



# Management Team Report August-September

## WOODLANDS

### **CP 43 / Wardner-Shutty Wildfire Corridor**

Harvesting in block 5 will conclude shortly with Timber Ridge moving down to block 2 next, which is 9ha and will produce quite a bit of firewood. To date we have sold 6 loads to private and commercial buyers as well as have supplied the 3 charity loads to Kaslo & Area D non-profit organizations.



The field work for the 2020 Fuel Management Prescriptions has been completed which now are awaiting fire modelling calculations for completion. In the meantime we are preparing to tender the site clean-up work, which we hope to get done for Blocks 5, 3 (logged) and 2 before the snow flies. We are running late and Blocks 1, 4 and 7 will have to wait until spring 2021. We have had some blowdown along the road corridor during the August storm event, which was the best place if it had to happen, since it fortified our road-corridor fire break. Plans to broadcast burn Block 5 changed during consultation with BCWS because slash loading was deemed too low to carry the burn. We had hoped to reduce the many hemlock cones from seeding into a carpet of regeneration needing future treatment and achieve a species conversion to a pioneer Douglas-fir- Larch-White Pine type by re-introduction of natural fire disturbance. Instead we switched to







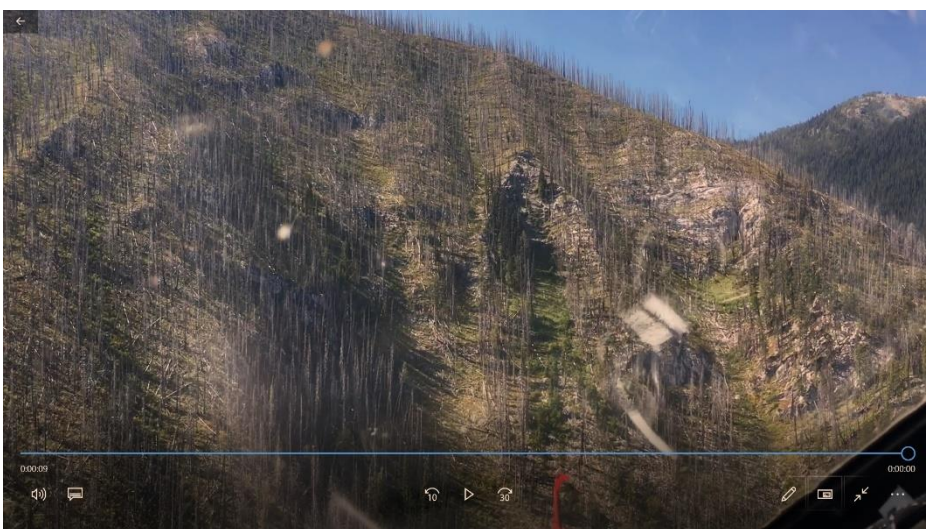
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mechanical piling and pile burning. The good side is that block completion has shifted closer, enabling us to finalize the block and trail cleanup this fall. Recreation trails will remain closed during this final clean-up phase with heavy equipment and saws on site. Sadly we are narrowly missing our planned post harvest community tour during National Forest Week, which however will roll out in mid October, so keep your ears tuned.

### CP 42 / Milford/Branch 3 - Wildfire Risk Reduction

STI field work on block additions has been completed. The permit is approximately 30ha or 10,000m<sup>3</sup> with a species profile of HwCwFd(Lw). The Schroeder Creek fire risk reduction area will be added to this permit and is 37ha or 6000m<sup>3</sup> with the same species profile. It is anticipated this block will be funded by FES for implementation this 2020/21 winter. All the blocks will be conventionally harvested.

