



Management Team Report – August/September 2018

Forest License Events

Harvest progress

CP40 (7 Mile): Sunshine has finished harvesting CP 40-3 and are now harvesting CP 40-2 and are expected to be completed by September 21st. Both are conventional blocks comprised mostly of fir and larch. Iron Peaks is still harvesting CP 40-1 and will be wrapped up shortly. A joint field tour with a Stella Jones representative will be organized before harvesting finishes.

Timber volume generated from CP 39 and 40 will be very close to projected. We won't find out for another month though until it has all been shipped.

A load of fir was delivered to Waneco from the CP 40 harvesting. Timber from the road building up Cooper Face has been delivered to Kalensikoff, Celgar and Box Lake Lumber. The timber was hemlock, pulp, and cedar shake/shingle/post and rail.

We will be scheduling an informal meeting with local Kaslo and Area D sawmills this fall to discuss their needs and find out how we can improve our relationship.

Wagon Road Daylighting/Brushing

The buncher started daylighting the Wagon Road on September 13th. This work is expected to be completed by September 19th. We were hoping to have the feller buncher brush the trail from the block to Buchanan when it walked from CP 39 to CP 40 but the trail is too narrow for this size of equipment to do it safely. Most of this section is in BCTS area but we have permission to brush out trees that are of non-merchantable size. We are networking with KORTS to find options for this roughly 2km section. During a joint field visit on September 12th we discussed options and KORTS will organize a ground crew to cut out trees and chip the debris on site. We will provide machine time to smooth out some swales and will get permission from FLNORD to cut down the few merchantable trees that are overhanging the trail.

Timber Development

Cooper Face CP37: This permit was developed by previous management. Due to terrain and avalanche concerns, C 37-1 (30ha) is being re worked to mitigate these potential concerns. This work is almost complete. Proposed logging: Summer/fall 2019. Tendered block.

Cooper Face CP 41: This permit has 3 blocks but we will only be finalizing one at this fall. Layout is almost complete and cruising will commence in the next few weeks. This block (29ha) will be tendered with CP 37-1. Proposed logging summer/fall 2019.

Work on a Timber Sale package for the two blocks is ongoing.

Milford FSR, Branch 3 CP 42 (behind former Babi Farr residence). Six cutblocks, totalling approximately 45 ha. The block above the farm has been edited due to concerns over the streams that flow through/adjacent to the block and supply water to the farm. A field tour will be organized for anyone interested sometime in October. All of the blocks in this permit are in an Archaeological area of interest. A PRF (Preliminary Field Reconnaissance) was conducted recently and we are awaiting the results to see if any more changes are



necessary. Proposed logging of 2 blocks (4000m³) of hemlock this winter 2018/2019. Looking for our own Logger.

The MOF beetle flights are taking place and we are awaiting the data to see if any of our area has been affected. The fir beetle is running rampant from the Boundary region to Balfour so we are expecting it to reach us this year or next.

Geotechnical Issues

Geoscientist Marc Deschene from Sitkum Consulting was hired to consult the KDCFS on:

- the future risk assessment of the 2017 deposited avalanche debris in the tributary of the Kemp Creek Community Watershed
- the Bjerkness Creek (Community Watershed) overflowing onto the Bjerkness - Fletcher Mainline and Kaslo Back Road at freshet.

KDCFS management met with Marc for a field tour on September 7th

Kemp Creek tributary - Avalanches in this drainage have carried fire killed timber down chutes from above the salvage logged slope. The likelihood of future timber deposits was deemed low since most terrain features subject to avalanches had slid and were now clean. A larger slide event could however widen the chutes. The wood consists of mid to large diameter logs that are resting in a tangled mess in the steep creek draw. Log quality is low, being a combination of broken, checked, charred and with spiral grain. Wood value is minimal, with an estimated 1-2 loads of salvageable cedar that could make it to the mill. Smaller pieces could potentially be salvaged for firewood or other smaller projects. However, options for removing the logs were considered and rejected because of its dangerous nature and negative impact to the riparian zone. The downslope risk posed by the logs in the channel was determined as minimal due to the low historic volume of water carried in the tributary and the large volume of water required to move logs of that size.

