate these concerns. There is additional timber adjacent to, and along the road to this block, that will be added to CP 41.

Timber development also continues along **Milford FSR, Branch 3** (behind former Bobby Farr residence) and Cooper Face. These permits have the gross block shapes and we are now mapping roads, adding reserves, and engage in community consultation.

Douglas Fir bark beetle recces were undertaken in the Branch 7 area as this area has root rot issues. Only endemic levels were found. Surveys will continue in other areas of our chart.

2018/2019 Market Strategies: Our strategy has been to continue to develop hemlock leading stands. Hemlock prices stay strong while pulp prices have dropped back down to historic levels. These markets are projected to continue into 2019. We are exploring the option of selling CP 37-1 and some more timber up Cooper Face as a Standing Timber Sale to be harvested in 2018/2019.

Silviculture

Tree Planting 2018 : our planting contract for 157,600 seedlings held by Wildhorse Forestry Services Ltd from Ymir was completed on June 28. We have had excellent growing weather and survival to date. PRT Harrop cold storage facility has reimbursed us for the loss of wages incurred by our contractor due to PRT's thawing oversight.

Herbaceous Brushing 2018: we have assessed seedling tending needs in our plantations and have assembled an 86 ha brushing contract which was sent out to 3 silviculture contractors from the area for quotes. The contract was awarded to West Arm Silviculture from Nelson for a total of \$74, 324. The next highest bid was 114, 840. The contractor will commence in the week of July 23. We are heading into rising Fire Danger Ratings now and expect that the contract will be completed by August 31, if we have no major fire shut-downs.

Prescribed Burn, CP36: BCWFS has concluded their final inspection of post- burn hotspots in CP 36-5 during the July 9 week. All was quiet and the project has been officially demobilized. BCWFS followed up with



management. Both parties were satisfied with both, the project outcome and the mutually beneficial relationship. BCWFS expressed their intent to work with the KDCFS on future projects.

Littering: The landing portion of the illegal dumping site on Branch 7 was cleaned up and taken to the dump by Sean Brenton. We are reaching out to Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society for collaboration with signage and future awareness campaigns. So far our many phone messages have remained unanswered. Some work remains to be done in the forest surrounding the landing, which was not machine accessible and will have to be cleaned up by hand. We are planning a fall work party with volunteers and possibly students from LVH if we can raise interest. Aimee Watson (RDCK) has received a grant request from us to assist with funds to pay the landfill fees.

Firewood Raffle

Two ads went into the Pennywise paper for the July 23 edition to advertise our 5 loads of firewood.

Wildfire and Climate Change Conference – Nelson, June 26-28

The management team and Board member Marie-Ange attended the Wildfire and Climate Change Conference in Nelson, which was hosted by SiFCO and MFLNROD. It was very informative, with numerous guest speakers from across North America. Many key presentations were from Kootenay locals such as Greg Utzig and John Cathro. The key take home messages were that the climate is changing and as a result of many years of wildfire suppression we have modified the natural wildfire-tended landscape. As a result we will experience more frequent, larger and more destructive wildfires. We have to work together, whether as private citizens, land managers, or fire fighters, on a landscape level to help mitigate these risks to our communities. Our heads were spinning after so much information in a few days!

FES: Landscape Level Wildfire Protection Plan (LLWPP)

We have submitted our Workplan and are waiting for PwC approval to continue. Most of our planning exercise will transpire in the fall and winter, when operational tenure demands are decreasing.

Community Consultation: The Wildland Urban Interface in Community Forest Tenures – Fire Protection Planning in Kaslo – Fire Protection Collaboration

Our first consultation was held on July 12th at the Senior's Hall. We invited three presenters who all responded enthusiastically: Susan Mulkey (BCCFA Manager of Extension and Communication), John Cathro, RPF, (Fuel Management Consultant and Co-author of the Kaslo and Area D CWPP), and Rik Valentine representing the Argenta Emergency Preparedness Group (AEPG). The meeting was well attended by all stakeholders invited, such as Nora Hannon (RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Supervisor) along with Kevin Smith, one of two newly employed RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialists in our area. Douglas Yee and Russel Semenoff, the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department Chief and assistant Chief, KDCFS Management and Board representatives, and members of the public. The purpose of the meeting was to commence our community consultation for the Landscape Level Wildfire Protection Plan we will be undertaking between now and July 2019 and assist in stakeholder collaboration for Community Wildfire Protection around Kaslo. We discussed what we as individuals and collectively can do to mitigate the wildfire risk to our properties and community. RDCK Director Area D, Aimee Watson and FNESS Fire Specialist Rob Mitchell, RPF were invited, but were unable to attend.

Management Team Recommendations

1. that the Finance committee convene to revisit a finance policy framework incorporating all current individual finance policies.
2. that the Board revisit the Information Distribution Policy