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WOODLANDS

Timber Ridge has been harvesting a fire burned pulp block up Keen Creek since the end of July. It is going well with some incidental hemlock and spruce sawlog which Kalesnikoff is buying. It is anticipated it will take another 2-3 weeks to finish harvesting.

We have an 18ha block, around 4500m³, of fire damaged hemlock that is next on the harvest schedule but continued weak lumber markets are making it difficult to sell the timber. We are exploring options to sell our hemlock, including exporting to the USA. This sounded promising but have hit a road block in that we can't export burnt timber. However, ATCO may purchase the hemlock to use in their peeler plant and we should find out shortly if this option is feasible. If we can't sell the hemlock as sawlog or peeler we will look into the option of sending it the pulp mill. Not the best use of the fiber but potentially the only use.



The bridge over Lost Ledge Creek is almost done, with about a week of work remaining. It was a tight crossing and blue clay was discovered in the cut slope banks trying to widen the road so the bridge had to be moved slightly and extra work done to ensure the stability of the site. The bridge is being certified by the designer, SNT from Nelson, in accordance with professional standards.



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The decking for the Kwalala Creek bridge has been cut and will be installed once Colin Jacobs is finished up Lost Ledge.

Sushine Logging has completed brushing out the roads on Cooper Face.

Road Permits have been applied for up Lost Ledge for some old existing roads which will gain access for in case of a forest fire and for timber development. Sections Lost Ledge 4-6 on the map (in the MR folder) will be applied for while we have dropped Lost Ledge 7 due to terrain and cost concerns as there are two bridges in disrepair and the road crosses some seriously steep ground. The road is still quadable through efforts of the Powder Bound ski club. The other roads on the north side of Lost Ledge Creek are already permitted. We plan on conducting brushing work on some of these roads this fall.

SAFETY

No safety incidents from the road building or harvesting operations.

SILVICULTURE

Multiple blocks have been brushed this summer and free growing surveys are scheduled for this fall. Again, we are working on a more comprehensive silviculture report to come later this year that will include a RESULTS and free growing update.

INTERNAL

With the close proximity of forest fires to homes this year quite a few people reached out to us to enquire about forest fire fighting training. The result was KDCFS sponsoring the S100 and S185 training course for 17 locals last weekend. Between KDCFS, people who took the training, and other concerned locals, efforts are being made to establish a Kaslo crew similar to the Argenta crew that assisted BCWS crews in fighting the fires this summer. We had enough interest via word of mouth to fill the course but more people are expressing interest so we may consider hosting another training session in the future.

A few licensees (the Creston Community Forest, BCTS and KDCFS) held cross organizational field tours for learning opportunities this past week. Topics included selective harvesting, WUI/WRR work, broadcast burning and a tour of our Briggs Creek fire salvage operations.



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WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Quiet on the WRR front these days, but are finishing up the reporting from a few completed projects. The BCCFA and FESBC have reached out to do stories on our completed projects so Jessie and myself will work with them and circulate once completed.

FESBC and the grant money managers Price Waterhouse Cooper came for a field tour of the recently completed Jimi Crack Corn project. They were very happy with the work conducted and are looking forward to funding more projects.