

# Management Team Report Feb-March 2021

## **WOODLANDS**

Log prices continue to improve. We are now firming up additional 2020 harvest projects to maximize our AAC and potentially catch up on 2020 undercut.

## CP 42 / Schroeder Wildfire Project (FESBC)

This FES wildfire risk reduction project was completed on March 3 just in time for the March 15 FES fiscal reporting deadline. Data base submissions will continue until the end of March. We will return to burn 2 piles this fall and grade the driveway when it firms up. Our adjacent private land hosts were appreciative about the risk reduction work and were great collaborators.

### **Spring Schedule**

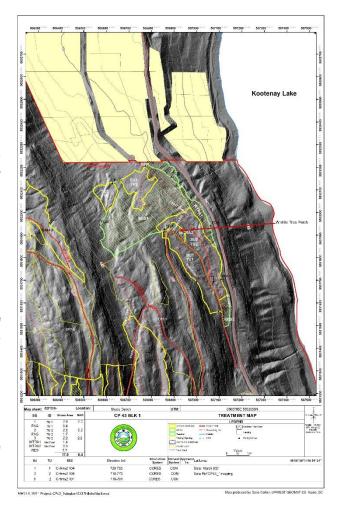
Timber Ridge Contracting has returned to Branch 7 and is currently logging Block 1 of CP 43, one of 4 blocks in our Kaslo-Shutty Wildfire project left incomplete last fall. The crew will be in the Branch 7 area until May. We have met with adjacent landowners in the Tangye block and are proceeding with their input. Brenton Industries is assisting with cat work to open the main road and forwarding trail. Post harvest work will require some restoration of untenured motorized recreation trails that are located in this block.

The Harrop Procter community forest is currently not harvesting which is impacting the log supply of Douglas fir to their mill. We have agreed to supply the mill with 3 - 4 loads of Douglas fir a week while we are harvesting up Branch 7.

We continue to develop STI and Wildfire Risk Reduction opportunities to provide flexibility to our operation:

## **CP 46**

Timber development work is being carried out in a few snow free areas in the northern part of our chart including a future WRR block near Lardeau as well as a block near the Milford gravel pit. These blocks are a mix of Douglas fir, hemlock and larch.



#### **CP 47**

Wildfire risk reduction planning in the Branch 7 area continues with CP 47. Block 1 is a large planning area that will be broken down into smaller operational units.

Blocks 3 and 4 we are looking at for potential hand treatments to help complete the fuel break on our License around Kaslo. These areas would be a thin from below "hand" treatment removing the dead fall and ladder fuel while leaving the over story intact. If possible a small machine could be utilized to aid in the piling and burning. Block 5 is a potential hand treatment area as well. Due to steep slopes it will be limited in size but would provide a fuel free zone directly adjacent to private land in Shutty Bench.

#### **CP 49**

Timber development work has started near the Kaslo reservoir and will help form a fuel break around the reservoir and east end of the dump. It is a large area that will be broken down into smaller units due to hydrology, visuals and other constraints. This area is predominantly hemlock with a small component of cedar and Douglas fir.



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We are still searching for a cable logger to diversify our harvest areas and balance our harvest systems for 2021.

## **SILVICULTURE**

2021 spring planting consists of only a small 34K contract in the high Cooper elevations, completing 2019 harvested CP41 and 37. The work has been awarded to Wildhorse Forestry Ltd. and will be a late spring project due to high elevation. We are nearing the provincial reporting deadline for our silviculture obligation submissions and this work is still ongoing. We were commended by Certes, the provincial Data Quality Monitor for our reporting practices.

## **INTERNAL**

The Annual Statements are in the works by Grant Thornton LLP. The updated Silviculture Liability projections are now complete and were added. Member mailouts and AGM preparations are forefront activities. Our website reconstruction is nearing its last phase with hopes to launch prior to the AGM. Having lost our Member page, AGM notifications and resources are in the meantime posted in the NEWS bulletin section. Our new 5 year memberships are finding use by members. Managers encourage Directors to actively remind the Community to purchase their memberships prior to April 14. Membership forms are added to the Board Hub and AC Board Meeting Materials for printing.

## Recreation

The KDCFS has been approached by the Kaslo Mountain Bike Club (KMBC), a club under the KORTS umbrella, to support a 22km bi-directional trail connecting the southwest face of Mt Buchanan and the Bucky Recreation Area with Milford Ridge. The 3-section project which lies mostly within CFA license K3C has secured funding from the province and is led by Marie-Ange Fournier Beck. A Request For Proposal has been advertised with a closing date on April 8 to attract a professional single track builder adhering to the standards of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA). The work is expected to extend through 2021 and possibly into 2022. Chair Steve Anderson has acted as the KDCFS/KMBC liaison. Managers have reached out to government officials and other CFA area-based licensees regarding potential liabilities, agreements and consultation processes within their licenses and have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for KORTS review and comment. We have asked that the KDCFS be added to KORTS Liability Insurance as addl. insured.

## **Management Team Recommendations**

- 1. that directors renew their Society memberships and Nominations and encourage their friends to become members.
- 2. that the Recreation CTE review TOR and need for existence.
- 3. that the LTP CTE convene to discuss the Business Ventures Assessment Proposal and Form
- 4. that the registered office of the Society be relocated to Sunnyside Naturals at the Kootenaian Building #404 Front Street.