



# Williams Lake Community Forest Newsletter October 2020

There will be work opportunities coming up in the WLCF for:

- Fuel Management Work
- Tree Planting

**Individual Tender Opportunities** are being posted as Events by their Application Due Date – check our WLCF [Community Calendar page](#) for upcoming tender opportunities and due dates.

## October 2020 Operations Update

### General Notes

#### **Douglas-fir bark Beetle Salvage – Fall 2020**

- WLCF Crews have been beetle probing throughout the Community Forest and have found that Bark beetle attack has decreased significantly.
- This is very good news. Salvage operations have commenced and we have included adjacent blowdown areas as well. We are expecting to harvest under 7000m<sup>3</sup> of beetle salvage and blowdown timber this year.
- This is substantially less salvage harvest as compared to last year, and we hope this downward trend in beetle attack continues.

## **Harvesting – Winter 2020-21**

- We have scheduled the harvesting of 25,000m<sup>3</sup> of timber from Flat Rock and Big Lake areas this winter. These will be a mix of selection and clearcut with reserves.
- This timber will be destined to local manufacturing plants, and we are targeting 2500m<sup>3</sup> of high value timber to log and timber frame builders and back yard sawmillers this season.
- We are able to hand scale this timber and sell it directly to these customers.

## **Project Funding**

- Landscape Level Fuel Breaks – mechanized work is ongoing, the focus has moved to Big Lake, with the Flat Rock and Cave Road areas nearing completion.
- Big Lake Lodgepole pine spacing has been completed. This work is funded by the Community Forest and will result in higher value timber for harvest in a shorter timeframe, than if the stand was left unmanaged.
- Aerial Fertilizer program is scheduled for Fall 2020 – 100 ha are under prescription for the 2020/2021 spray program.

## **Forest Practices Board Tour – September 2020**

- WLCF Toured the Forest Practices Board in the Flat Rock Block in September. The Board was very impressed with the Fuel Management work completed, specifically with how the fuel management prescriptions met requirements for recreation, range and wildlife resources.

## School Tours:

- Elementary and Middle school tours will be ongoing through the months of October and November. These tours introduce kids to various components of resource management including bark beetle management, forest fire management, wildlife, ecology and silviculture.



## Application forms for the Fall 2020 Intake of the WLCF Community Granting Program are now available.

Be sure to frequently check our website and always refresh your browser to download any recent page updates.

[Download the Application Information in Adobe PDF format from this link.](#) OR [Download the Microsoft Word Version here](#)

And also please download either:

[Here is a budget template for 2020 Applications in PDF format:](#) OR [Here is the same budget template in editable Microsoft Excel format:](#)

***And a reminder to any recipient of a 2019 Grant - your final report is due December 1st 2020.***