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WOODLANDS

Briggs Creek

Timber development continues up Keen Creek on a couple additional blocks, one being predominately cedar. Planning is still underway but harvesting is expected to start in early summer.

SAFETY

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

SILVICULTURE

INTERNAL

Winter in the Forest was a huge success again, with an estimated 250 people attending the event on a beautiful sunny day. Due to lack of snow KORTS didn't bring out the X-country skis but the rest of the usual attendees were there, including the KVFD, SAR, FireSmart, the youth center, KDCFS, the Housing Society and many more volunteers who helped with the setup, running the event, and take down. A huge thank you to Cloe for taking the lead again, and Board members Chris Webster, who put a lot of time and effort in to make the event happen, Doug Drain, Stephen Neville, Steve Fawcett and Greg Lay for helping out as well. See pics in MR folder.

BC is moving to the Forest Operations Map (FOM) system where proposed cutblocks and roads must be posted on the Forest Operations Map online portal, which is visible in iMapBC. The development must be posted on the website for a 30-day public review and commenting period before the permits can be applied for. See doc in the MR folder for more info. We are working towards our first FOM submission.

Land Act Amendments in BC are coming, which entails a legislative amendment to enable agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies to share decision-making about public land use. The Provinces goal is for meaningful, transparent engagement that will allow for all voices to be heard. This has the potential to impact the natural resource sector, including forestry, in a big way. The public engagement period is open, more information and written submissions can be made at the link below.

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/engagement/land-act-amendments/>



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WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Work continues on the Jimi Crack Corn project and is expected to be complete near the end of March.

The final draft of the Fuel Management Prescription for an area near Lardeau is complete, covering around 25ha. The FMP will be circulated to residents of the area for review and feedback with another field tour scheduled for early March.

The BCCFA is conducting interviews with Community Forests to help understand how the BC Wildfire Service can support us. It sounds like they are working towards a regular annual funding model where Community Forests would receive a set amount of money annually to conduct wildfire risk reduction work on our license. Other topics included supplying technical support and having learning sessions which could include webinars, workshops, meetings or field tours.