



Managers Report January – February 2022

WOODLANDS

Office planning for timber development up Lost Ledge is underway and field work will commence in the coming weeks. This area has not seen primary forest activities in over 30 years and has large swaths of the Old Growth Deferral Areas (OGDA) and immature timber types from forest fires. Planning will incorporate OGDAs, biodiversity and connectivity across the landscape while also focusing on areas which can be treated for wildfire risk reduction.

SAFETY

Timber Falls (Craig Barshcel) and crew started the Buchanan East Access Wildfire Risk Reduction work February 1st. A pre work was completed for the contract. Due to the snow levels only a few hectares have been completed as we don't want to leave stump spikes which could pose a public safety hazard. There are no safety incidents or close calls associated with the contract to date.

SILVICULTURE

In fall 2021 silviculture surveys were conducted by Arrowstone Forest Contracting out of Creston. Regen and free growing (FG) surveys were conducted over 20 blocks totalling 171ha. All of the plantations were sufficiently restocked, meaning no additional fill planting is needed. 8 blocks (64ha) were declared FG. Brushing is recommended on 6 blocks (35ha) for the fall of 2022, which will allow these blocks to undergo another FG survey in 2023 when they are expected to be declared FG as well. The remaining blocks will have FG surveys scheduled for 2023 and 2024 after which all the blocks are expected to meet FG criteria.

INTERNAL

Wildfire Risk Reduction Work

The Buchanan East Access project was started February 1st by Craig Barschel and crew. The work has been stalled until the snow conditions improve.