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WOODLANDS

Sunshine Logging finished the road upgrades up Lost Ledge. There are a few sections of new construction to be completed but only around 1km total. This work sets us up with some mostly roaded STI (standing timber inventory).

Timber Ridge has finished harvesting in CP 47 and we will be shipping wood for the next week or two.

The permit for the next project, CP 55, a block that extends from near Lost Ledge campground to Lardeau was recently approved and work will start out there in the next few weeks. Lumber markets are weakening with Interfor not buying any wood but Kalesnikoff will take the wood from this project.



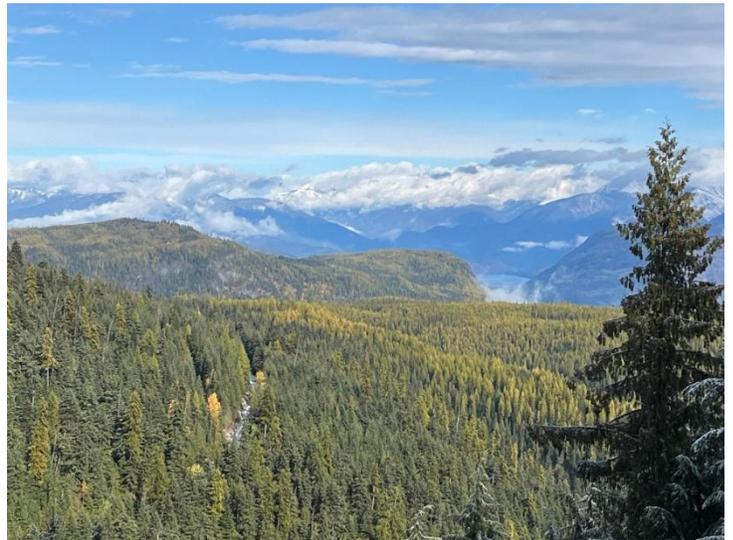
Sunshine assisted the Powder Bound ski club repair a few log bridges. Nice work by all involved!





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Timber development has finished up Lost Ledge with approximately 23,000 m³ being developed. Mostly conventional ground over four blocks, species profile Hw6Lw3Cw1(SxFd). Some of the blocks have a really high hemlock component so we will look at deferring those ones until market conditions improve. There is 12,000m³ of larch leading for potential harvesting in 2026.



Timber development up Cooper Face is building on some previous layout and WRR work. Due to the uncertainty in the forest industry we are targeting marketable species leading blocks, with spruce or larch leading stands being the focus. It is anticipated the permit will be approximately 60ha, or 18,000m³. With the road work completed up Cooper Face over the last few years only a few short spurs will be needed to



access the timber.



Some big old growth trees in scattered pockets on the large bench. The cedar is 3.2m diameter (a special tree) and the Douglas fir around 1.5 diameter. These trees are fairly close to the Davis Creek trail so we will look at adding some trails to these old growth trees and stands in the future.



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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. The goal by spring is to have 30-40,000m³ permitted. A lot of money has been spent on roads in the last few years to increase access to our tenure, keep contractors busy, and set us up for the future. This road work will allow us access to most of this timber with minimal road costs, helping navigate these uncertain times in the forest industry.

SAFETY

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

SILVICULTURE

Craig has mostly completed the silviculture surveys for 2025. The data needs to be reviewed but numerous blocks have achieved free to grow.

RESULTS reporting and waste survey plans for 2024 and 2025 harvesting are underway.

INTERNAL

The Forest Stewardship Plan was approved this month.

Three organisations applied for the firewood and all three will receive a logging truck load of firewood. The successful applicants are the JVH Outdoor Ed class, the Kaslo Legion, and the Kaslo Community Services.

The BCCFA released its Indicators Report for 2025. This report is developed from a questionnaire sent out to CFAs to measure things such as economic activity, jobs per m³, investments in community and recreation, etc. KDCFS is featured twice, pages 12 and 24. Once for keeping contractors busy during slow times, and one for recreation collaboration.



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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 cutting permit for CP 55 was received this month so 10ha of manual thinning will happen above Lardeau, which is adjacent to the previous RDCK fuel treatment.



The BCCFA sponsored a short video of our Bucky Cabin spacing project, see the full video and social media shorts in the Managers Report folder.