



## Management Team Report – July/August 2019

### WOODLANDS

#### **Timber Development**

##### **CP41 Cooper Face (L2019):**

Harvesting in CP 37-2 commenced on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This 5ha block is mostly complete and the feller buncher has started falling trees in CP 41-5. The spruce and cedar is being taken to Downie in Revelstoke and the pulp is going to Mercer.

CP37-2



CP41-5



Temporary scale closures with several sawmills are causing operational inefficiencies as wood needs to be decked on site for later trucking.

##### **CP44 Nashton (L2020/21):**

A terrain stability assessment (TFSA) was conducted on July 18<sup>th</sup> with Sitkum Consulting to review the road. The road has numerous issues, mainly cost of construction and some potentially unstable slopes on steep (70%) terrain. As a result, further field work to relocate the road to avoid some problematic areas is needed. Blocks will be developed to capture the fir on the lower slopes that is dying from root rot, with blocks comprised of cedar higher up the slope. The cost/benefit of this road will need to be carefully analyzed prior to construction to ensure there is enough timber to offset the cost/risk of building the road. A follow up TFSA will be completed the first week of September.

##### **CP43 Branch 7 Fuel Management Harvesting (L2019/2020):**

Block and road locations are nearly complete. Consultations with private land owners adjacent to our development are scheduled for next week. Block 5 which is near the Fire Access Trail and the Wardner Trail requires a steep adverse road followed by steep adverse skid trails. This is the only way to access this bench which forms an anchor for our Fire Interface/fuel mitigation strategy. Conversations have been had with the harvesting contactor regarding the difficult access and we believe it is doable.

The area near the Wardner trail, along with benches extending north have considerable Armillaria root rot, with some areas having 20-50% of the fir being affected. This is also where the Fir Bark beetle has appeared. The increasing levels of dead and dying trees in this area will pose a considerable fire danger to Kaslo if left unharvested. There is also a risk of danger trees falling on the Wardner Trail. We have set a date for a community consultation for September 10 which will be advertised in the next issues of the Pennywise paper.

## SILVICULTURE

Surveillance walks of blocks are ongoing.

## SOCIETY / INTERNAL

### **Wildfire Preparations**

Fire equipment: is ordered and will be delivered in September.

Landscape Level Wildfire Plan: fieldwork is ongoing.

Community / Stakeholder Consultations: 15 community members and local government delegates attended our Open House in July at which we presented the new Forest Stewardship plan, gave updates on our Landscape Level Wildfire Plan and introduced our 2019/2020 Fuel and Pest Management Harvest Plans. We will engage with the community in more detailed planning discussion in a September 10 meeting.

Our meeting with RDCK and VOK on August 19 has been rescheduled to September 16. We were hoping to discuss shared jurisdictions and funding of the upcoming Wardner face project. The information would have been of benefit for our September Community Consultation. We decided to proceed with our community meeting since we will need to get the firebreak access in place prior to winter. The goshawk nest is located in this area, which, if active again next year, will delay any work into mid-August.

## Management Team Recommendations

1. that the Board adopt the Communication Policy amendment.