

Cortes Forestry General Partnership

2018 CFOP Update

Summary of Operations Sept 2013 - June 2018

BACKGROUND

In September 2013 the BC Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations issued a Community Forest Agreement (CFA) for approximately 3,869 hectares of crown land on Cortes Island to the Cortes Forestry General Partnership (CFGP) - which is the legal entity that manages the Cortes Island CFA. The partners are the Klahoose Forestry No. 2 Limited Partnership (KF2LP) and the Cortes Community Forest Co-op (CCFC).

Active engagement with the community is a condition of every CFA issued by the province of BC. The CFGP has taken this requirement for community engagement a step further by creating the Community Forest Operating Plan (CFOP) in order to document the values of the community as they relate to the community forest. Completed in July 2014 the CFOP is up for review beginning in July through December of 2018.

This summary of CFGP operations since the awarding of the tenure in September 2013 up to June 2018 is intended as a background information in support of the CFOP review process.

OVERVIEW:

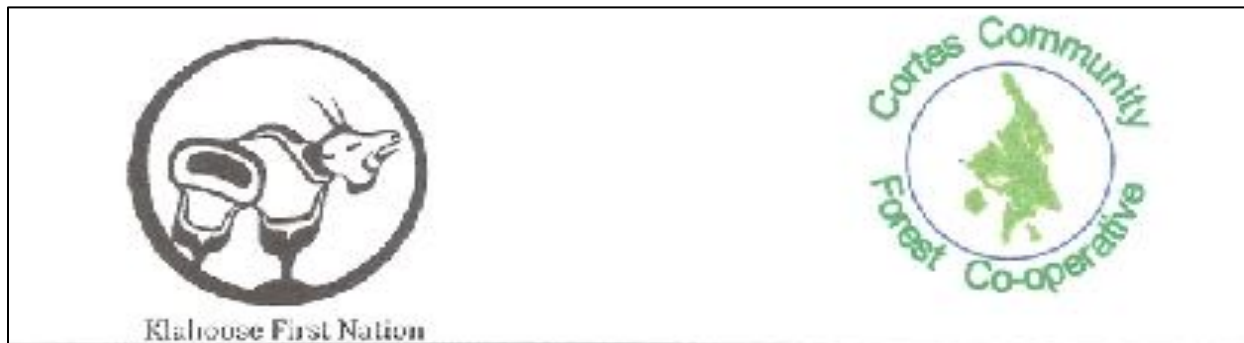
Since the Community Forest Agreement (CFA) was awarded in September 2013 the Cortes Forestry General Partnership (CFGP) has successfully completed four harvests totalling approximately 11,500 m³. This includes 2,000 m³ that went to mills on Cortes Island and 1,400 m³ of firewood for the local community, or approximately 30% of the total.

The CFGP also planted approximately 16,000 seedlings, and installed protective cones on approximately 85 percent of these, including all of the Western Red Cedar and most of the Douglas Fir.

The CFGP reactivated approximately 1,500 m³ of logging road and built approximately 700m of new road during this period.

During this period, the CFGP hosted several community meetings and site tours, and posted regular updates regarding harvesting, firewood openings, and future planning on its website at www.cortesforestrypartnership.com

See the attached summary of public engagement from 2015 - 2018 in Appendix A.



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OPERATIONS SUMMARY 2013 - 2018.

Spring 2015: Larsens Meadow

In the spring of 2018 the CFGP harvested approximately 4,000m³ of merchantable timber and 800 m³ of firewood in the Larsens Meadow area of the Cortes Community Forest. This selective harvest included five blocks ranging in size from 1 - 3.5 hectares totalling approximately 12 hectares.

Designed as a Shelterwood Harvest System approximately 100 trees per hectare of the dominant or sub-dominant trees within each block were retained in a dispersed pattern with typical spacing between leave trees around 10 meters.

All of the blocks in in Larsens Meadow were replanted in the spring of 2016, with fill planting in blocks LAR 3-5 to replace heavily deer browsed Douglas Fir seedlings in March of 2018. A total of approximately 7,500 Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar have been planted in the the Larsens Meadow Operating Area, 85 percent of which are now protected by plastic Sinocast cones.

