



Management Report –October 2017



CP Development

The field tour of CP40 took place with good director turn-out on a frosty but sunny morning on November 6.

Tom Duchastel of KORS was present. We had great questions and discussions and decided to invite the public to future meetings via a contact list open to interested parties. Now that we know that Steve F. is weaponized to the cold, there will be no escaping.

CP 39/40

SP field data collection was completed for CP's 39 and 40 in early November.

Deflection lines were completed for CP 39.

Work is ongoing to get CP 39 and 40 ready for spring harvesting.

We are still awaiting Recreation Approval letters from the Board and KORS. A reminder was sent out this week. An Ungulate Winter Range (UWR) analysis was received from Timberland indicating there is sufficient remaining UWR once harvesting is complete for both these permits. Partial retention will still be the preferred harvest method for CP 40.

CP 36

Les Thiessen (bridge engineer) was hired to give a load rating for a bridge that crosses Ben Hur creek. The bridge is missing the lower guard rail and appears to be listing on one end. Pick up access across this bridge is needed for silviculture and a hiking trail. A 5 tonne load rating has been established for this bridge.

PWP had indicated they were going to burn the slash piles from harvesting but it appears this has not been undertaken.

We had wanted to clean some ditches, install new culverts and cross drains on some sections of the Keen Creek road system prior to winter but were awaiting Les' field review to complete all necessary works at once. With the snow we have had the last few weeks this work will be scheduled for spring.

After the last heavy rain storm I drove the road system and there were no water issues associated with the road.

Roads

Milford: Ron Jardine was hired to ditch and cross-ditch areas of deep erosion and divert seepage from one of our cutblocks onto the mainline. Pre-winter checks on our other roads were fine, except for the upper section of Branch 7, which will be assessed for repair in the spring concurrent with potentially new road construction.

Silviculture

The gate issue on Nashville was resolved on October 27 after being locked out since September 13. Four companies were invited to the 2018 planting viewing held October 28. Two attended, three are expected to submit a bid due November 15. FLNRO Stewardship Forester toured 2 blocks with regeneration issues: CP22 Block 1 is located on a hot exposure in Nashville was planted spring 2017 for the third time. It experienced 80% mortality over the summer, including survivors from the first two plantings. The block is now covered in dense shrub growth. A decision is outstanding. CP2 Block 3 is an old backlog block up 7 Mile that over the past several years has incurred bear damage on most Pines. This block has reached free growing age, but now lacks sufficient stocking. Decision: the block will be amended to include Balsam as preferred species and supplemented in 2017 with planted Spruce alongside damaged Pine. The block will then be surveyed for Free to Grow with Pine assuming ghost status and may be declared if sufficient total stems remain.



Community

We have met with representatives from the Kaslo recreation community and are awaiting their formation of a Masterplan steering committee to facilitate networking. We have been provided with shapefiles for current and planned mountain bike trails. Management and select Board directors met with Ken Day and Susan Mulkey and discussed CF long-term strategies, log marketing and wildfire behavior in the Williams Lk Community Forest and Alex Fraser Research Forest.

Grants

The final CBT Grant report has been submitted. Sabrina has received documents and support from the WEDCan Officer to complete the Canada150 final report. The report is expected to be on time for the December 31 deadline. We are also working towards a FES application deadline on November 24 and have contacted adjacent woodlot 494 and VOK for collaborative support. John Cathro and Marie have supplied us with the new CWPP high risk polygons. Release of area D CWPP is imminent.