### CP44 / Nashton



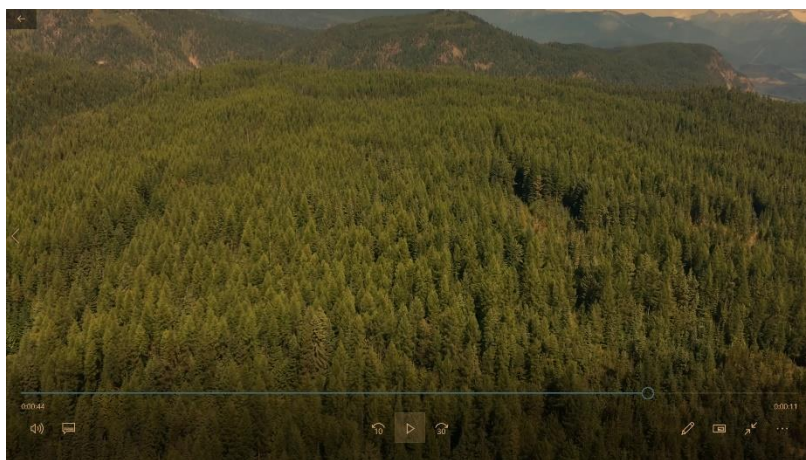
We have decided to not repair the damaged culvert on our Nashton road below Kemp Creek dam until we proceed with road construction accessing CP 44. This is due to concerns of renewed damages during next year's freshet. Our August air reconnaissance established that avalanche chutes and Kemp channel still contain ample snags and debris ready to discharge. ATV access is maintained to this area and field work will continue this fall. The STI development is accessed by a 4km road system to access 10,000m<sup>3</sup> of species profile CwHwFdSx in the first pass. Cedar is on the smaller side.

### CP 45 / 7-Mile

Approximately 30ha or 10,000m<sup>3</sup> STI has been developed in the 7-Mile area with a species profile of FdHwLwCw. It is a combination of cable/conventional.

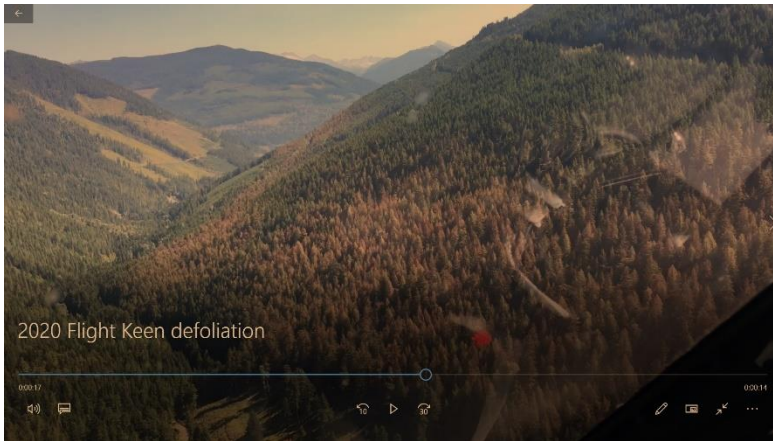
### 2020 Aerial reconnaissance

We flew our license area in August to gather landscape level reconnaissance information. It provided an opportunity to calibrate commercial thinning and wildfire risk reduction planning in the ground access restricted Lost Ledge and Cooper-South plateaus. These areas compose approximately 8000 ground-based hectares within our ~34,000 ha license area and share an extensive and repeated fire history from the 1920-1940's. Portions of these plateaus are now nearing operable timber ages and warrant fire risk reduction activities to protect growing investment, important to span our impending mature timber gap. This message is amplified as we sit submerged under a thick cloud of smoke from wildfires raging south of the border. Other, younger portions require investigation for intensive silviculture opportunities to be prepared should this work become feasible with help from provincial funding sources.





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Keen Creek held a forest health surprise that had just played out in preceding month in the shape of a of hemlock looper attack. A broad band of heavily defoliated vegetation extends down the valley and involves every tree and shrub vegetation and age class, including deciduous. Widespread hemlock



looper outbreaks have played out in the northern parts of the Province but have been somewhat rare in the Kootenays. Outbreaks tend to last for about 3 years and future development will require surveillance. Timber losses in Keen are mostly confined to Hw leading types at this time.

### Internal Operations

We have caught up on Society affairs delayed since April and have managed our first ever - thanks to Covid - ZOOM AGM. Memberships are down this year as people are preoccupied with health concerns, but members have ratified the Board resolution unanimously to offer 1 year and 5 year memberships going forward.

### Management Team Recommendations

1. That the treasurer and management team set a meeting date for treasurer orientation.
2. That the Board approve to proceed with CBT funding for BBG feasibility study.