



Managers Report May – June 2022

WOODLANDS

Timber Ridge (Shane) started harvesting up Branch 3 on June 14th in CP 42 blocks 4 and 5. There is approximately 3000m³ (Hemlock 70%, Cedar 20%, Fir/Larch 10%) in these two blocks. The folks living in the Farr farm have asked for a load of firewood to be donated and this will be provided to them but will be mostly hemlock due to the timber profile in the blocks. Log prices are starting to slip but we managed to secure \$180/m³ for Douglas fir and \$125/m³ for hemlock.



Market depending Shane will move to CP 48-2 up Cooper Face. The block is approximately 40ha and is comprised of spruce/hemlock/balsam, The hemlock is concentrated on the lower slopes and is mostly riddled with conk which resulting in a pulp heavy stand. We would lose \$30/m³ shipping the pulp to Mercer so the hemlock area will be placed in a reserve. Due to the hemlock and some wet areas, the block will be reduced down to 20ha or 7000m³ (Spruce 50%, Balsam 40%, Hemlock 10%). There is quite a bit of dead balsam in the block and we are going to explore the option of trucking it to our leased lot by the airport and mixing it with other firewood and selling it by the cord. The bridge over the Davis Creek tributary we replaced the deck on last year has now been deemed by the engineers to be unsafe for hauling. Colin Jacobs has a used steel bridge that will replace the old log bridge and we will be able to reuse the decking.



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A certified faller was hired to clear the Keen Creek road of the large downed trees and is now passable.



CP 46

Timber development is complete on a 20ha (7000m³ – Hemlock 70%, Cedar 20%, Larch 10%) block on the southern shoulder of Lost Ledge Creek and the cutting permit has been applied for. Due to the road being mostly unused for 40 years and the abundance of water in sections Sitkum Consulting is conducting a drainage plan for the main Lost Ledge to ensure we manage the water correctly. We shared our road and harvest plans with the Lost Ledge ski cabin club as they are regular users of this road and will incorporate any concerns into the block design. The plan is to fix up the Lost Ledge road to hauling standards and harvest the block this year. Depending on timing the bridge and most of the culverts will probably not be installed until 2023 in order to capitalize on the strong log markets this year.



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SAFETY

Harvesting commenced last week. See Pre-Work Inspection in the Managers Report folder. There were no safety incidents or close calls reported from the WRR or harvesting work.

SILVICULTURE

The silviculture surveys conducted in the fall of 2021 identified 21.5ha of brushing to be completed to aid small fill planted trees get some sunlight and to remove birch and aspen competition so we can declare some blocks free growing. The local crew conducting the wildfire risk reduction work will do the brushing.

CP 42-7 was a FESBC funded WRR project just south of Schroeder Creek that was harvested over the winter and spring of 2021. Our local resident of the area and Board member Doug informed us about thistle taking over the block. To prevent the spread and eventual takeover of this block John Cathro's kids and with a friend, along with myself and my kids and a few of their friends slashed thistles for a few days before calling in the hand treatment crew to help. Some of the thistle bushes had 10 stalks and were 6 feet in diameter and almost as tall.

INTERNAL

Wildfire Risk Reduction Work

The Buchanan East Access project reporting and grant funding claim to FESBC is almost complete. The Bucky Cabin project is still underway and is estimated to be completed around the end of June.

We received a call last week from FP Innovations who conduct research on different aspects of forestry, from harvesting equipment to biomass utilization. They want to setup a weather station in one of our WRR blocks with a control station setup nearby in an untreated area to compare the weather patterns. We toured up Branch 7 and CP 43 block 2 will likely be utilized in the research project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

#1. Approve the KDCFS 2022 Annual Budget Amendment #1