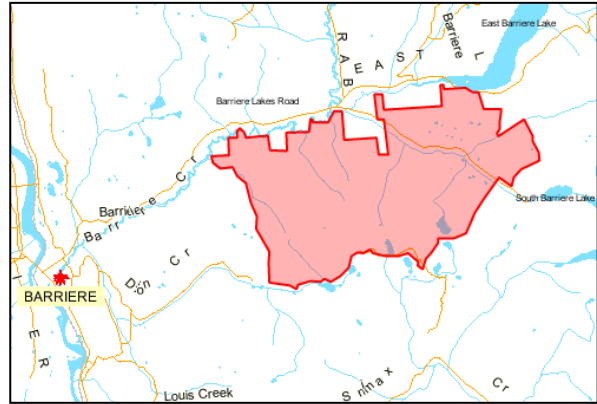




LOWER NORTH THOMPSON COMMUNITY FOREST SOCIETY



SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Spring 2010 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.

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NON-REPLACEABLE FOREST LICENSE A73247

- Harvesting on Cutting Permit 9 (North Barriere Lake) commenced November 2009. Logging on this permit is now primarily complete, with a small amount of hauling, road rehabilitation and slash disposal planned for summer/fall of 2010. This permit was logged by K&G Contracting and totals ~24,000m³.
- Harvesting on Cutting Permit 10 (Fadear Creek) commenced January 2010. Logging on this permit is now nearing completion. This permit is being logged by DRB Contracting and totals ~14,500m³.
- Both of the above permits are salvaging mountain pine beetle stands.
- 100,000 trees are scheduled for planting on Cutting Permit 8 (Chu Chua) this spring. As well, planting of an additional 20,000 trees is planned for Cutting Permit 10 to utilize a local youth-at-risk program providing employment and work experience.

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Thompson Valley*

- Cutting Permit 7 (Moose Meadows) is available for logging and the permit is issued. This permit will be logged as markets become available and the stumpage rate allows. This permit totals 10,800m³.

PROBATIONARY COMMUNITY FOREST LICENSE K1Z

- In February 2010, we submitted a request to transition from a probationary to a long-term license. We are currently awaiting a response outlining further transition requirements.
- Harvesting, road rehabilitation and slash disposal has now been completed on Cutting Permit 4 (Wikkiup Creek). This permit was completed by Dora Creek Contracting and totaled 11,000m³.
- Harvesting and road rehabilitation on Cutting Permit 5 (Wikkiup Creek) is now complete, with slash disposal planned for the fall of 2010. This permit was logged by K&G Contracting and totaled 6,000m³.
- Mechanical stump removal is planned for both of these permits in the fall of 2010 as a means of treating root disease.
- Road construction and right-of-way logging in the Blomley Creek area (M. Allen Logging) is now completed. This road will be grass seeded in the spring of 2010 and provides access into mountain pine beetle and Douglas-fir beetle infested stands.
- 135,000 trees are scheduled for planting on Cutting Permits 1 & 2 this spring. This will be completed by Allstars Silviculture and will likely commence early due to the mild weather.
- The Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) project for the entire community forest agreement area was completed February 2010. This work was completed by the Simpcw First Nation and provides improved information to assist future development.
- In March 2010, we submitted our SEBASE audit package for SAFE certification and are currently awaiting a response.
- Digital terrain modeling for visual quality objectives is scheduled for the Barriere Lakes Road and East Barriere Lake portions of the community forest. This modeling will help in development planning and managing visual quality in these areas.

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