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WOODLANDS

Harvesting

CP 42 Milford

CP42 information here: <https://kaslocommunityforest.org/shutty-bench/>



Timber Ridge has completed Blocks 1 and 3 in CP42, which are up the Milford FSR. Blk 2 is next and last. All are small hemlock blocks that have been waiting for an upswing in Hw prices. Milford has a few view scapes now. Blocks 4 and 5 will be reserved for the time being, with community consultations in progress in Block 4.

CP43 Branch 7

CP43 information here: <https://kaslocommunityforest.org/kalso-bjerkness-fletcher/>

Harvesting is complete in our Kaslo-Shutty wildfire corridor but some of the blocks still require mechanical clean-up. Timber Ridge was awarded this contract and will return to Branch 7 in late fall, when burning restrictions are lifted. We investigated a report of a petroleum spill in a seepage area of one of our Block 5 skid trails. It turned out to be a

natural hydrocarbon film. You can read more about it here: <https://kaslocommunityforest.org/hydrocarbon-films-or-petroleum/>

CP 44 Nashton

CP44 information here: <https://kaslocommunityforest.org/keen-creek/>

We switched contractor allocations and now Timber Ridge will move to 3km Nashton (behind the landfill) around the beginning of July to build 1.5 km new road access into CP 44. Once there they will harvest Block 1, a 7ha conventional block of 3500m³ heavy to Hw and Cw. Markets are good for both species. The block will be visible from Kaslo so we are working to reduce visual impact.

CP 47 McDonald Lk

Development is continuing on the road extension towards McDonald lake up Branch 7. 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 for 2022 to expand our WRR work in this area.

CP 48 Cooper Face

CP 48 information here: <https://kaslocommunityforest.org/cooper-davis/>

CJ Logging has commenced the 1.5km road construction up Cooper Face needed to access CP 48-1. Expected volume in this steep cable block is close to 16,000m³ with a species profile of HwFdSxCw. We will view the timber sale block with Stella Jones and one of their cable harvesters, Iron Peaks from New Denver, this week and hope it will go forward. Timber pricing would be the comparable to current contracts. Stella Jones in partnership with Kalesnikoff logged our CP39 and 40 permits in 2018, also with Iron Peaks. We hope to start harvest in mid/end of July since the season is short at this high elevation site. Even though, cable harvesting is a slow process and this 31ha block will likely need to be completed in the spring of 2022. We are also engaging with the 'Community Up the Lake' this week to discuss completed and work ahead, as well as old growth, water, wildlife and other concerns of local value. We have commissioned an IWAP for Davis Creek, which is carried out by Kim Green, PhD, PGEO, Applied Reserch and Innovation with Selkirk College students at this time.

CP 50 Cooper Face

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. Work is in progress and will develop WRR grant supported treatment blocks for 2022.



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CP 51 Keen Creek

Some of the timber damaged by hemlock looper as we noticed during our fall 2020 overview flight in Keen Creek did not recover. We found an estimated 45ha of killed timber between 4km and 6km along the Keen Mainline. A salvage permit is under development with a hopeful harvest date starting in August 2021. We don't want to run too far into winter conditions due to the fragile Keen road conditions. Director Mattes recently donated his expertise and time to come out and evaluate mainline and bridge upgrades needed for hauling. This permit was added to the mid-term budget amendment.



Hemlock Looper is an unusual forest pest in our area, and is more often found in locations to the north of here.

CP 42-7 Schroeder Ck

Our FES winter block has given us a bit of a headache, and Director Drain can tell the tale. One of the large landing burn pits which we let burn out and spread in February has repeatedly flared up over the months and finally needed hoe and water work to end the tantrum. Stan Baker assisted with equipment and Russel Semenov, our volunteer wildfire crew boss ran us through a practice with our truck bladder and wildfire equipment.



Silviculture

Wildhorse Forestry planted just over 34,000 seedlings for us in the 2019 harvested CP41 blocks up Cooper Face. The CP is now fully stocked and the trees planted last spring are performing well. Plantation reconnaissance shows that the rainy spring in 2020 had excellent growth benefits and we are very relieved we received the latest rain during the thunderstorms. Weather forecast however is heating up considerably as we approach July and despite the recent rains fine fuels at mid and low elevation are losing moisture fast. The lack of snow last winter in these elevation bands has created conditions of rapidly drying duff and surface soils.



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WILDFIRE

We invited BCWS Officer Art Westerhaug to Kaslo for the annual pre-season visit in preparation for what is expected to be a drier summer. We received rosters and other organizational updates and toured our completed Kaslo-Shutty and Schroeder wildfire risk reduction installations. Art was happy to see the safety improvements for his ground crews in case deployment was needed in the interface.

Managers also met with KVFD Chief Douglas Yee to field review the now complete Kaslo-Shutty wildfire risk reduction installations and familiarize the KVFD with the Wardner trail system, hillside and new fire access created to their fire response area. Adjacency of forested urban interface lands requires informed land manager collaboration in case of an emergency.

INTERNAL

The new director tablets are ready for use. Our gratitude to the CBT for helping our Society navigate the virtual age. Please visit our new website for updates and use the visual tools to find out where the action is.

VOK invited Managers and Chair to attend their virtual COW meeting on June 15 and report on activities.

Managers prepared a budget amendment due to the development of the Keen looper salvage permit and the lasting high in the log markets. The amendment will use these markets to catch up on our 2020 AAC shortfall and bring the Operations Reserve budget closer to the \$1M target mandated by the reserve policy to support operations during leaner times.

Managers met with Lance Constantine, a new family addition to Kaslo, who is looking to build a business as a sawyer. Lance brought along with him a Woodmizer LT70 sawmill, which is the same mill in use at Harrop Procter Forest Products.



Modernizing Forestry in BC: As KDCFS is working towards the internal completion of our Mid-Term Supply analysis the Province is entering a major transition period that promises deep-reaching changes to the forest tenure system and its legal framework. The BC Community Forest Association has asked Community Forests for feedback on the direction the BCCFA should push in their consultation with our political representatives.

RECREATION in the Tenure

The Kaslo Mountain Bike Club has inquired whether the Board would like to participate in developing information Kiosks with KMBC/KORTS and the Village, as they are upgrading the kiosk at Buchanan/Kaslo Interpretive Forest, True Blue and likely at Wardner and East Access Trailheads. The email did not have a dollar amount or a timeline because they are still sorting that out. Suggested information provided on these kiosks ranges from wildlife best practices, recreation



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information/best practices, vegetation/invasives information, wildfire education/safety/mitigation work etc. and a panel dedicated to forest management, shared values in the area and the role/relationships of KDCFS and WL 494. WL494 meanwhile has declined KMBC's offer for participation.

KMBC's contractor Steve Doucet has started construction of the 22km bi-directional Mt Buchanan mountain bike trail on the 7 Mile landscape unit. We visited to chat about the installment and to gain information about recreational trail construction using the Whistler MTB trail standards. We discussed potential development of local standards to be appended to the updated MOU and establishment of threshold markers for excessive plantation damage.

Management Team Recommendations

1. That the Board adopt the proposed 2021 Budget Amendment #1.
2. That the directors define how the BCCFA may promote KDCFS future needs in their discussions with our political leadership.