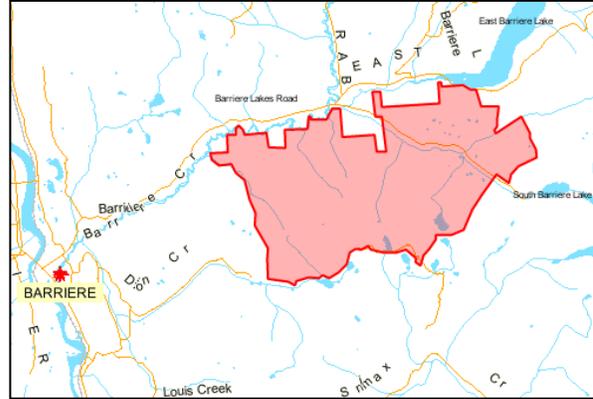




LOWER NORTH THOMPSON COMMUNITY FOREST SOCIETY

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first bi-annual newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to keep you up-to-date and informed on the activities of the Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society. Your support is greatly appreciated and important in ensuring the continued success of our organization through the creation of sustainable jobs, new business and investments, and the generation of revenues specifically for community oriented objectives.



The Annual General Meeting was held on October 8, 2009. We had five directors attend along with our Administrative Assistant, Accountant and 3 members of the community. The following is the 2009 Forestry Report that was presented at the AGM.

NON-REPLACEABLE FOREST LICENSE A73247

- This is a short term license for the harvesting of 300,000 cubic meters (m3) of mountain pine beetle infested timber
- An additional two-year extension has been granted for the license. The new expiry date is July 31, 2012.
- 75% has been logged to date.
- Logging and road rehabilitation activities on Cutting Permit 8 (Chu Chua) have now been completed.
- Cutting Permits 7, 9, and 10 are available for logging and permits are issued. Permits will be logged as markets become available. These permits total 47,000 m3.
- Cutting Permit 11 (Akehurst Lake) has been developed by Simpcw First Nation and is now awaiting market.
- 400,000 trees were planted on Cutting Permits 2, 5, and 6 in the spring of 2009.
- A \$150,000 silviculture security deposit has been required for this license.

PROBATIONARY COMMUNITY FOREST LICENSE K1Z

- Bill 13 has been passed which allows direct transition from a probationary to a long-term community forest license.
- Logging Activity:

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Thompson Valley*

- Concentrated in Wikkiup Creek and Blomley Creek areas of the Community Forest.
- Cutting Permits 1 (Dora Creek) and 2 (K&G Contracting) are now logged, and focused on salvaging mountain pine beetle infested stands. Mechanical stump removal (Fennell's Custom Sawmilling) has since been completed on Cutting Permit 1 as a means of treating root disease.
- Cutting Permits 4 (Dora Creek) and 5 (K&G Contracting) are currently being harvested and are targeting the cedar market for revenue generation.
- Road construction and right-of-way logging is currently being conducted by M. Allen Logging to provide access into mountain pine beetle and Douglas-fir beetle infested stands in the Blomley Creek area.
- 135,000 trees are scheduled for planting (Cutting Permits 1 & 2) in the spring of 2010.
- In the May 2009, a fencing project for the construction of 900m of fencing and the installation of one cattleguard was completed by Paul Kempter Contracting.
- Using 2009 government funding through the Forest Investment Account (FIA), we were able to hire Simpcw First Nation to conduct an Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) for the entire community forest agreement area. This project will provide information to assist in future planning activities with the community forest.
- In the March 2009, the LNTCFS registered and began working towards SAFE certification through the BC Forest Safety Council; as part of this move, SAFE certification is now required for all our contractors.

Thanks again for your continued support. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (250) 672-1941.

Yours truly,

Mike Francis, RPF