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WOODLANDS

Sunshine Logging will finish the road upgrades this week.

After this work is completed we will help the Powder Bound ski club repair a few log bridges.

Timber Ridge has moved equipment up Branch 7 and graded the road. Harvesting started this week but due to a skidder breakdown wood won't be moving to the landing for another week or so.



Log prices aren't ideal but Kalesnikoff is still taking wood. Prices currently are Hw \$85/m³, Fd/Lw/Sx \$135/m³ and Cw \$190/m³. This will be a pulp heavy project and pulp prices are down at \$53/m³. Mercer wasn't successful in securing the FESBC incremental haul top up grant but we managed to get \$21/m³ through FESSBC to bring our pulp price up to roughly break even on the harvesting/hauling.

Timber development continues up Lost Ledge with approximately 23,000 m³ being developed. Mostly conventional ground over four blocks, species profile Hw6Lw3Cw1(SxFd).

After this project is completed timber development will focus on Cooper Face with the goal of developing 20-25,000 m³.

Our standing timber inventory (STI) is low, and with the permitting process taking longer it is essential we get ahead with timber development and applying for permits.

There will be some firewood produced this fall and an ad was placed in the Valley Voice, website and social media for 3 loads to be donated to local organizations for fund raising.

A field tour was held with some members of the mountain bike trail building/maintenance crew in CP 56 (behind the airstrip) to discuss trails and harvesting.



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Rhino Reforestation is conducting heli tree planting on the Briggs Creek fire. KDCFS was not contacted regarding this and I just heard about it this week but will find out more information.

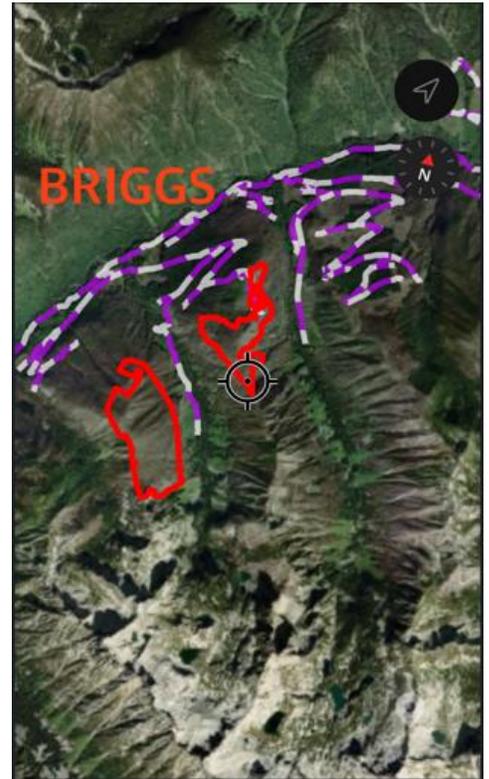
Locations of the planting are the red outlines in the image, it is on the faces between Deer and Ben Hur Creeks, and between Ben Hur and Briggs Creek it appears.

SAFETY

No safety incidents from road work, silviculture surveys or timber development.

SILVICULTURE

Craig is conducting silviculture survey across our license, including regen, free to grow, and walkthroughs of blocks to plan activities in order for the stand to achieve free to grow status. RESULTS reporting and waste survey plans for 2024 and 2025 harvesting are underway.



Across all the cutblocks there has been around 10 sph of Lw that have been snow pressed.

Also in a block up Buchanan there has been an active bear or bears eating the cambiums of the trees, causing extensive stem damage. This is limited to a small area.





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INTERNAL

WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

No other projects currently underway but have applied for the CP 55 (Lardeau) cutting permit so operations can start this fall. The MOF may go on strike any day which could impact the permitting process.

A field tour was held with residents of Lardeau and Argenta on Sept 12 in CP 55 to discuss the project and address questions and concerns. Concerns raised regarding the operations are the visual impact from Argenta and the highway, while concerns over prevailing south winds driving a potential fire up the lake, and the risk of a fire or the repeated brown outs from trees falling on the power lines. With this project a lot of the trees that could fall on the power line will be removed and reducing the stand and fuel density will reduce fire behavior in the event of a wildfire. Another field tour will be held a week into operations.