

## **Community Forest Operations Summary Nov 2020 - Sept 2021**

### **2020 Harvest**

The harvest at block CAR1 was completed in December 2020. The harvest was a commercial thinning designed to supply demand from local mills. The total volume comprised approximately 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> broken down as follows:

615 m<sup>3</sup> total merch (Dec 2020)

6 loads Hemlock

6 loads Fir

4 loads Cedar

390 m<sup>3</sup> firewood

100 m<sup>3</sup> donated for community firewood day (Nov 2020)

120 m<sup>3</sup> sold to Klahoose (Jan 2021)

180 m<sup>3</sup> sold to commercial firewood contractor (Jan - June 2021)

Once the commercial firewood processing was completed the area was opened for free use permits, and approximately 45 pickup loads were collected. (June 2021)

### **2021 Silviculture**

During the spring of 2021 stand tending was completed in the Larsens Meadow, Squirrel Cove, and Green Mountain blocks that were harvested in 2015, 2016, and 2018 respectively.

### **Wildfire Planning**

Planning for wildfire mitigation projects has continued to move forward over the past year and prescriptions were completed for three treatment areas in the community forest. These include 5 hectares surrounding the recycling centre, 11 hectares along the boundary between block CAR1 and the residential neighbourhood to the west, and 11 hectares in the 25 year old plantation adjacent to the cut blocks in Squirrel Cove.

Funding has been approved for treatment of the 5 hectares around the recycling centre, and the project is pending a traditional use survey request by the Tla'amin nation. The funding application for the treatments in the other two areas was completed earlier in September, and will be submitted this week.

### **Safety Training**

As part of the Workforce Recovery Grant (federal Covid \$) the community forest has applied for funding to offer occupational first aid level 3, and S100 basic forest firefighting training to all of the individuals and contractors working in the community forest. Pending the grant being approved, these courses will take place in November 2021.

## **2021 Harvest**

During the winter of 2020/21 planning was completed for the harvest at block VON1 as per the five year plan. Access for the block required approximately 500 meters of new road to be built, which took place during the spring.

Falling for the block is being done by three Cortes Island residents as part of a new faller training program which got under way in June. Due to the extremely dry summer, operation shuts down for nearly 10 weeks and just started up again in September. The project is expected to be completed by December and is projected to come in around 5,000 m<sup>3</sup>.