



Manager Report May - June 2024

WOODLANDS

Briggs Creek

Due to weak lumber markets we are unable to sell hemlock which is a major species in our harvest profile, especially this year when we want to finish the fire salvage up Keen Creek. To keep Timber Ridge busy we will be harvesting a burnt block (30ha, 7000m³) up Keen Creek which is 90% pulp due to the high intensity crown fire. With the FESBC incremental haul grant we will break even on the pulp and there will be incidental spruce and larch which we can sell as sawlog.

The bridge over Kwalala Creek, around 9km up Keen Creek, has deteriorating decking that will be replaced by Colin Jacobs in early July. The timbers are being cut by Waneco.

Once we are finished the Kwalala bridge, the bridge over Lost Ledge Creek will be installed.

Sunshine Logging will be doing some road cleanup and installing waterbars on the Cooper Face road up to around 6km. The roads to the KIN tower and Fishhook Lake will also be brushed out for access.

SAFETY

No safety incidents from the planting or silviculture activities.

SILVICULTURE

Planting will be complete this week with 205,000 trees planted, which is one of if not the biggest year for planting on our license. Due to high germination rates at the nursery, we had several thousand extra trees which we used to fill plant a few areas we planted in 2023 that had high mortality due to drought, and also some of the areas which we harvested last year in Keen Creek.

Walkthrough regen and free growing surveys have been completed on most blocks that need it in our license and we have developed plans to get multiple blocks to free growing in the next few years. Craig Barschel and Johannes Smith started brushing this week up Branch 7 and will be spot brushing many blocks this year. Multiple blocks don't need brushing and will have free growing surveys completed this fall. We are working on a more comprehensive silviculture report to come later this year.



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INTERNAL

WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Quiet on the WRR front these days, but are finishing up the reporting from a few completed projects. We will probably apply for some funding through FESBC to conduct treatments on the area near Lardeau where the FMP