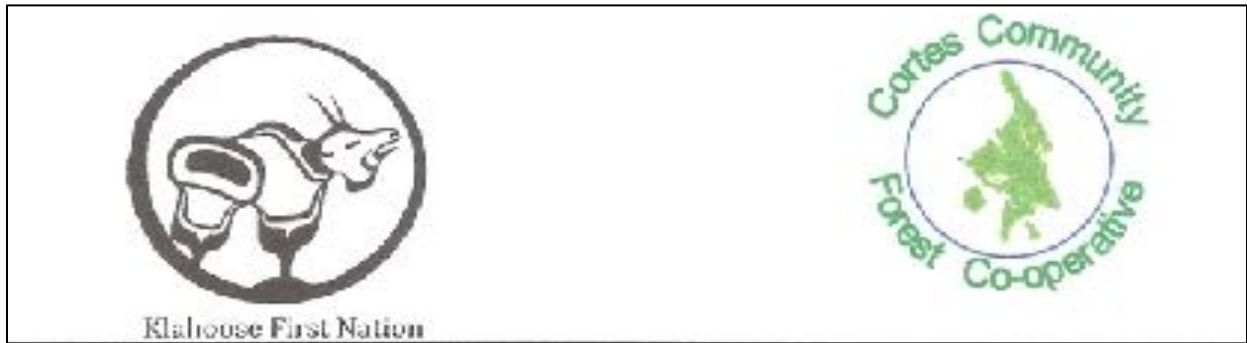
All of the seedlings and cones in blocks LAR 1 -5 were weeded and straightened by a group of volunteers in the spring of 2018.

The harvest in Larsens Meadow was primarily accessed via 1km of old road that was reactivated during the project, and approximately 100 meters of new road was built to access LAR2.

Spring 2016: Squirrel Cove

The spring 2016 harvest in the Squirrel Cove Operating Area was also based on a dispersed retention system, with a spacing of approximately 20 meters between leave trees. The size of the 2016 harvest was similar to that in Larsens Meadow, totalling approximately 3,800 m³ of merchantable timber and 600 m³ of firewood spread out over 4 blocks ranging in size from 1.4 - 3.4 hectares.

Approximately 6,000 seedlings were planted along with protective cones in blocks 1,2,3, & 5 of the Squirrel Cove Operating Area during the spring of 2017, half of which have been weeded and straightened to date in 2018.



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As part of the 2016 harvest approximately 550 meters of new road was built in the Squirrel Cover Operating Area, and approximately 100 meters of old road was reactivated.

Spring 2017: Squirrel Cove

During the spring of 2017 a second smaller project was completed in block SQ 4 of the Squirrel Cove Operating Area. Consisting of a single stem selection system, approximately 400 m³ of logs were harvested over a 14 hectare block area, or approximately 4.5 percent of the total volume in the block.

Intended to supply the demand from local mills, the spring 2017 project was intended to demonstrate the viability of a lighter touch project that due to the high levels of retention did not require any tree planting.

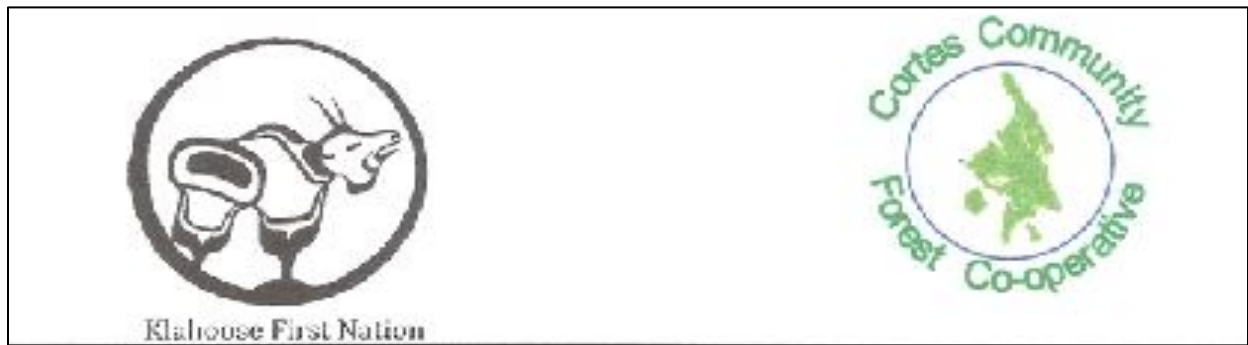
Following the spring 2017 harvest, the new section of road built in 2016 was deactivated due to problems with some of the culverts as well as the generally wet and muddy conditions in the area.

Spring 2018: Green Mountain Operating Area

Completed in June 2018, the spring project in GM1 was comprised of a selective harvest over approximately 12 hectares using a system of small 0.3 - 0.5 hectare lens cuts connected by a network of skid trails.

Retention in the the GM1 area was primarily based on group retention of approximately 50 percent of the area and volume, with some individual stem selection harvesting along the roads and skid trails. Individual stem selection in the areas was based on a 'thinning from the top' system where taller larger trees were tipped from the retention areas into the lens cuts and skid trails leaving the smaller stems to continue growing.

The project in GM 1 used an existing logging road and is scheduled to be replanted in the spring of 2019.



