



# Management Team Report July-August

## WOODLANDS

Contracts with our sawlog purchasers are in place and improvements in fall prices will improve our 2020 budget projections. Mercer has allocated FESBC funds towards incremental hauling costs, which allows us to break even on the pulp harvesting and hauling.

### CP 43 Wardner-Shutty Wildfire Corridor

We held two public tours in our wildfire risk reduction permit during July in step with our objectives to keep the local community involved in the project from early development to completion. Goals are to make pre-treatment objectives and eventual outcomes transparent and understood within the landscape level fuel reduction strategy, as well as within the roles private land owners bring to the overall success of wildfire risk reduction for the community. The walks were well attended. Plans are to repeat the tours post harvest to further the discussion and learning for all involved.



Timber Ridge Contracting Ltd. has returned from their work with SIFCO and was finally able to commence harvesting for us in CP43 Block 3 on August 10. This small block is already near completion. They will be starting Block 5 this week. SIFCO send us exalting reviews regarding the quality of Shane's harvesting and fuel reduction work. Shane and Casey have invested heavily into equipment over the past year and have just added a Feller Buncher to the list as





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well. This will improve their harvesting capacity considerably and is great news, since the delayed start of harvesting in CP43 will be pushing us into the winter. Shane has hired and is training local Connor Robertson who is getting a feel for the skidder.



The two are coordinating with D.W. Sicotte Trucking Ltd. to get the logs to Kalesnikoff Lumber, Mercer, Porcupine Wood Products, our local small hand mills and our firewood purchasers.

John Cathro and Mark Elder are in the process of finalizing the wildfire unit prescriptions with us and have teamed up with Frontera Solutions Ltd in Vancouver for the modelling. Prescription of Block 5 has been approved by FLNRORD, which serves as a template for the other units. They have been slogging through the recent heat wave to stay as tightly as possible to the schedule. We much appreciate their efforts.

### **CP 41 Cooper Face**

We have been working with Sunshine Logging Ltd. during the past weeks to finish up work in last year's CP41 on Cooper Face. This has been a financially and logistically tough permit for Clint Carlson and his crew due to extended delays caused by sporadic 2019 mill closures, as well as difficult terrain constraints and wide spatial separation of the blocks.



Excavator veteran Rusty has demonstrated his skilled judgement and refined results during the just completed



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rehabilitation of our harvesting footprint. A final grading of the mainline and Spur into Blk 3 will need to wait until fall rain keeps the dust down. The experience, fairness and tenacity that Sunshine Logging Ltd. brought to CP41 was critical in making the project a success.

## CP44/Nashton

We have scheduled a follow-up meeting with VOK CAO to review our decisions regarding the repair of the Nashton Mainline damaged during the Kemp Creek washout in the spring. In the meantime we maintain ATV access into the Nashton area of our license.

BCWS responded to our request for a wildfire field practice and sent 2 of their crews to Kaslo to in July to install pump and hose lays and discuss procedural and equipment related questions. We also invited KVFDF Chief Douglas Yee, who participated.



## Silviculture



Our blocks planted this spring show excellent survival and seedling development is off the charts. The great nursery stock received, favourable spring weather and good planting allowed for strong root development prior to the hot season. Shoot and height development equals growth usually seen the second year following planting.

## Internal Operations

We have found a dedicated and local bookkeeper: Alicia Sergeant. We are excited to introduce Alicia to the Board this month. She will be assisting managers with Board minutes and tasks as needed.

We missed out on funding from the Forest Enhancement Society this spring, which at the time jeopardized funding allocation from WRR, but managed to qualify for roughly \$280,000 WRR funds in the follow-up review. We were just informed by FES that we are earmarked for a \$250,000 grant towards wildfire fuel reduction projects starting this fall.

The draw of the 3 logging truckloads of firewood is finalized.

1. Royal Canadian Legion Kaslo Branch # 74
2. Kaslo Senior Citizens' Association – Branch #81
3. Kootenay Lake Historical Society

## Management Team Recommendations

1. That bookkeeper Alicia Sergeant is granted access to KDCFS post office box 789, replacing Heather Hamilton.
2. That Alicia Sergeant is granted access to KDCFS KSCU accounts as a Delegate Initiator.
3. That the Board reschedule Sept. 16 Board meeting to September 23, since the AGM falls on September 16.