



# Manager Report February - March 2025

## WOODLANDS

Settles finished harvesting in Keen Creek on March 17. Approximately 5ha (1500 - 2000m<sup>3</sup>) was harvested. Timber was a mix of HwCwFd and pulp. Porcupine is paying us \$18/m<sup>3</sup> to cover silviculture and development costs, and some profit. The weather cooperated, with cold temps keeping the roads and skid trail hard until all the loads were hauled. This will likely conclude our salvage logging operations, unless the hemlock market makes it feasible to harvest a 5 - 10ha block this summer. This block is 99% hemlock with difficult access and harvesting due to steep slopes, rock and water.

The salvage harvesting was concentrated on the face between Nashton and Deer Creeks as this was the only real operable, economic area to salvage. Overview pic (courtesy of J at Stellar) shows the scale of it.



The Keen Creek road is currently blocked at 1.5km by an avalanche.





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### SAFETY

No safety incidents from silviculture surveys, harvesting or timber development.

### SILVICULTURE

Silviculture surveys are ongoing as the snow retreats up the hillsides.

### INTERNAL

The draft Forest Stewardship Plan has been approved by the District, subject to change through the referral process which is set to end on May 24, 2025. A notice went out in the Pennywise on March 24 to let the public know, and letters were sent to stakeholders, directing them to our website to view the FSP, or to arrange a meeting to discuss. No comments have been received to date.

### WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

No word yet on if we successful in our funding applications.

I will be meeting with Art from the BCWS and Mark from BCTS next week to discuss wildfire and how we can be proactive and work together to increase the resiliency of our community. BCTS holds the chart area next to ours on Mt Buchanan so we have been discussing multi-jurisdictional projects.

The Bayview neighbourhood is organizing a vegetation management and danger tree assessment project in the NW corner of the Village of Kaslo, by the No Brakes and Wardner trails. See proposal, including map, in the