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CP 405 – Salisbury Face Unit (Salisbury Creek to Bulmer Creek) Update

Cooper Creek Cedar (CCC) continues to work towards submitting Cutting Permit (CP) 405 and accompanying Road Permits (RP) to MFLNRORD. CCC's goal is to submit CP 405 & RPs in June/July 2020; however, CCC is committed to being thorough in meeting previous commitments that CCC made for referral of assessments and completing the engagement process with First Nations. Therefore, CCC cannot provide a definite date for CP/RP submission, but CCC does commit to notifying the community and affected stakeholders of the status of the CP/RP submission.

There are three reports/engagement processes that require completion prior to CP/RP submission:

- **Terrain Stability Field Assessment Report (TSFA):** the CP 405 terrain stability field assessment has been completed. Will Halleran, P.Geo, L.Eng. is currently completing the TSFA, which includes a *Karst Potential Assessment Lower Salisbury Face* report. CCC expects to receive the final report in the very near future (1-2 weeks). The final TSFA will be referred to the Argenta-Johnson Landing (AJL) community, the RDCK and MFLNRORD. A 60-day referral period will be implemented to the TSFA for comments to be considered, the referral period beginning the day the report is referred by CCC.
- **Wildlife/Caribou Assessment:** The *Assessment of Habitat & Risks for Mountain Caribou and Other Wildlife* has not been completed by Brenda Herbison, MSc. R.P.Bio. The wildlife/caribou assessment will be referred to the AJL community, the RDCK and MFLNRORD. A 30-day referral period will be implemented to the wildlife/caribou report for comments to be considered, the referral period beginning the day the report is referred by CCC.
- CCC continues to engage with First Nations. There is no timeline on completion of this process.

CCC has been made aware that there is confusion regarding CCC's objective for CP 405/RP submission being based on CCC meeting the allocated *Cut Control* volume prior to the expiry of CCC's five-year cut control period. As stated above, submission of CP 405 is dependent on CCC thoroughly and diligently completing the CP development process, the referral process and First Nations engagement.

Cut Control: CCC operates under a *Forest License*, which is a volume based tenure. Forest License A30171 has an allocated *Allowable Annual Cut* of 60,213-m³/year. The term of the *Cut Control Period* is five years; therefore CCC has the authority to harvest 301,065-m³ over five years. FL A30171 cut control period expires December 31, 2020. Any volume less than 301,065-m³ that CCC does not harvest is "lost" to CCC, but that volume is not deducted from the next cut control period. Subsequently, on January 1, 2021 CCC will begin a new five-year cut control period with an AAC of 60,213-m³/year for five years.

CP 416 – Bulmer Face Unit (Bulmer Creek to Argenta Creek) Update

CCC has started initial forest development work in CP 416 – Bulmer Face. The work to date is preliminary reconnaissance that is focused on identifying potential access plans (road system) for the entire Bulmer/Argenta face unit. CCC's intent is to develop a *Total Chance Plan* for the Bulmer Face development area.

CCC is in the initial stages of developing Bulmer Face and has no pre-conceived timeline for CP/RP submission.

Total Chance Plan:

- developing a forest development plan for an undeveloped area/unit (Bulmer Face Unit)
- develop an access plan (road system – mainline and spurs) that will access the entire development area
- identify all potential cutblocks. The objective is to simply identify the potential areas and create “shapes” of potential blocks as opposed to spending extensive time designing final boundaries
- initiate pertinent assessments that have impacts on road & block layout (ie TSFA, Wildlife Habitat assessment)
- identify other forest resources that need to be managed (ie water concerns)
- ultimately, using all of the potential road/block development, assessment information and additional forest resources that need to be managed develop a long-term plan that includes economic, environmental and social values. This may/may not include developing a multiple “pass system” – identify CPs (groups of blocks to form a CP) that will be harvested over a longer period of time.

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