



Management Team Report – August/Sept 2019

WOODLANDS

Timber Development

CP37 Cooper Face (L2019):

Harvest progress is slowed by rotating temporary mill yard closures by all 3 of our purchasers: Kalesnikoff, Mercer and Downie. Harvest in the highest elevation block, CP37-2 is complete with combined 2 lds of wood left to haul from various sorts.

Mill	Loads	Volume m3	Total Volume m3	Cruise m3	Gross Income
Downie	27	1450.689	2740.436	3044	\$220,000
Mercer	19	951.866			
Kalesnikoff	6	257.881			
On site	2	80			

The Feller-Buncher has left the adjacent CP 41-5 block to commence the lower CP 41 blocks. Timber is waiting to be skidded from 1/3rd of the block with 8.5 loads of various sorts decked along the road waiting to be loaded out.

CP 41-5



28 loads, or 1,357m3 were loaded out to mills from here in August, approx. 50% going to Mercer.

1,750m³ were loaded out in September to date, bringing the total block harvest volume in line with estimates of 5,000m³. 17 pieces of Tonewood Spruce are now laid out in the bottom end of the block for special manufacturing. Temperatures have dropped at 1540m elevation as we are a month away from potential snowfall. We should gain another month as we move to the lower blocks.

CP42 Milford (L2020/2021):

Timber recce has started up Milford to add more economical blocks to the permit that was initiated in 2019 which was mostly hemlock. The focus will be on the Douglas fir types as Armillaria root rot and bark beetle are both present. The target is 10,000m³ with most of the additional volume anticipated to be cable harvesting.

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

We responded to a request from Sean Kubara and Lorna Louise for a field review of our planning area and made sure we spent the time to address the complexity of values. We are also engaged in ongoing consultations with Jeff Mattes, an adjacent landowner to the Wardner area, whose harvesting expertise and access cooperation provides valuable strategic benefits to the KDCFS and the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Dept. A preliminary Wardner management proposal focusing on Blk 5 was presented to 36 community members at our Sept. 10 community consultation. The presentation was well received and was followed by guest speaker and climatologist Mel Reasoner who presented a projection of local weather and climate variation based on 100 years of weather data collected at the Kaslo weather station. We will continue Wardner consultations on the ground during National Forest Week. The Douglas-fir beetle pathology is the main driver for timely intervention, necessitating action prior to the April 2020 flight.

CP 44 Nashton:

Due to the high cost of the road construction and the unfavorable current market conditions this development has been temporarily put on hold.

SILVICULTURE

Surveillance walks of blocks are ongoing and preparing to view CP40 7 Mile blocks harvested last year with contractors for 2020 planting. Seed orders are also in progress for 2021 planting. Mel's local climate predictions are providing a basis for discussions with local FLNRORD staff regarding tree seed transfer guidelines.

SOCIETY / INTERNAL

Wildfire Preparations

Fire equipment: most items have arrived. Waiting for several items on backorder. Good thing we had a wet year, who would have thought it takes 8 months to order supplies.

Landscape Level Wildfire Plan: fieldwork on Cooper Face, Lost Ledge, 7 Mile and Milford is complete. Mel Reasoner has submitted a draft for the climate chapter in our document. We have hired AFE certified Wildland Fire Ecologist R.W.Gray Consulting to review, critique and advise the last leg of our LLWP report. He will visit us in Kaslo on Oct. 21 and we hope to get his review of the Wardner development as well.

Forest Stewardship consultation : the public review period has closed. The Plan will now proceed towards government review with a target submission date of September 25th. We have received input from Marlene Johnston from the North end of the Lake and from the RDCK which will be incorporated into the final submission. Directors can view comments in the Directors Virtual Office.

Local stakeholder consultation: We have met with VOK CAO Ian Dunlop on several occasions to inform management planning of the Wardner area and have just attended a RDCK and VOK joined meeting scheduled in July. We are investigating possible funding to support our proposed Wardner forest fuel and pest management planning and confirmed that FES funding streams are unavailable for the foreseeable future. VOK however may be able to access funding to help with treatment of the VOK Wardner lands through CRI. We had hopes to explore interest for local government and KDCFS to jointly pursue local development of waste wood utilization as a necessary basis to our upcoming business plan, but were unable to scratch the surface in the narrow time allotment.