



Management Team Report – Sept / Oct 2019

WOODLANDS

Timber Development

CP37 Cooper Face - Complete

CP37-2 at 1,600m elevation, is complete. Volume crossing the scales from CP 37 was close to projected.

CP 41-5 - active

Equipment was forced to move from Block 5 to the 3 lower blocks partway through last month because haul road and block were getting too soft to continue. About 25 loads, or roughly 1200 m³ of wood are still on Block 5 waiting to be skidded, bringing the total harvest volume up to projection. The ground has started to firm up with the snowline now at the lower blocks, hopefully allowing Sunshine to send equipment back into the snow to finish. Tonewood recovery was less than hoped for because butt rot levels were higher than expected. Still, we sold 32m³ of high-grade Spruce, and upgraded our value by \$3,500 over a conventional sale.

CP41-2 and 3 - active

Both blocks are currently being harvested. Block 3 is 75% complete, with still about 1000m³ decked on the block. Block 2 is being felled and has started to load out. Block 1 is not yet active. Slash in Block 2 was piled for planting concurrently with harvesting. We are exploring avenues of mutual benefit with our contractor. While scales are limiting daily shipments, the crew can keep busy, and we will save silviculture low-bedding and long walk-in costs for another piece of equipment to site prepare the blocks.

Volume shipped by the end of September was 8085m³, which is just over half of the total projected volume, with about 35% heading to the pulp mill. This parallels July 17 approved Budget projections for CP41 of \$1,207,500. Several events have presented a challenge for us to gain a clear overview of fiber flow and residual supply left on the blocks: mill restrictions and weather conditions demanded operations in multiple blocks at the same time, only one of four being finished. Downie has experienced problems uploading weight scale data to the government database HBS, which limits our ability to cross-check mill statements.

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

We are going forward with improvements to our industrial wildfire fuel corridor adjoining polygons identified as high risk areas in the 2016 CWPP (Cathro and Blackwell) on Kaslo's North side. This part of our license is a forest management concern due to the presence of elevated forest insect and disease levels having potential to effect economic losses to the forest license while elevating fire intensity ratings. Management considerations include salvage opportunities and access to manage, which are addressed in our CP43 cutting permit.

Layout is nearing completion of 8 blocks ranging in size from 2.5 to 15ha with a mix of cable and conventional. The permit is estimated at 15,000m³ of FdLwCwHw. Community consultation will continue through the fall and winter which may change some blocks above the Shutty Bench area. Some field work in these blocks will be left until after consultation is complete.

We have met with FES manager Gord Pratt in Kaslo to discuss Forest Licensee funding to support our 2020 cutting permit development.

CP 42

Layout will continue up Milford this fall.

BUDGET REVIEW

Based on August and September harvest numbers, and projected to the end of 2019, the budget looks tighter than the amended July 17th approved budget. The main factors contributing to this are the higher than expected component of pulp from Cooper Face harvesting, stumpage increased by about \$1.20 average in July, harvest costs are \$1.75/m³

higher, and hauling was \$1.00 higher. This is a \$3.95/m³ increase at 14,200m³ for a \$56,000 deficit. An updated budget has been drafted that includes just the Cooper Face harvesting and building 1km of road up Branch 7, a second one that includes harvesting CP 43-4, and a rough draft of a 2020 budget.

SILVICULTURE

2020 Planting tenders have been sent out to contractors for fall viewing. Seedlings for 2021 are ordered on SPAR.

SOCIETY / INTERNAL

The National Forest Week Tour has concluded our CP43 Wardner Face community consultation for the Village lot at the bottom of the Wardner Trail head. This event was covered in a Valley Voice editorial. We were very grateful for Val Koenig's amazing support at the event, which extended from logistics over equipment loans to hands-on Chef duties at the trail head. Sunnyside Naturals provided two large pots of tasty soups to warm the day and Johannes Smith was put to work with camp support, firewood and putting together a plant hunt for our young visitors. We also thank our Board directors for their additional donations of their volunteer time and support.

Our meetings were well attended with 36 residents attending our Senior's Hall meeting while 18 braved poor weather at the National Forest Week Tours. Property owners bordering the forest interface were well represented. Most participants were appreciative of the direction we are taking and encouraged us to manage for reduction of fire intensity where the CF license is interfacing rural areas. KORTS had no concerns with our plans in the upper end of the Wardner Face and submitted this consultation response for official consideration of the lower portion: "At our regular Board meeting last night it was agreed that the KDCFS's plans concerning the area below the Buchanan Fire Access Trail (BFAT) are not in the interests of KORTS, or generally of the people who use the Wardner trail on a regular basis. Although some people believe a small road for firefighting access is a good thing, the vast majority have strong concerns about the conflicts such a road would inevitably bring, the most important of which is motorized use on or near the present trails."

VOK has granted us a temporary use permit at the airport lands.