



# Manager Report October - November 2025

## WOODLANDS

Timber Ridge is harvesting CP 55, the block along the highway from the Lost Ledge campground to Lardeau. The timber is almost all Douglas fir and larch. Harvesting will be complete in the next week or two. See the WRR section for more details.



CP 56, a block behind the airstrip up the True Blue road will be harvested starting in January. Hemlock market dependant, the plan is to harvest at least 3000m<sup>3</sup>. Species mix is Douglas fir, hemlock and cedar.

CP 57 - Western toads have been found in the large block up Lost Ledge. While Western toads aren't legally protected we are following the best management practices and working with a biologist on a management strategy.



Timber development up Cooper Face continues as we were targeting spruce and larch leading blocks but currently spruce isn't marketable so we are developing more larch leading blocks.



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## SAFETY

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

## SILVICULTURE

Craig has completed the silviculture surveys for 2025. The data needs to be reviewed but numerous blocks have achieved free to grow. This will be done early in the New Year.

## INTERNAL

The road from the highway up to the Moose Meadows cross country ski cabin was narrowing and the ditch was becoming a potential hazard for skiers descending the steep hill in low snow years. We graded the road to widen it and reduce the ditch depth.

The donated firewood load being processed by students, parents and teachers for the JVH Outdoor Ed Class.





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### WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

There are many piles from the thinning work completed around the Wardner Trail and Buchanan Fire Access trail from this spring that couldn't be burnt in the spring due to risk of them getting away in the warm weather. With the cooler and wetter weather these piles are being burnt, with smoke visible from Kaslo.

The work in CP 55, the project that extends from the Lost Ledge campground to Davis Creek, began in October. Approximately 10ha will be a manual thin from below treatment, while the remaining 20ha is mechanical implementation. The plan was to remove all the trees that could fall on the powerline but after we did this in the southern area we received feedback from the public indicating it looks like a clearcut. The other areas we were going to harvest up to the powerline will now be reserved for visuals from the highway and we will do a heavier removal up the hill centered around the old trails and roads, which have been upgraded for access. Patches, single trees and immature trees have been left for biodiversity and visuals.



The FESBC put out a Expression of Interest call for 2027-2029 projects to gauge interest and potential funding amounts. We submitted 6 proposals listed below.



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1. KAS3 manual treatment. The FMP is currently being developed for a large area of unallocated Crown land above Kaslo. Planning in the Shubby Bench area.
2. Fiber utilization for harvest to allow us to break even shipping pulp.
3. CP 55 post harvest clean up.
4. Brushing roads within Kaslo;s WUI to allow for access. This would also include continuing with the access plan started by John Addison on behalf of the Kaslo FireSmart Committee.
5. CP 56 post harvest clean up.

