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WOODLANDS

BC brought in Special Tree legislation in September 2020 which protects certain species of trees with a specified DBH (diameter at breast height). During boundary amendments in CP 42-4, which is up Branch 3, a yew 66.1cm and one 62.0cm were found. The Special Tree DBH for yew is 63cm so one is a Special Tree and the other is very close! These will be reported to FLRORD and have the required 1ha buffer around them. A few years ago a very large cedar was found up Cooper Face that likely will be >3000cm. When the area is snow free we will confirm if it meets the Special Tree criteria.

CP 42

Timber Ridge commenced harvesting in CP 42-1, which is just off Highway 31 past the Milford FSR. Shane will harvest this block followed by two more on the Milford Road, totalling 20ha and about 6000m³. Species profile for the blocks is HwCw(FdLw).

CP 44

Road construction on the 3km Nashton extension to access CP 44 is anticipated to start within the next month, contractor dependent. Block 1, which is an 8ha conventional block, will be harvested later this summer or fall. It will be visible from Kaslo so we are working on reserve patches and leave tree specs to help visually break up the block.

CP 47

Development work is continuing up Branch 7 on the road extension. There are multiple rock and cliff sections which has hindered optimal road locations and may result in a shorter road and longer skids. We are exploring grant funding options to conduct WRR work in this area.

CP 48

Timber Ridge will commence road construction on 1.5km of road needed to access CP 48-1 after finishing the CP 42 harvesting. This cable block is close to 16,000m³ with a species profile of HwFdSxCw. We have been in talks with Stella Jones about them providing one of their cable harvesters, Iron Peaks from New Denver, in exchange for the wood flowing their books so they can have trade wood with other licensees. The log prices would be the same as our current contracts. We partnered with Kalesnikoff and Stella Jones in 2018 in order to harvest CP 39 and 40 in the high log market and it worked out for all parties.

CP 50

KDCFS was successful in securing BCCFA WRR grant funding to recce, develop and complete Fuel Management Prescriptions on approximately 200ha up Cooper Face on the bench that extends from Cooper Creek south to Davis Creek. This area is now snow free and laying out the access roads has started.

WILDFIRE

Time has come to spread a word of caution regarding campfires in the forest. We spent most of last Saturday extinguishing a smoldering fire pit with the help of BC Wildfire Service and local volunteers near the Wardner trails and viewpoint above Kaslo. The Wardner hillside is on a south-east facing (hot) slope and the lower to mid elevations are already unseasonably dry. The fire pit is about 200m uphill from residences, as the crow flies. We have worked to create motorized access into this area as part of our landscape wildfire planning, improving speed of response and water delivery - even so, this area is a very high risk zone, lacking natural water sources. Even in a deep fire pit are hot air vents between the larger stones, and the soil has a connected web of roots within which smolder underground to other places. The rocks themselves charge up and store heat for a long time. Even on an overcast day, your fire may have ignited 'fuses' underground. For this reason we check our winter pile burns in the spring, because they can flare up after months of cold weather. Plan your fires wisely and where you have ample water to extinguish them properly.



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SILVICULTURE

Preparing for late season planting up Cooper Face.

INTERNAL

The new website is now up.

Management Team Recommendations

1. That the FTE Committee meets to review 2021 Budget Amendment #1 for adoption at June Board meeting.