



Management Team Report – Oct / Nov 2019

WOODLANDS

Timber Development

CP 41 Cooper Face

Harvest was complete in all 5 blocks just as snow fell on the steep approach up the Cooper mainline. We exceeded cutting permit volume projections by roughly 4,000m³, however much of this volume was pulpwood. Operations have continued past the expected deadline because of intermittent scale closures at purchasing sawmills. Sunshine Logging was unable to complete trail rehabilitation in the blocks due to frozen ground conditions and will send equipment back in the spring to complete the works. We were able to pile logging debris concurrently with harvesting and will burn piles in early spring prior to planting two of the lower blocks.

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

Sunshine Logging has removed brush along Branch 7 from the highway to Block 5, where construction of the Kaslo/Wardner fire corridor and access towards McDonald Creek will conclude 2019 operations. This area is closed to the public during working hours for overall safety, but is accessible during weekends. Goals are to establish trap decks, to lure Douglas-fir beetles during their early spring flight. This will lower the number of beetles attacking healthy and standing trees in the area. The trap logs containing beetles will be milled up in the summer, after the flight, killing the developing new brood. The public is warned that these decks are not to be cut for firewood, to prevent the beetles from spreading to their properties. We viewed and discussed treatment options of the Shutty Bench South fuel mitigation area with John Cathro and consultations with residents near this area are continuing with a field tour on November 26.

Landscape Level Wildfire Planning

We are working on the final report and planning maps.

SOCIETY / INTERNAL

2020 Draft Annual Budget

We have presented two budget options to the Board of Directors. The preferred option is heavily influenced by these Board Policies:

- Operating Reserve Policy
- Firesmart Forest Management Policy
- Managing for a Diversity of Interests/Values
- Silviculture Policy
- Innovative Practices Policy

The option recommended by Management strives to balance “Managing for a Diversity of Interests/Values” to our best interpretation while “Firesmart Forest Management” and Community Safety have been topping the list of community values in recent years. Both options also attempt solutions to currently depressed forest products markets, while striving for maximum diversification in an uncertain and rapidly shifting future.

The template is similar for both in the first half of 2020, focusing on basic silviculture obligations (Planting), Societal obligations (AGM) and social traditions (WITF). We will receive information during this time that will inform our path for the second half of the year (grant applications will influence harvest decisions).

Wagon Road Improvements

We have coordinated clean-up of CP39 left-over harvest debris with KORTS upgrades at the Ski Hut. An illegal refuse dump site was also remedied. KORTS new X-country ski playground near Moose Meadows Cabin is a fabulous improvement for skiers we can't wait to try out.