



# CORTES FORESTRY

## GENERAL PARTNERSHIP



### Cortes Forestry General Partnership Board Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2016

**Present:** Kathy Francis

Bill Barnes

Bruce Ellingsen

John Marlow

Kevin Peacey

Mark Lombard

Matt Cuscianna

Bob Tracey

Corry Dow

**Agenda:**

- Squirrel Cove Update
- Road work review
- Firewood
- Directions for end of 2016/2017
- Miscellaneous

**Discussion:**

- Overview of current Squirrel Cove operations
  - falling, yarding and roadbuilding complete
  - need to address softened road currently w/o culvert, close access until dry
  - unprocessed firewood logs being hauled by local contractors
  - Towing of log booms complete
  - Scaling scheduled for week of July 13
  - Boom stick remains in Gorge Harbour

- Road work
  - General road building needs improved drainage and attention to durability. Specific requirements now that work has been reviewed will be communicated to contractor by John and Matt. (road width, culvert reqs.) Road building specifications list?
  - Larsen's Meadow Road
    - John met with neighbours again
    - Ditch was not completed on original road rehab
    - Current roadbuilding contractor will complete the job
      - Continue ditch
      - Sumps at culverts
      - Remove berm to let water off road
      - No new gravel required
    - MOTH has inspected road and are satisfied with the work at present (before additional work completed)
    - Neighbours are aware that the CFGP will not be continually grading and repairing the road on their behalf.
    - This is the final rehab unless the culverts fail in the rainy season.
    - Discussed with other neighbours who prefer blocking access (gate or permanent deactivation)
- Firewood
  - Matt coordinating firewood program
  - 6 logging truck deliveries
  - 2 local contractor flat decks active
  - Cost for commercial use & truckloads = \$10/m<sup>3</sup> (\$25.00/cord) – haulers and commercial cutters to report number of cords taken to Matt, CFGP will then invoice.
  - Proposal to let commercial cutters onsite first for limited time – firewood supply to be monitored by Matt to allow for sufficient easily accessed wood for free-use permits
  - Open to public thereafter
- Directions for 2017
  - Potentially a year for focussing on laying groundwork/building roads, harvest incidental to establishing access for work as part of a 5-yr plan.
  - Areas under consideration:
    1. Von Donop via Klahoose woodlot access
    2. Mary Point Business venture volume
    3. Corner of SQ 3, road south from SQ
    4. Areas targeted for rehabilitation efforts
    5. SQ 4 “wood store” for local customers (other “wood store” areas?)
- Miscellaneous
  - Insurance renewal – complete
  - Local woodworker contacted John re: CF signs from first tree

**Action Items:**

1. Kathy & Bob to facilitate boom stick in Gorge Harbour issue resolution
2. Matt to speak to contractor re: blocking wet section of SQ road
3. Matt to check for sumps on road to SQ 3 & beginning of road south from SQ, and establish standards for sumps with contractor
4. John - September 15, 2016 LAR road inspection
5. Matt – tell commercial firewood cutter to pause firewood processing in SQ until Monday July 18
6. Corry & Kathy to set up projector for Weds. July 20 meeting
7. Matt to forward map of proposed Von Donop road to John
8. Corry to forward sign design outline to John to send to interested sign maker & get quote for 2 signs.

**Tabled:**

- Budget
- 2017 harvest sites