



## Management Team Report August-September 2021

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### WOODLANDS

Lumber markets have tanked over the summer with lumber going from an all-time high of over \$1600 per thousand board feet to now hovering around \$600. Prices for logs are starting to reflect the crash but we have secured good prices until the end of the year.

Until the end of August 17,000m<sup>3</sup> has been shipped with another 13,000m<sup>3</sup> projected to bring our total close to 30,000m<sup>3</sup> for 2021.

#### **CP 51 – Keen Creek**

Timber Ridge has almost completed harvesting of the 5ha conventional area in block 2, netting approximately 2000m<sup>3</sup>. Block 1, (10ha 4000m<sup>3</sup>) will be harvested through the end of September and October. No cable logger has been found yet to harvest the cable section of block 2.

#### **CP 48 – Cooper Face**

Iron Peaks commenced harvesting on August 30<sup>th</sup>, starting in the conventional area to allow the hand fallers to fall put some tress. The yarder with an intermediate support is setup, with approximately 5ha felled and partly yarded. We are hoping for a late snow year to enable operations to continue.







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### **Lost Ledge Road**

Timber Ridge completed brushing the road, opening up access for quads and pick ups across Lost Ledge Creek. The road still needs culverts, ditching and grading which will be done in 2022 with the bridge installation. The bridge has been tendered and will be constructed over the winter with delivery in late spring / early summer.



### **Keen Creek**

The second bridge over Ben Hur Creek was damaged either before or during harvesting of CP 36, with the downstream stringer falling towards the creek and the deck rotting away, posing a public safety hazard. CJ Logging has repaired the bridge over the last few weeks, providing safe recreation, water monitoring activities, and future harvesting opportunities.







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At approximately 9km on the Keen Creek Road a rock slide has come down and blocked the road. To provide safe passage and to prevent the road disappearing into the creek CJ Logging will remove the debris and repair the road.

### Special Trees

Another Special Tree has been found, this one being a 340.4cm diameter cedar near the banks of Keen Creek.

### INTERNAL

### Timber Supply Review

The Timber Supply Review is has been put on hold until the winter due to operational commitments.

### Wildfire Risk Reduction Work

With the fire season over around the West Kootenay, it is looking promising we will have a Kaslo hand crew to complete the CBT funded juvenile spacing project up Branch 7 (CP43-3B), the Bucky Cabin juvenile spacing project and the East Access hand treatment. The Bucky Cabin and East Access treatments are currently being developed with an anticipated start date in early October. 43-3B was partially completed before fire season shut down and will start up again shortly.

### FLNRORD Tour

On August 26<sup>th</sup> our former FLNRORD CFA forester Marley Chewter came out with her replacement, Julia Podealuk, for a brief tour of our license. Stops included the hemlock looper outbreak and the cedar Special Tree in Keen Creek, as well as the yew Special Tree up Branch 3. Marley was an excellent representative for CFAs and will be missed but we are excited to work with Julia.