



Management Team Report March - April 2020

WOODLANDS

CP 41 Cooper Face

The snow is melting up Cooper but we may need to plow the road to access the blocks for pile burning and planting. We are trying to do this in conjunction with shipping the remaining decked loads from 2019 harvesting.

CP43 / Branch 7 Fuel Management Cutting Permit (2020)

KDCFS has prepared for and received a grant of \$280,000 from the Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) program for 2020 fuel management work up Branch 7. However, the WRR grant money is being administered by FLNRORD who have now decided to go through a tendering process. The work has been separated into two categories - the first includes tactical planning, surveys, prescriptions and supervision with the second being implementation (mechanical and hand treatments). Through BC Bid FLNRORD is seeking Requests for Qualifications by contractors to subsequently bid on the WRR work. KDCFS will put a RFQ in for the survey/prescription work and have reached out to John Cathro to assist us. The contracts will be tendered BC wide and the southern six Community Forests have voiced their concerns to FLNRORD about keeping the work local. Depending on the value of the contract there is an option to direct award the work to a preferred contractor but there is also the possibility of having a contractor from Williams Lake completing some of the work.

Due to the tendering process the surveys, prescriptions, and subsequently harvesting, are on hold temporarily. The RFQ closes May 1st with contracts tendered at a later date. We are hoping to move forward with prescriptions before then and have a conference call with FLNRORD on April 29th to discuss our options. The delay in harvesting may prove beneficial as log prices have slipped since February/early March due to low lumber prices globally.

Stronger log prices in January have pulled back due to the effect of pandemic measures on the global economy.

LiDAR

The LiDAR data has been processed with overview maps of our License being created. These maps include the ortho, hillshade, canopy height, slope, and stream models. A few examples are in the folder if you want to take a look. These maps (and data) are very valuable tools in our woodlands operations as they allow us to plan roads and cutblocks, provide accurate data for Watershed Assessments, run deflection lines from the office©, estimate tree heights and volumes, etc, etc.

Silviculture

We are preparing to plant 105,000 trees. Most will be planted in CP40 in the 7-Mile area and some in Blocks 1 and 2 up Cooper Face. Some pile burning will be done during the last week of April in the latter blocks to prepare ground for the trees. As we head into planting season in May we would like to ease everyone's mind that very tight provincial guidance on COVID-19 operational standards is in place. Every contractor's Emergency Response Plan is in the process of being re-written under the coaching of WorkSafeBC and BCForest Safety Council. Thus approved and specific safety procedures are implemented to minimize further spread of viruses. All of these measures are subject to immediate revision pending new information from Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC's Provincial Health officer.

We are aware of the heightened level of fear in the population, and the panic instilling social media postings and trust the professional guidance from our Health Officials as we proceed into field operations. We will share this information with the community as we approach activities.

SOCIETY / INTERNAL

2020 Annual Budget Revision

The spring budget revision has been completed.



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2019 Draft Financial Statements were received from the Accountants and were submitted to KDCFS treasurer for review.

Management Team Recommendations

1. That the Board adopt the updated 2020 Budget.
2. That the Board define interim societal communication strategies internally and with the larger Community during COVID-19 restrictions.
3. That the Board grant managers formal endorsement to operate with somewhat less oversight given current circumstances