

## General Update

August 3, 2018

### **Harvesting:**

Plummer has completed harvesting on block SC12. Larry Simpson now has enough wood to last him until December. Plummer has moved to block PS03 up the Packsaddle. This block is mainly spruce which will be delivered to Carrier. This block will last Plummer until December. Plummer is also harvesting on private wood.

CVH (David Craig) is harvesting a cedar at 26.5km on the West canoe on block WC55. They started this block last year.

### **Roads:**

David Craig is planned to build road into WC29 which is located at 42.5km up the West Canoe.

Cliff Jackman is planned to build the CMH road bypass and the road into K03 up the Kiwa.

We have contracted Gibraltar Rock Drilling Ltd to drill and blast rock into the Dave Henry. We brought in a Geotech to review the existing route to the Dave Henry and with their recommendation we had a Gibraltar view the site and give a quote of \$60,800 which we accepted. The planned bridge on the A road side was budgeted at \$200,000. The total cost to fix and upgrade the original side is \$60,800 for Blasting, \$40,000 for road upgrade and \$50,000 for the bridge upgrade for a total of roughly \$150,000. The other factor that came into this is that the haul rate for log trucks is \$0.3/tonne cheaper for the original route which turns a \$7500 savings in trucking over the 35,000m<sup>3</sup> planned thus far. This number will grow as we harvest more wood.

### **Mill Site:**

CVH post and rail has started and working out bugs.

Borealis is set to drill in the VIP yard, not sure when.

### **Sort Yard:**

Clean-up loads hauled into yard from West Canoe and from CMH road. Will make up loads and haul soon.

### **Planning/Other:**

Greenstar is working fish creek inventory around the Saddle Lakes area and other spruce leading areas.

The government has flown the Hugh Allen, Ptarmigan and the VCF back end of the West Canoe. There is some douglas fir beetle attack high up on a rocky steep area. VCF staff will fly and plan to treat or monitor.

Working with the government to get a go ahead to place areas under Settlement Reserve Areas under cutting permit for the purpose of cleaning up high fire hazard areas close to the Village.

Carrier Lumber Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) Amendment #1 has been approved. The VCF operations now run under Carriers FSP.

MCF, DCF, VCF and RV woodlots have hired TDB out of PG to fly LIDAR. They have started flying.

Lightening strikes have started fires up the Haselich, Canoe Mountain, Westridge (in block W12), West Canoe (5km) and on Mckirdy Mtn. Wet weather before long weekend has quieted down all fires. Waiting for updates.

**Grants:**

We have submitted a grant proposal for the Lidar project to Rural Dividend Fund.

**Silviculture:**

We are working on a brushing and fall survey plan.

The fire in W12 did not damage any of the small amount of planting that we completed. VCF staff will have to walk the block to see if we can plant as is or if we need to treat dead burned wood first.