

Wells Gray Community Forest

Clearwater

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Milestones

- Weyerhaeuser Mill Closed in Vavenby 2003
- Wild fires in 2003
 - Resulted in a local Action Committee
 - Sub committee formed to examine expansion of Woodlots and creation of a Community Forest
- 2004 Invited to submit application
- 2005 Application submitted
- 2006 License K2A Issued
- 2007 FSP Completed
- 2008 Planning/Harvesting

License Description

Volume 33,500m³

- Regular volume of 20,000m³
- With a uplift of 13,500m³

Area 13,145 Gross Hectares

- 10,000 Hectares harvestable
- Reductions due to parks, private land, OGMA, etc.

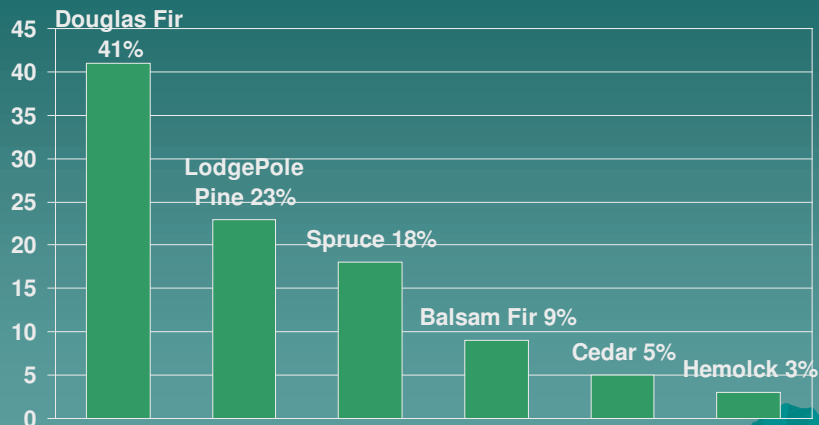
Community Forest Overview



Structure of WGCFC

- General Manager
- Board of Directors
 - 7 members, includes 1 member of Simpcw First Nations
- Shares
 - 50/50 split between Clearwater District and the TNRD
- Profit Transfer
 - to North Thompson Communities Foundation
 - \$10,000 transferred in May 2008

WGCFC Forest Profile



Forest Health Challenges

- Currently all Pine leading and mixed stands are in Red to Gray state
- Development and marketing is very challenging in pure types
- Majority of lodgepole pine stands remaining to be developed are within the Clearwater Community Watershed
 - Most economic stands have been harvested by the previous Licensee

Clearwater Community Watershed

Isolated Pine stands



Description of Land Use

- Historical Users
 - Part of re-allocation Weyerhaeuser, Canfor and BCTS
- Stakeholders
 - Clearwater Community Watershed
 - Adjacent to 5 Woodlots
 - Snowmobile Club Recreation Tenure
 - Outdoor club - Nordic x-country ski trails
 - Clearwater ski hill
 - Trappers
 - Ranchers
 - Sheep Ranch
 - District of Clearwater - Community Interface

Development Framework

- Use of Forsite/Woodco – selling wood on stump
 - Principle of low risk, Looking for Full phase stump to market
- Why?
 - expertise in planning, FSP expertise,
 - well capitalized, marketing team, local log yard
- Principles and Values
 - Use of local contractors, layout, loggers, road builders, truckers
 - Fiber to local mills - 1st right of refusal at fair market value

Forest Stewardship Plan

- The road map
- Key issues
 - Community Watershed, First Nations involvement, stocking standard development - deciduous stocking standards, Non Timber Forest Products, Species at Risk
- Development of FSP included
 - Public consultation, direct stakeholder contacts followed by referrals, First Nation consultation with 5 Bands

Harvesting Progress

- Cutting Permit 100-05
- Harvesting for 2.5 months in Winter 2008 – 16,000m³
 - Removed about 50% Pine
- Projecting to Harvest 50,000m³ through Summer/Fall 2008



Issues Encountered

- Local resistance to Woodco
- Local Mill - 1st right of refusal expectations vs. fair market return
- SAFE Companies program – SeBase
 - applying standards to one person
 - submitted self Audit May 21/08

Challenges Encountered Non Timber Forest Products

- Local interest but no formal group
- Product – Cedar Tops
 - Sorting issues in conjunction with harvesting
 - Dealing with NTFP locals - Farmer style
 - Safety standards
 - Payment timing from NTFP users to loggers



What Have We Learned ?

What we would do again

- sell wood on the stump
- return at lowest risk
- continue the lean structure in-house one manager
- contract to locals

What we would change

- more local supervision – higher WGCFC profile
- increase safety reporting requirements

Wrap Up

- Very pleased with current situation given the current Forestry Industry challenges
- Return to the community is underway, able to forward \$10,000
- Stumpage arrangement with the government is key to our success
- Enthusiastic about the future

Next Steps

Contact Extension

- Canfor Vavenby and Woodco have expressed interest
 - Focus on utilizing poor quality Pine stands

FIA Program

- Water quality, quantity monitoring within the Clearwater Community Watershed
- Trail expansion/maintenance
 - Utilizing pine salvage trails within the Nordic ski trail system

Mid Term Assessment

- Excellent direction with recent document – “Requirements for PCFA Assessment Reports”