



Managers Report February - March 2023

WOODLANDS

Briggs Creek

With the late winter snow pressing down the vegetation on brushed in roads we are able to access more areas on snowmobiles and are developing additional blocks for fire salvage, totalling approximately 60 - 80ha. There is variable mortality in the blocks with some blocks having most or all of the trees dead or flagging (dying), with green trees in other blocks. The green areas tend to be lower down towards Keen Creek and will die off but hopefully will be salvageable through 2024. In order to salvage as much sawlog as possible we will target the blocks that are dead and flagging, with the greener blocks planned for the winter or next year. Timber Ridge is expected to start road building in June followed by harvesting. Sunshine Logging will build the Nashton road and harvest the block with the winch assist harvester and yarder if need be, starting in June or early July. Talks have started with Stella Jones and hoping Iron Peaks, who harvested our Cooper Face cable block the last few years, are available for 8000m3+ in Keen Creek this year.

The preliminary visual impact assessment has been completed for the Nashton block and is in the MR folder. The process has been started to apply for a visual exemption for this block, which includes a FSP amendment. An overview map showing the developed blocks with the Old Growth Deferral and OGMA areas is in the MR folder as well.

Wealth Minerals has agreed to sign a Road Use Agreement with us and to provide a stipend to use the road for mineral exploration. The details are still being worked out but they are anticipating to be up there for 3 years.

SAFETY

No active operations.

SILVICULTURE

With the snow starting to melt at low elevations where most of our planting will occur, it is anticipated we could start planting at the end of April.

INTERNAL

The Kaslo FireSmart Committee has been active over the winter and is planning another open house in April to discuss planned activities for the year.