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WOODLANDS

The Keen Creek road was cleared up to the Deer Creek road at 3.5km to enable planting but there are numerous large trees down at around 9km with potentially more further up the road. When Marsh moves back into Keen Creek to do the road and trail rehab work in a few weeks the road will be cleared up the park boundary.

A biologist was out last week to investigate the Western Toad sightings around the blocks and identify breeding habitat and associated management strategies. Multiple ponds/wetlands were inspected with breeding adults and migrating toadlets seen. Management strategies to follow in the report.



Road work up Lost Ledge continues with the switchback realignment and new spur construction into the blocks. Once this road work is complete we plan on brushing out more of the old roads for access. See map in the MR.

Harvesting is expected to commence in July or August. All the work is being done by Sunshine Logging.

Cooper Face harvesting is expected to start in August and will be done by Timber Ridge.



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Due to excessive slash loads in CP 56, the block behind the dump that was harvested this winter, hazard abatement work needed to be completed to meet our legal requirements. This has been completed by Marsh Hawes.

We applied for a FESBC grant for enhanced post harvest clean up as this block is located within the WUI and close to critical infrastructure. The application was successful and involves mechanical piling and manual thinning of the clumps of trees left.

SAFETY

No safety incidents from WRR work, tree planting, road work or timber development.

SILVICULTURE

Tree planting is finished for the year. Local Wes Mooney planted 51,800 trees, all up Keen Creek, to reforest from the fire salvage operations.

Silviculture surveys continue across our license, from regen surveys in recently planted blocks, to free growing surveys in plantations. Overall, planting from the last few years is establishing successful plantations but a few blocks have been identified requiring fill planting, with trees missing from areas in the block over the winter. Frost or heavy snow are the suspected culprits. Some blocks will likely require brushing as well to reduce the brush and tree competition.

KDCFS is looking into establishing a spacing program on some of our plantations. This will add to the local employment, increase ecological and wildfire resilience by removing diseased and undesirable species, and reduce water and light competition for the remaining trees, which increases the value of the stand for future harvest.

INTERNAL

The manager attended the BCCFA conference in Vernon. During the field day we observed different Wildfire Risk Reduction treatments including a new one for us, silvopasture, which integrates cattle grazing into vegetation management in fuel breaks.

Pertinent topics included Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) and timber supply, delivering benefits to the local community, harmonizing stumpage rates between Community Forest Agreements (CFAs), Woodlots and First Nations Woodland Licenses (FNWLs) and wildfire risk reduction.



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Session notes and presentations, including the video of the Jimi Crack Corn project, can be found in the July 16th BOARD MEETING folder and on the BCCFA website.

FESBC celebrated its 10 year anniversary with an inaugural project of the year award. Our Jimi Crack Corn project was selected from all the projects across the province due to its collaboration with different stakeholders and private landowners.



WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

The FESBC application for enhanced post harvest clean up of CP 56, the block up the True Blue road, was successful for \$40k. The work involves mechanical piling and manual thinning of the in block retention of small clumps of trees, removing the unhealthy stems.