

Cortes Forestry General Partnership Board Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2016

Present: Kathy Francis

Kristen Scholfield-Sweet

Bruce Ellingsen

John Marlow

Kevin Peacey

Matt Cuscianna

Corry Dow

Agenda:

- Review minutes of April 26 meeting
- Squirrel Cove Update
 - Operations
 - Ambrosia beetle impacts
- Insurance renewal
- Larsen's Meadow road
- Silviculture contracts
- Proposal from community members for Special Use Permit
- Local request to purchase Fir logs
- Firewood orders

Discussion:

- Squirrel Cove update
 - SQ falling , yarding, road building complete; hauling active 2 trucks, majority of highest value logs sold locally (5 log truck loads delivered, 2 local clients remaining)
 - Unloading at boom site suggestion to use excavator to improve efficiency of unloading
 - Bottleneck of operations in hauling/truck availability caused by roadbuilding delays
 - o Road deactivation scheduled immediately following hauling (Vosper machine on site)
 - Waste to be completed following hauling

- Ambrosia impacts? Discussed with Brian Mills no impact if infestation is light. Possible reduction in value of higher value sorts if deep infestation. Observation yesterday that infestation is light, to be determined at scaling time
- Larsen's Meadow road culvert installed, met with neighbours to review. Invoice to be submitted by contractor.
- Budget for silviculture needs to be established before contracts can be decided.
- Special Use Permit for Community Forest business site Wolda / Schmidt proposal to be presented at upcoming CFGP Public Meeting.
- Local requests for specific logs within CF "Wood Store" criteria
 - Use CFGP approved faller with WCB Work Safe coverage
 - o Appropriate, insured transport required
 - Must purchase whole tree
- Firewood orders to be handled by Matt. Need to clearly communicate quantity & size of wood involved in a "truckload", fair distribution, range of scale of supply opportunities i.e. raw logs by the truck load, raw logs by the flatdeck load, local commercial firewood providers, free-use permit for individuals.

Action Items:

- 1. Matt to speak with truckers about getting cedar logs out of SQ1 so they're not left over with the firewood bunk logs?
- 2. Corry to post notice to local buyers that there are still large Fir and Cedar logs available for purchase
- 3. John to fill out insurance renewal and submit to board for review
- 4. John to check if/how wildfire is covered under current insurance, and if there is any provision under the CF rent
- 5. Matt to complete Von Donop engineering overview and submit to Klahoose Council
- 6. John to contact local requesting Fir logs and tell them that Fd trees can be selected from SQ3 to be felled by approved faller and delivered in this hauling cycle, must purchase whole trees
- 7. John to forward Matt the firewood ledger Matt to confirm firewood deliveries with customers to be billed by haulers & talk to haulers re: buying scaled wood, establish fair price
- 8. John to tally costs for past 2 yrs silviculture to establish budget baseline
- 9. John to check on cost of CGL insurance to assess if it is unreasonably expensive for local contractors

Community Forest Public Meeting set for Weds. July 20 from 3-5pm at the Klahoose Multipurpose Building.

Tabled:

- Budget
- Contracts
- Wood store