



Management Team Report June - July

WOODLANDS

Lumber markets have improved in the last month and prices for most species are better than we have seen in the past 18 months. The lone outlier is the pulp market which has seen a decline throughout 2020. The main reason for this is lower production at the larger sawmills resulting in lower volumes of cheap pulp delivered to Celgar which has led to lower prices for pulp that has to be chipped at their facility. All the pulp shipped from harvesting operations fits into this category unfortunately but there is an option to receive FESBC funding through Celgar to cover incremental hauling costs to allow us to break even on the harvesting and hauling.

CP 41 Cooper Face

All the loads from Cooper Face have now been hauled by Sicotte with the total volume being approximately 2000m³. There is still some outstanding skid trail rehabilitation that will be completed by Sunshine Logging this summer.

CP43 / Branch 7 Wildfire Risk Reduction Cutting Permit (2020)

Through the fuel management prescription process with John Cathro and Mark Elder, additional area was identified and added to blocks 4 and 7 in order to make our fire corridor larger and more effective while ensuring safe access for BCWS up the Branch 7 road. The additional area in block 4 is 2.5ha and has numerous new Douglas fir bark beetle infested trees from the flight in June. Two areas have been added to block 7, the western section is 2.5ha and is predominately Douglas fir with about 30 trees being infested with beetles from the same flight. The eastern section is 5ha and is predominately a dense hemlock stand. These additions replace the area lost in block 1. First Nations referral, a Preliminary Field Reconnaissance (FN study/walkthrough) and cutting permit application still need to be completed prior to harvesting. This work will be completed in the next month.

The harvesting and cleanup of CP 43 will reduce fuel loading and affect fire behavior near our community. This will be accomplished by removing fuels on the ground, cutting out the understory trees and thinning the stand to provide crown separation while leaving 80-150 stems per hectare of healthy, fire resistant Douglas fir and larch. Hemlock is not a fire resistant species and is a prolific seeder of an undesirable species, so for these reasons the areas that are heavier to hemlock will have less retention which will result in openings between 0.25 - 5ha. In these stands we are looking at species conversion to more fire and climatic resilient stands through planting.

On July 14th we hosted a field tour with members of BCWS and FLNRORD to discuss the possibility of incorporating broadcast burning in some of our treatment units.

On July 18th we held a field tour for recreation users and other members of the public in treatment unit 5 to discuss the fuel management work scheduled for 2020. We conducted extensive community consultation in 2019, and with operations set to commence in August, it was a great opportunity to talk about the reasons for fuel mitigation work, timing of harvesting, how the stand will look post-harvest and implications to trail users. It was a great turnout with about 20 people showing up and even a guest appearance by our BCCFA executive director. Overall it went well and it appears the work we are doing has community support.

CP44/Nashton

The road accessing the permit area is still impassable due to the Kemp Creek washout.



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Silviculture

We are viewing cutblocks in need of brushing and have received a bid from a preferred contractor for a 22ha block. We will be tendering a contract for the fall.

We are up to date on RESULTS data entry.

Internal Operations

Management Team Recommendations

1. That the Board:
 - a. approve Budget Ammendment #2