A report from Marc Deschene is pending.

Bjerkness Creek –the sidewall of the main channel breached by natural cause in 2014 approximately 150m above the backroad. It diverted into a side channel that flows across a private land parcel and eventually crosses Bjerkness Road twice. It caused a major washout of the Backroad which was remedied with two large swales in Bjerkness Rd to direct the flow back into the main channel. People drive, quad, snowmobile, horse-back ride through this community water source and dumping of garbage and butchering remains were noticed near this area, causing potential contamination. Road users fill the large swales every winter with debris to facilitate their crossing, and lately we had to remedy the same in the summer. Water volume in Bjerkness Creek increases manifold during freshet. It gets dammed by the debris in the swales and diverts again onto the Backroad below. KDCFS holds the road permit for Bjerkness-Fletcher. Responsibilities and options to correct this issue were discussed. Management will engage with the Mirror Lake Water Users this fall to begin problem remediation.

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Silviculture

Herbaceous Brushing 2018: completed. We have identified roughly 10ha of woody brushing to be done this fall.

Fall tour of Seedling Nurseries: KDCFS Management recently visited 2 Okanagan seedling nurseries. The individual tours were comprehensive and very informative. The extent of wildfires during the past several years has effected a large increase in reforestation activities throughout BC and Alberta. Seedling nurseries are in a mode of rapid expansion to meet the larger demand and are in need to upscale a limited local workforce. Seedlings are grown in a closely monitored environment of either greenhouses or open space to achieve specific root to shoot ratios and stem calipers. Response to environment and treatment varies considerably between different tree species.



We submit seed orders in September /October through SPAR, a provincial electronic registry of forest tree seed managed by the Tree Improvement Branch. Seedling orders submitted this fall will be sowed and grown in 2019 and are ready for planting in the spring of 2020.

Surveys: are ongoing.

Society Management

Firewood Raffle/Fundraiser

KDCFS donated 3 loads of firewood to local fundraisers. Two more loads were raffled to the highest silent bidder. The 5 winners have now been determined and have been announced on our Social Media channels. Loads will be delivered in the next few weeks!

Annual Financial Statement - Accountant Performance Review

We are looking roughly 3 months ahead and have reviewed accounting services and the type of the current year-end financial statement the Society utilizes. The current level of our annual financial reporting is a 'Notice to Public'. During a shared fund sourcing with KORTS we exposed that certain grant opportunities require a higher level of accounting: a 'Financial Review'.

We have asked our bookkeeper Carol Brown to investigate and recommend on our satisfaction with the accounting services currently received and compare other options.

The question regarding the TYPE of annual financial statement we use came up when Marie (KORTS) and Management investigated a collaborative grant application through the BC Rural Dividend Program this summer. Our application stalled because grants valued between \$10,000 and \$100,000 require a 'Financial Review' (\$6,000 accounting fees) type annual financial statement, whereas we utilize a 'Public review' (\$3,000 accounting fees) type of statement.

Would KDCFS be wise to switch to the more expensive annual accounting to:

- be prepared should a need for an application arise unexpectedly
- provide a community networking benefit to other volunteer groups who want to submit an application ?

Policy updates

The Board has made great strides in the development and refurbishment of policies this year. We are grateful to the directors for their energy and dedication toward this wearing work, in particular to the Finance and Budget Committee who are presenting the updates to the Investment and Legacy Fund Policies at this meeting.

Management has reviewed the Community Advisory Committee Policy. The Community Advisory Committee has not been active since 2013.

Management Team Recommendations

1. to accept the Investment and Legacy Fund Policies as presented.
2. to not change the level of our annual financial statement to a "Financial Review" at this time, since no more intakes for this particular grant are offered for 2018 or 2019. However, management will investigate what KDCFS goals the grant may support prior to the end of 2019.
3. we support Carol Brown's recommendation to work with an accounting firm specialized towards non-profit organizations.
4. to remove the Community Advisory Committee Policy from the Policy binder.
5. to consult with Hugh Watt (NACFOR) regarding support with our Business Plan.