

CFGP Board Meeting
August 2, 2016

In attendance:

John Marlow, Matt Cuscianna, Billy Barnes, Kristen Sholfield, Bruce Ellingsen, Kathy Francis, Mark Lombard

Agenda

- Firewood
- Log Sort
- Future Plans
- Log Dump in the Gorge (boomstick)
- Free firewood
- Gates
- Additional Tideline Update
- Ground Truthing
- Identifying and posting mistakes online
- CF Display Boards
- Maps for Sale

Firewood

- CFGP agrees to reopen the Squirrel Cove blocks for firewood harvesting now that the danger class is back down to three.
- To date 120 - 130 cords @ \$25/cord harvested so far by commercial operators.
- Free firewood cutting is now open to individuals with a permit. Permits are available on the CFGP website: www.corteforestrypartnership.com
- For the moment the last 50 meters of the new section of road will remain open.

Final Log Scale

- 3,980.40 m² merch logs (637 m² local mill sales)
- approximately 700 m² firewood
- approximately 4,700 m² total harvest.
- Costs and revenue will be coming in the first two weeks of September.

Future Plans

- The CFGP is working on future planning. The current discussion is to focus in the next year on developing a longer term plan that includes harvesting areas & road access, and builds on existing plans such as the work done by the UBC students last summer and the sensitive ecosystem inventory mapping.

- 2017 harvest 2,000 - 3,000 m2 potential, primarily next fall. Planning for and developing road access as well as finding areas suitable for single tree selection and alternative harvesting systems is a slow process.
- CFGP will post an update on upcoming plans on the website by August 15.

To do:

- John will research cost implications and timing aspects of towing small amounts of timber from right of way falling that no one wants to buy locally out of the Gorge.
- Matt will contact local mills regarding local demand.
- Bob Tracy is coordinating with Sean Robertson to have a float connected to the boomstick anchor in the Gorge.

Gates:

The issue of gates comes up at almost every directors' meeting in response to community inquiries, as well as the need to control access during high wildfire risk.

To do: John Marlow will seek further clarification from District regarding regulations for gates

Additional Tideline Updates:

- The CFGP is focused on making the website the primary communications tool for the community. CFGP will use the tideline to direct people to the CFGP website for information.

Identifying Mistakes

- There was discussion of what to do if and when mistakes are identified. John suggests that this should be an internal review process, and posting things online can lead to undue negative feedback via social media.

Ground Truthing by trained volunteers

- There is proposal from the community to have trained volunteers go out and assess future harvest areas prior to harvest.
- John suggests that this can be a complicated process and could lead to undue restrictions on harvesting areas
- Matt suggests that stream mapping and establishing buffer zones would go well with what we are trying to do.

Community Forest Display Board

To do: John Marlow is going to consult with the woodlot federation on how they made their sign.