

General Update

January 5, 2017

Harvesting:

Mickelson has completed harvesting on block WC28 and has pulled out of WC17 due to avalanche hazard. The wood on deck was delivered to the VCF yard to speed up the exit. WC17 is roughly half complete.

Mickelson has moved into the Plummer road harvesting on MM03 then moving up to the Derek Road to MM06. All SPF wood to be delivered to Carrier and aspen off MM03 to Norbord.

Jerry Plummer is harvesting on SC04 up Swift Creek targeting large diameter fir and pine.

Mike Widell is harvesting pine post wood up Canoe Mountain. Harvesting looks organized and safe.

David Craig was harvesting on WC13 targeting large diameter cedar for CVH Ltd. They also had to pull out due to the avalanche risk.

Roads:

Cliff Jackman has built a 1.5km access road into MM06 located at 9km up the Derek Road.

The West Canoe road has been shut down due to avalanche hazard. VCF has no avalanche plans or protocol at this time and did not want to take on the liability of an accident. VCF hired avalanche certified specialist Marshall Dempster to give daily direction on the road risks. A West Canoe Avalanche protocol will be developed over the summer for next winters harvesting.

Mill Site:

Klusko continues to deliver wood to VCF yard. Canfor has 5-acre lease in yard plus the scales expense.

Sort Yard:

Roughly 160 loads of wood from blocks WC28 and WC17 have been brought into the yard and is being reloaded and delivered to Interfor, Gilbert Smith, Kermode and Carrier.

Mark Degal house log program has stalled. He said he wanted the remaining volume in the yard and said he would have it peeled and out by mid December 2016. Another local party is interested in 2 loads. If we continue to hear nothing and get no security to hold the wood for Degal we will look to sell to other parties.

Planning/Other:

Burning program is complete on the tougher access areas with a few piles in high public areas set to be burned as soon as weather permits.

Silviculture:

Results reporting to start soon with a deadline of March 31 for completion.