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Appendix A

Summary of Public Engagement 2015 - 2018

Event	Date	Description	Advertising
Site Tour GM1 Attended by 20 members of the public, 1 staff, 3 directors.	Dec 2, 2017	Public tour and discussion of proposed harvest area, scheduled for spring 2018.	CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com Local online market place: www.cortesisland.com local weekly news flyer (paper)
Post Harvest Tour SQ4 Attended by 15 members of the public, 2 staff, 1 director.	October 21, 2017	Public tour of block SQ4, selectively harvested in Spring 2017	CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com Local online market place: www.cortesisland.com local weekly news flyer (paper)
Meeting with neighbours in the area of proposed new road (Carrington Main) Attended by 15 neighbours, 2 directors, 1 staff	September 17, 2017	Post public tours follow up meeting with neighbours of the proposed new road into the Carrington Operating Area	Email and phone calls with interested parties



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Event	Date	Description	Advertising
<p>Public Meeting Attended by 50 members of the public, all CFGP directors & staff</p> <p>Presentation, followed by Q&A, facilitated by CFGP.</p>	<p>Sept 11, 2017</p>	<p>Hosted at the Gorge Hall, Whaletown Agenda: Proposed new road - Carrington Operating Area; Summary of Spring 2017 harvest; Preliminary 5 year planning 2018 - 2022</p>	<p>CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com Local online marketplace: www.cortesisland.com local weekly news flyer (paper)</p>
<p>Site Tour Proposed new road (Carrington Main) Attended by approximately 70 members of the public, 5 directors, 2 staff</p>	<p>August 27</p>	<p>Site tour of proposed new section of road into the Carrington Operating Area. Presentation, followed by Q&A, walk through proposed ROW</p>	<p>CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com Local online marketplace: www.cortesisland.com local weekly news flyer (paper)</p>
<p>Site Tour Proposed new road (Carrington Main) Attended by approximately 70 members of the public, 5 directors, 2 staff</p>	<p>August 22, 2017</p>	<p>Site tour of proposed new section of road into the Carrington Operating Area. Presentation, followed by Q&A, walk through proposed ROW</p>	<p>CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com Local online marketplace: www.cortesisland.com local weekly news flyer (paper) Cortes Marketer</p>
<p>Pre-harvest Site Tour of Winter/spring 2017 Harvest</p> <p>Attended by 20 members of the public, hosted by CFGP staff.</p>	<p>February 23, 2017</p>	<p>Site tour or proposed harvest in Squirrel Cove Operating Area. Presentation by Staff followed by Q & A.</p>	



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<p>CFGP Public Meeting</p> <p>Attended by 25 members of the public, all CFGP directors & staff</p> <p>Presentation, followed by Q&A, facilitated by CFGP.</p>	July 20, 2016	<p>Hosted at Klahoose Hall, Squirrel Cove</p> <p>Agenda: Summary of spring 2016 operations; Board report; Year in review</p>	<p>CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com</p> <p>Local online marketplace: www.cortesisland.com</p> <p>local weekly news flyer (paper) Cortes Marketer</p>
<p>Pre-harvest site tour of spring 2016 Harvest</p> <p>This was the last of 6 public tours of the proposed harvest with from 6-15 members of the public.</p> <p>Hosted by CFGP staff.</p>	Jan 16, 2016	<p>Multiple groups came for tours of the proposed harvest in the Squirrel Cove Operating Area between November 2015 & Jan 2016. Tours typically consisted of a discussion of harvesting plans, along with Q&A and addressing specific concerns brought forward by residents.</p>	<p>CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com</p> <p>Local online marketplace: www.cortesisland.com</p> <p>local weekly news flyer (paper) Cortes Marketer</p> <p>Some tours were also organized via email between CFGP staff and neighbours in the Squirrel Cove Area.</p>
<p>CFGP Public Meeting</p> <p>Attended by 35 members of the public, all CFGP directors & staff</p> <p>Presentation, followed by Q&A, facilitated by CFGP.</p>	November 28, 2015	<p>Hosted at the Gorge Hall, Whaletown</p> <p>Agenda: Summary of spring 2015 operations; Year in review; Description of plans for 2016</p>	<p>CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com</p> <p>Local online marketplace: www.cortesisland.com</p> <p>local weekly news flyer (paper) Cortes Marketer</p>



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Website Updates	6 - 12 each year	The CFGP posts regular operations updates on its website, as well as maps, meeting minutes, and other documents	CFGP website: www.cortesforestrypartnership.com
Site Tours	2-5 per year	The CFGP has provided an average of 3 site tours each year since operations planning got under way in 2014	
Online Cortes Island notice board	6 - 10 posts per year	The CFGP posts a notice of all operations and opportunities such as harvesting & silviculture work, log purchasing opportunities, and free use firewood openings.	www.cortesisland.com