



Management Team Report – December 2018/January 2019

Forest License Events

WOODLANDS

Timber Development

The CP 37 Timber Sale closed on December 14th with only 2 bids received. The bids were too low to cover costs. The hemlock market fell from a high of \$105/m³ to \$60/m³ during the last months of 2018 and with the sale comprising 45% hemlock and a high ratio of cable harvesting, all the profit from the higher value species was lost. We have moved this fully permitted CP into STI (20,000m³) until the next upswing of Hemlock markets. Current STI permitted is approximately 24,000m³. Our development options recommended to the Board will permit approximately 30,000 m³ of variable species opportunities this year which meets our desired goal of 30-50,000m³.

Timber development in 2018 was focused on Hw leading stands to take advantage of the strong market conditions, but permits with higher value species need to be targeted once again. 2019 timber development will take place up Cooper Face and Nashton.

Cooper Face (CP 41) development is partially complete but will require additional work to reconfigure blocks developed in 2018 as well as add additional blocks. This CP will also require permitting. Species profile is Sx46%, Hw25%, Fd/Lw 19%, Cw 7%, BI 3% with approximately 15-18,000m³ of conventional volume.

Nashton (CP 44) requires full development work, 2km of road building and permitting. Species profile is Cw 40%, Fd 30%, Hw 20%, Sx 10% with approximately 8500m³ of both, cable and conventional volume. Right-of-Way Timber from the road construction will pay for most of the construction.

Development work for both cutting permits will commence after budget approval and both will be fully permitted by early May. We have an agreement with a local contractor to harvest CP41 this summer.

SOCIETY

Winter in the Forest Festival

We are excited that the Kaslo Housing Society has stepped forward and will be hosting the event on our behalf once again. KHS is organizing the event to help with their fund raising. Erika Bird has passed the baton to Cloe Bayeur-Holland going forward but is still in the wings. The event will take place at the Kaslo airport on February 18, 2019.

AGM :

Preparations for the April 10 AGM have started.

Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce:

KDCFS has purchased a membership with the Chamber and Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism. The \$70 membership will give us an opportunity to advertise events in both calendars and take advantage of member discounts.

Community Communication

We have received communication from **George and Irene Brinkman** (Boards by George) requesting that we improve consultation and business opportunities for the sawmills up the Lake. We have responded in writing and by phone to both, BBG and Hamill Creek Timber Homes (HCT) advising them that we are interested in working



together and that consultations with the businesses in their area will be scheduled during our new Business Plan project this spring.

We have concluded consultation with the **Board of the Mirror Lake Water Users** regarding planned modifications to the Bjerkness Creek side channel that floods down the Bjerkness Creek road onto the Backroad at every spring. We have recommended Option #2 from our geoscientist assessment which requires a short section of new channel excavation to return the escape back to the main channel. During their regular meeting on January 10 the Mirror Lake Water Board, by resolution, endorsed remediation recommendation #2. Funds to complete these works are included in our proposed 2019 budget. If approved, work will be scheduled prior to spring freshet weather and operator availability permitting.

Internal Organization

Heather Hamilton has shadowed Carol Brown with KDCFS bookkeeping for the past month and has officially taken on her part-time role as our contractual bookkeeper.

Landscape Level Wildfire Plan

We have held one community consultation and several stakeholder meetings for our Landscape Level Wildfire Plan (LLWP) during the summer/fall of 2018 and are now putting lines on the maps and tracks in the field. We have identified a logical fuel break location above Kaslo, have garnered support from a private land owner and have opened discussions with Bench residents at Tangye road. Applications for funding through the Community Resiliency Investment Program (CRIP) will be submitted this fall, which, if fruitful will allow us to commence WUI corridors in 2020. Due to the steep topography surrounding Kaslo we will focus on crown separation in these areas.

SILVICULTURE

Survey data gathered during the 2018 field season has been compiled and will be uploaded to the provincial database once signed and sealed. We are reporting free to grow status in 7 blocks for 2018. We have signed a contract with K&S Seedling Nursery in Oliver for 105.5K trees which will be delivered and planted in 2020.

Management Team Recommendations

1. that the Board adopt Budget Option #2 from 4 presented options
2. that Heather Hamilton be granted signing authority as our bookkeeper