



## Management Team Report – October / November 2018

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### Forest License Events

#### **WOODLANDS**

##### **2018 Harvesting**

Harvesting and road building is complete for 2018, with a total of 22,623m<sup>3</sup> being harvested. This is approximately 3100m<sup>3</sup> more than anticipated, with the extra volume coming from road construction up Cooper Face and more volume being realized in CP 40 than projected. We are still waiting for a few final bills and last payment from Stella before we can do a full review. We contracted West Arm Silviculture to burn the harvest piles in CPs 39 and CP40 as well as the slash piles along the ski trail section left from daylighting. Outstanding 2016/17 harvest cleanup left in CP36 by Porcupine Wood Products was also completed. Ron Jardine cleaned roadside debris left from harvesting and burning while winterizing the mainline.

##### **2019 Harvesting**

CP 37 block 4 has been advertised as a Standing Timber Sale to all the local (West Kootenay) Licensees with the bid closing on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The sale is approximately 19,000m<sup>3</sup> with 14,000m<sup>3</sup> of cable harvesting.

Talks have been had with Clint from Sunshine Logging about harvesting 10-15,000m<sup>3</sup> for us next year. This logging would be done in-house, with the Managers marketing the timber.

##### **Timber Development**

No timber development occurred in the last month or so, but is anticipated to continue this year in preparation for harvesting in 2019. Development will be focused up Cooper Face and in the Milford area.

##### **Winterizing our Tenure Road Network**

###### **Keen Creek**

Local contractor Brenton Industries was hired this spring to repair Keen freshet damage at a cost of \$20,000. We arranged to install the geoscientist recommended upgrade together with our silviculture site preparation work in the fall, at an added contract value of approximately \$40,000. Brenton Industries offers the service and the type of equipment needed for the work, but was unable to schedule us when fall arrived. We hired local contractor Shane McKinnon short term, who installed 13 culverts, in-sloped sections of the road to control water flow, and completed silviculture work in CP39. Ron Jardine assisted with his backhoe on short notice to fine tune the most necessary winterizing work as Brenton Industries was still unavailable when winter weather arrived in Keen. Some geoscientist recommended upgrades have been left to face spring freshet incomplete, such as the armouring of the culvert intakes. We are hopeful that the \$38,800 work we invested in Keen this year will improve spring freshet damages in 2019 and are aiming to complete remaining work during 2019. We learned that the demand for integrated small to mid-sized construction equipment exceeds its availability in our area and will expand our contractor list further afield.

###### **Other Roads**

We winterized Branch 7 and 7 Mile FSR and hired Ron Jardine and backhoe to complete the work for \$2050. A backhoe has several advantages over tracked equipment for this work, most notably self-sufficient deployment requiring no low-bedding and speed.

##### **Silviculture**

Silviculture Surveys are wrapping up with winter setting in.



## LLWPP

A stakeholder meeting with the Kaslo Fire Department and the BCWS was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We are now allocating time to fire safety planning within our tenure, as harvesting and silviculture field work is wrapping up.

### **Management Self Audit**

The Reyden/Mutterer Management Team contract with the KDCFS Society is a 3 year contract for review on September 15, 2020. We have scheduled a management self-audit for the Nov. 21 Board meeting as a deliverable under Sec. 3 (h) of our management contract. The Board, if so inclined, may convene a Personnel Committee to prepare a Board / Management team interim performance review at year end, as per Section 1.a.(iv) of the contract.

## **SOCIETY**

### **Networking with our Community**

Several local contractors participated in work along the South Fork / Bucky Ski trails. Shane McKinnon piled slash that remained from daylighting along the Wagon Road from Hwy 31A to CP 39 (\$1309). Ron Jardine worked on Wagon Road improvements from CP39 to the Buchanan Jct. and prepared the opening by the warming hut for upcoming ski classes (\$600 plus \$180 supervision). KDCFS donated an additional \$400 to KORTS for further machine upgrades to the Wagon Rd ski trails by Stan Baker.

Another garbage dump appeared, this time in the 7 Mile /Bucky Recreation area. We posted it to social media, reported it to the RCMP and asked the Community to join into our surveillance efforts. Leads in the garbage pointed to the Castlegar/Trail area.

### **Business Planning**

We have asked our CBT advisor to advertise for a business consultant and are gathering information to help focus our vision. We are anticipating completion of this Plan by April 30, 2019.

### **Year-end Accounting**

We have allocated additional time to evaluating the upgrade of our year-end financial statement to a 'Financial Review' from a 'Notice to Public'. We contacted several other non-profit CF societies for comparison and found that most utilize the lowest level (Notice to Public) but a few undertake a Financial Review, which:

- a) provides a more detailed analysis of the Societies' financial health to the Board, Members and Funders, and
- b) is necessary to apply for some of the higher economic development grants

In our preparations for the new Business Plan, KDCFS Board and Management have recently identified a desire to explore investment into the creation of local job opportunities, such as the purchase of a local sawmill operation. A Financial Review would benefit the Society by providing broadened access to funders so we are free to act on the recommendations of the Business Plan when complete. We may choose to change the level of year-end statement from year to year to provide a more thorough financial review from time to time.

## **Management Team Recommendations**

1. that the Board discuss the need to assemble a Personnel Committee for the purpose of an interim first year-end management review.
2. that the Board discuss the need for a Board Self Evaluation exercise at year end. (Template provided)
3. that the Board assemble a WIFF planning committee.
4. that we engage into a 'Financial Review' level of year-end statement with our accountant.