



# Manager Report April - May 2024

## WOODLANDS

### Briggs Creek

Lumber markets are fairly weak with some doomsday stories, such as Canfor abandoning plans to replace its closed sawmill in Houston and permanently closing its sawmill in Bear Lake. Log prices are low and most operators weren't accepting new fiber a month ago but log buyers from Interfor and Kalesnikoff came out this month to look at our timber up Keen Creek. It sounds promising we can log this year but with the projected log prices finishing the cable harvesting salvage would lose too much money to proceed.



## SAFETY

No active operations and no safety incidents.

## SILVICULTURE

Planting is well underway, with the blocks above the Farr farm, Kemp Creek, and multiple blocks up Keen Creek being planted. The snow has moved up allowing us to start planting the CP 36 blocks at the back end of Keen Creek that were planted previously but burnt in the Briggs Creek fire. The Lost Ledge planting will start this week as well, which will leave two blocks up Cooper to finish the season.

Walkthrough regen and free growing surveys have been completed on multiple blocks on our license, IDing areas where seedlings died in 2023 due to drought which will be fill planted, and areas where brushing is required in order to declare blocks free growing. Due to the high cost of brushing, we will be targeting just the areas within each block that need brushing and not brushing the whole block.



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### INTERNAL

The new requirement for licensees to publish a Forest Operations Map (FOM) came into effect in April 1<sup>st</sup>. All blocks and roads need to be included on the FOM for 30 days prior to applying for the permits. Our first FOM will be posted on May 27 and advertised in the Pennywise and on our website.

The Province just released From Review to Action, a formal action plan in response to the 14 recommendations from the 2020 Old Growth Strategic Review, which led to the formation of the Old Growth deferral polygons. The plan is in the MR folder.

Also, a new old growth website has been released by the Province at the following link:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/old-growth-forests>

### WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

We held a community field tour of the Jimi treatment area. It was a gloomy morning which may have deterred some people as the turnout wasn't great but was informative for the people who did attend. Craig, who completed the work, was there to answer operational and safety questions.