



# Managers Report December 2021 – January 2022

## WOODLANDS

It's been pretty quiet over the last month. There are still approximately 10 loads to ship from the Nashton road building which will happen this week. This wood was forwarded down the road before Christmas so it didn't get snowed in and is decked by the Kaslo dump.

With the warmer weather the snow has consolidated, enabling better walking conditions in the woods. With the snow set up, timber development work will start up Lost Ledge in the coming weeks.

Even though Davis Creek isn't currently being utilized for consumptive use it is still a recognized Community Watershed and must be managed as such. We requested a Watershed Assessment from Kim Green of Apex Geoscientists in the fall of 2020 and the Davis Creek Watershed Assessment was received this week. The assessment gives an overview of the Davis Creek watershed, including historic fires, debris flows and equivalent clearcut areas. This report will help guide timber development planning within the watershed over the coming years.

## SAFETY

Operations concluded just before Christmas last year. Through a safety lens it was a successful year with no recordable injuries or time lost. With the excessively wet fall we had there were a few minor incidents hauling on the Nashton road where the logging trucks ended up in the ditch trying to take a switchback too tight. The logs had to be unloaded, truck pulled out and reloaded. Hauling was suspended until the temperatures dropped and the road froze.

No new contracts were signed in December and none are expected to be signed until April 2022 when operations resume. See Manager Report folder for example Pre Work, ERP and Site Hazard Inspection forms.





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### OLD GROWTH DEFERRAL

In November 2021 the BC government announced Priority Old Growth areas that should be deferred from timber harvesting. The areas identified have been chosen as they are ancient, rare or some of BCs most at risk old growth forest. VRI (vegetation resource inventory) data was used to identify these stands, with some criteria being forests that are over 140 years old, having large trees, and that may be rare in the Biogeoclimatic Zone (BEC) due to harvesting, forest fire or beetle outbreak. KDCFS has areas spread across its license (see maps in MR folder) but the majority is concentrated in the Cooper- Davis Creek area. Approximately 15% of our operable area is within these polygons which will affect our AAC going forward. I have walked some of the Priority Old Growth areas and they are cedar/hemlock stands with huge trees with minimal economic value due to rot and other defects that should be preserved.

### INTERNAL

#### **Wildfire Risk Reduction Work**

The Buchanan East Access project, funded by FESBC, was approved this week. With the warmer weather the last two weeks, the snow has receded to a level where the work can be completed safely and effectively. The Fuel Management Prescription is done and it is anticipated the work will commence right away.