



WOODLANDS

Timber Ridge completed harvesting of CP 56, the block behind the Kaslo airstrip, at the end of February. Close to 8000m³ was harvested, with the tree species being a Kootenay mix of Douglas fir, hemlock, cedar and larch. There were quite a few loads of cedar poles shipped from this project.

The block is 2km long and is a mix of patch cuts, group selection and single tree retention that blends into the landscape fairly well. The term wildfire risk reduction has been flagged by some as an excuse to log close to private land and communities so was not used for this project. However this block has a mosaic of age classes and openings, which has been shown to reduce wildfire behavior. Post harvest clean up funding through FESBC is being applied for.



Timber development up Cooper Face and Lost Ledge is mostly complete. CP 50 up Cooper Face has 4 blocks, with a species profile of larch, hemlock, spruce, cedar and fir. CP 57 up Lost Ledge has 5 blocks but due to several of them having a really high hemlock component they won't be on the harvest schedule for 2026. The goal is to have the blocks ready for First Nations referral and the Forest Operations Map (FOM) by mid March.

SAFETY

No safety incidents from WRR work, logging or timber development.

SILVICULTURE

Review of the 2025 surveys, free growing declarations, and RESULTS input is scheduled for March.



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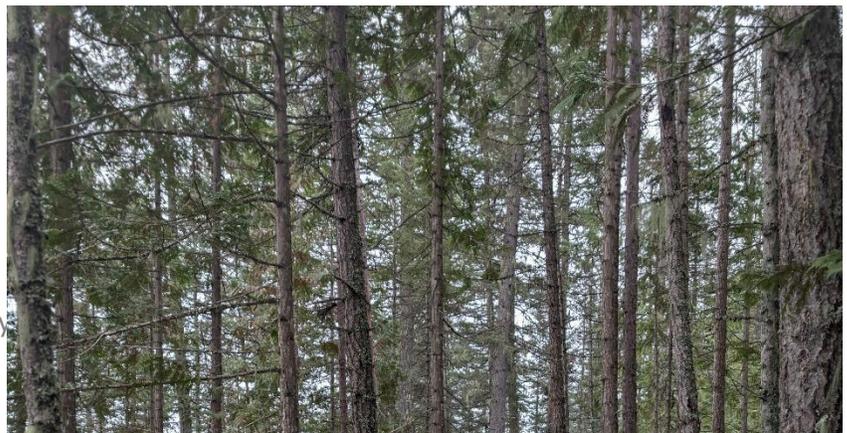
INTERNAL

Winter in the Forest was held on Family Day, February 16th. Leading up to the day it felt like it would be spring in the forest but Mother Nature delivered a snow storm for the day, with 10-15cm coming down! This allowed the human dog sled competition to go ahead but hindered attendance as only roughly half of the normal number of folks showed up. Thanks to Zia for organizing and putting on the festival, and to Board members Matt Brown, Chris Webster, Doug Drain and Stephen Fawcett for helping out. Morgan, who represents Kaslo FireSmart, even burnt a hedge for demonstration. More pics are in the Sync folder.



WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

The manual treatment in CP 55 above Lardeau continues with little to no snow at lower elevations.





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FESBC, our main grant funder for WRR work, has limited funding for the next few years due to the provinces spending cuts. One of our projects proposed in their expression of interest has been selected for a full application.