



## Manager Report June - July 2025

### WOODLANDS

Sunshine Logging is upgrading the Lost Ledge road from Lost Ledge Creek down to the bench. Due to clay soils being present for some sections, the road surface can turn mucky when wet. By digging a larger ditch and installing culverts to control the water the road should dry out but overlanding (placing more appropriate road building dirt on top of the road surface) may be necessary.



Timber development up Lost Ledge carries on with two blocks being developed so far and at least two more to come. They are a mix of mostly hemlock and larch, with some cedar, spruce and Douglas fir as well. The blocks are mainly conventional but will have some cable areas. Total volume estimate is 23,000 m<sup>3</sup>. There are some remnant old growth trees and forests that survived the last fires. Some of these are in the Old Growth Deferral Areas and some aren't. These old trees and forests will be protected by remaining outside the block or placed in Wildlife Tree Retention Areas (WTRAs).

The Forest Operations Map (FOM) for CP 56 will be online and open for comments from July 31 to August 31. It will be advertised on our website and Facebook page.

The Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) has been completed, see it and the block map in the BOARD MEETING JULY 2025 folder. The only place in Kaslo the block will be visible from is the corner of A avenue and Washington Street. It will also be visible from the dump road. In the assessment it is modelled as a clearcut but will be a mix of single tree and group retention.





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We have a FESBC grant to complete 14 hectares of manual thinning and 6 hectares of mechanical implementation (feller buncher) for our Lardeau project. The layout of the project is complete and we expanded it from near the Lost Ledge campground in the south to Davis Creek in the north. Block map is in the JULY 2025 folder. The block follows the highway and BC Hydro power line with the goal to reduce the fuel load and provide better access along the old mining road in case a fire is started from the highway or a tree falling on the power line. A VIA will be complete next week. The block is predominantly Douglas fir with some areas having heavy root rot and thick understory. Timber harvesting will occur fall 2025 with the manual WRR work starting in the fall and likely carrying on through the winter.





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Timber harvesting with FESBC funded thinning and post harvest cleanup of CP 47-1, the block at the end of our new spur up Branch 7, is anticipated to start within a month. We were also able to access the FESBC incremental haul grant for the fiber being shipped to the pulp mill.

The work will be completed by Timber Ridge and will take around 6 weeks to complete. The stand is comprised of overdense hemlock understory with residual hemlock and larch, with a bit of cedar, Douglas fir and spruce mixed in.

The understory will be removed, getting what we can on a truck to the pulp mill with the rest being piled and burned on site. The sawlog will be sold to local mills. The goal of this project is to reduce the fuel load and stand conversion, replacing the hemlock with Douglas fir and larch, which are more fire resistant and better adapted for climate change.





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KORTS is brushing and fixing up waterbars on the 7-Mile road, work being done by Steve Doucet. KDCFS has offered to assist in the costs to maintain the road as part of our annual road maintenance. The upper 7-Mile road has long been neglected and was really brushed in but is now pick up truck passable.

### **SAFETY**

No safety incidents from road work 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.

### **INTERNAL**

### **WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION**

Cathro Consulting is currently developing the Fuel Management Prescription for CP 47-1 which will be completed in August, in time for the work to commence.

No other projects currently underway but working towards getting CP 55 (Lardeau) approved so operations can start this fall.