



## Management Team Report – September / October 2018

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### Forest License Events

#### WOODLANDS

##### CP40 (7 Mile)

Harvesting wrapped up at the end of September. The Harvest Billing System hasn't updated for September but it is anticipated we were very close to our target of 13,500m<sup>3</sup>.

##### Timber Development

**CP 37-1:** Reserves have been added due to avalanche and terrain stability concerns. An additional 5ha was added to this block to offset the area lost to the reserves. This block is approximately 20,000m<sup>3</sup> and will be ready for tender in the next few weeks. This will be the only block tendered as a timber sale.

##### Keen Creek

We received our geo-scientist report from Sitkum Consulting with recommendations for upgrading the Keen Creek road. These recommendations are to help manage water, mainly during freshet, which is causing cut and fill slope failures. We have hired Shane McKinnon to install the most needed construction: adding new culverts, upgrading culverts that are undersized or damaged and in-sloping the road in seepage sections in order to keep the water from flowing down the surface should the ditch sluff in. Shane's excavator is too large to efficiently improve the delicate ditch-line connecting these drainage points, which will be our final road maintenance task in Keen before the winter. With these improvements in place we are hoping to significantly reduce our Keen Ck spring access costs, which were close to \$20,000 in 2018. Report recommendations to widen the narrow road surface in sections where the outer edge has slumped away will be deferred for future considerations.

Prior to starting mainline repairs, Shane McKinnon completed the outstanding CP36 harvest clean-up left by PWP in 2016.

##### Post Harvest clean-up

There are numerous slash piles as a result of harvesting and road building in the 7-Mile CP39 and CP40 area. Shane McKinnon is scheduled to carry out clean-up and site preparation for planting in CP 39 after the completion of Keen road maintenance, which will increase the number of burn piles. We are negotiating a direct award to West Arm Silviculture to complete the pile burning this fall.

##### Silviculture

Our SPAR (Seed Planning and Registry Application) electronic order of forest tree seed needed to reforest CP39 and CP40 cutblocks in 2020 is complete. Our trees will be grown by K&C Silviculture Ltd. in Oliver, which was one of the seedling nurseries we toured in September. K&C was able to arrange a competitive contract with the KDCFS despite the longer shipping route. We are looking at ways to collaborate with other CFs, woodlots and licensees to improve our shipping and cold storage facilities.

West Arm Silviculture has completed woody brushing of one 9.6ha cutblock in the Nashton area. This treatment completes our 2018 silviculture treatment contracts.



We have met with Michael Murray (Regional pathologist) in CP40 BLK 1 to discuss elevated root rot and necessary treatment concerns in the 7 Mile cutblocks. Consequently we may establish a 5 ha trial stumping area in this block in 2019 in conjunction with site preparation of Blks 1 and 3 for planting. CP40 Blk 2 mechanical preparation was done this fall combined with harvest clean-up.

### **LLWPP**

The Landscape Level Wildfire Preparedness Plan has taken a backseat over the summer to other ongoing woodlands and societal priorities. We are getting back to it now and are gathering further information through informal stakeholder meetings.

### **SOCIETY**

#### **Littering**

We have completed a Littering campaign that targeted Branch 7 public dumping of household and yard waste at a landing in our tenure area. The campaign costs are \$3,500 in:

- mechanical site clean-up and landfill fees
- newspaper ads
- signage
- organizational time (50% donated)

We received contributions from RDCK (\$500) and CKISS (\$200) towards educational advertisement.

#### **National Forest Week Field Tour**

For National Forest Week, a field trip was organized on September 29<sup>th</sup> for interested members of the public to view our harvesting from this year. It was a beautiful, sunny day, with about a dozen people showing up. We drove up 7-Mile to CP 40 block 2 and stopped to chat about forestry and other topics. The harvesting was completed but there was an excavator on site cleaning so we got to see some action. After this stop, we went to the Bucky cabin for a hot dog, waffles and hot chocolate served next to a campfire. We would like to extend a big thank you to Directors Steve Anderson, Steve Fawcett and Tara Clapp who volunteered their time and energy, which was vital to our success.

#### **Business Planning**

We are preparing to update our Business Plan this winter and with Director Clapp's volunteered expertise have gleaned Columbia Basin Trust support through their Non-profit advisory program. We are contacting expert log marketing advisor/consultants with CF background to advise us with this project.

### **Management Team Recommendations**

1. None