



Manager Report October - November 2024

WOODLANDS

The Lost Ledge road work across the bridge is delayed until next spring due to contractors working on the Argenta fire guard reclamation and the early snow. This work will be done by Sunshine Logging.

It seems our bridge installation over Lost Ledge Creek has attracted the interest of the mining outfit that was exploring the area. See emails in the MR folder, Lost Ledge_Ledgend Mining Coms.

SAFETY

No safety incidents from brushing, surveys or timber development.

SILVICULTURE

Slash burning on our harvested blocks has been completed, except for the block that was harvested this year as the waste survey needs to be completed first.

The tree planting contractor, Wes and his brother Chett, two locals who did most of our planting this year, have been confirmed for 2025. There will be around 95k trees for next year, mostly up Keen Creek but also the block behind the dump.

Trees are being ordered for 2026 planting. Due to the weak markets and small amount of logging we did, there will only be around 40k trees.

Silviculture surveys are wrapping up as the snow is limiting access to most areas now.

We are working on the silviculture report and hope to have it for the December board meeting.

INTERNAL

The Village is looking for a Christmas tree to put up downtown. The last few years KDCFS has been asked to help find a tree but with limited access this time of year, unless we are logging, it makes it difficult to find. I suggested we start a Christmas tree "farm" up by the airport. We can donate the trees and while it would take years until they are large enough, once they are it would be a great resource for the Village.



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WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

The FESBC funded project KAS6 will continue in the next 1-2 weeks, weather dependant. We completed TU 1-C, 1-H and 1-J in 2023 with TU 1-A scheduled for this year. The work will be a manual treatment removing small diameter trees, pruning, cleaning up blowdown and burning the debris on site. See map in the MR folder for location.

There are Black Friday sales on Mark III pumps from our local dealer in Kelowna so we are in the process of purchasing two of them. We are applying for a grant to cover the cost of one pump, although due to the nature of the grant it is unlikely we will be successful. We are always exploring these options so hopefully something comes up over the winter.