

Managers Report November-December 2021

WOODLANDS

Timber Ridge has finished the Nashton road building with only the culverts left to install this week. This will conclude harvesting and road building activities for 2021 and it is anticipated we won't start up again until the spring. It was a successful year financially due to high lumber prices, having a local contractor working full time and permits ready to harvest. Multiple Wildfire Risk Reduction projects were also completed, including Schroeder Creek and finishing the planned CP 43 Kaslo-Shutty Wildfire Corridor.

Waterbars were installed on the Keen Creek and Milford roads to help maintain drainage control. With the wet fall it meant hauling on saturated roads down Keen Creek and Cooper Face, creating ruts and other issues that need to be addressed in the spring once the roads dry out.

32,725m3 came across the scales until the end of November with another 15 loads shipping out in December from the Nashton road building. Log prices dipped in the early fall but have gone back up similar to the prices we were receiving in the summer and are projected to remain strong into 2022.

KDCFS 2021 Harvest Summary			Volume by Species	
СР	Planned m3	Actual m3	Species	M3
42	9250	10,668	Hemlock	16,300
43	4200	4820	Fir	4900
44	3500	Not harvested	Cedar	3600
48	12,000	8416	Larch	1550
51	6000	7185	Spruce	725
ROW	1000	1633	Balsam	170
CP 48 road m3 included in ROW but CP 48 in budget			White pine	80
			Pulp	5400

Looking ahead at plans for 2022:

CP 44 – cable harvest blocks 3 and 4. Sections of these blocks have high incidence of root rot disease in the Douglas fir.

CP 48 – harvest the remaining 8.5ha from the large cable block started in 2021. Contract with Stella Jones remains in place until October.

CP 51 – harvest 9ha of Hemlock looper killed hemlock. It is cable harvesting that we could not secure a contractor for in 2021.

Lost Ledge – upgrade the road to hauling standard and install bridge over Lost Ledge Creek. Harvest a 4500m3 conventional block.

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Budget

The KDCFS Draft 2022 Annual Budget has been prepared, please see it in the Managers Report folder.



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Wildfire Risk Reduction Work

The BCCFA funded Bucky Cabin juvenile spacing project has been halted with too much snow on the road to provide safe travelling conditions. The grant has been extended until October 31, 2022 so the work will resume in the spring.

The Buchanan East Access project, which will be funded by FESBC, is nearing approval. This is an 8ha area on our license adjacent to Village land. It will be a thin from below hand treatment done by the same local crew that was doing the Bucky project, removing small trees that are ladder fuel and cleaning up blowdown around the East Access Trail.