



Manager Report February - March 2024

WOODLANDS

Briggs Creek

Log prices are anticipated to be around the same as they were in 2023, allowing us to pursue the continued fire salvage up Keen Creek.

Timber development on additional blocks and a new road is nearing completion. We will apply for the road permit shortly. There is a small overlap (0.3ha) with an Old Growth Deferral polygon that we will have to submit a rationale for in order to build road through and harvest. The trees are 80% dead within this area so the rationale will be approved.

SAFETY

No safety incidents in February or March from the WRR work in Jimi Crack Corn.

SILVICULTURE

We met with West Arm Silviculture last week to sign the planting contract and discuss a plan. CP 42 up Branch 3 still has a bit of snow but we anticipate starting planting in early April. The rest of the blocks are scattered up Keen Creek, Lost Ledge and Cooper Face so there will be delays as we wait for the snow to melt in the blocks and on the roads.

INTERNAL

The Sinixt Confederacy opened an office in Nelson in October 2023. They, along with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, will be conducting joint training sessions with the Province of BC concerning the Sinixt ethnohistorical report (in MR folder), as well as the implementation of the Desautel decision on April 26th. Jeff M and I will be attending this.

WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Work continues on the Jimi Crack Corn project and we are around 8ha out of 10ha complete. Due to the balmy weather we have been having, the burning window is shrinking which may push completion of this project to the fall of 2024. A community field tour is being planned for this site which will likely be on April 27th.



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Kaslo FireSmart is holding an open house on the evening of April 3rd. There will be information tables from multiple organizations and presentations by Jessie Lay on FireSmart and what's going on in the community, John Cathro on the new Kaslo Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP), and KDCFS on our WRR work.