



Adventure Works Marketing Plan

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## President's Report

This annual report covers the period from Nov 1 2012 to October 31 2013.

During this period there were significant changes in the board of directors. 3 directors who had guided the community forest since its inception completed their terms. Richard Christenson, Ted Richardson and Sepp Wadlegger served effectively for 7 years. Their contribution to the success of the community forest was significant and, on behalf of the community, I would like to thank them.

Following its Director Selection Policy the board advertised for replacement directors. Résumés were received, interviews conducted, references checked, selections made and recommendations presented to the Society. Brent Buck, Leon O'Dette and Paul Streadwick were the successful candidates and joined the board.

The winter logging program completed the harvest of the major areas of mountain pine beetle killed timber left on the community forest. During this period, roads were built into future harvest blocks to ensure we could log them when favorable markets arose and could potentially utilize local contractors who did not have road building capability. Our first block of non pine damaged wood was harvested providing much better returns. In June 2013 the board postponed the planned fall 2013 logging plans in favor of logging in the January 2014 period to capture better selling prices for logs once Canfor started buying logs again.

The board contracted the development of a 15 year operational plan to a local professional forester. Working with the general manager, some 12.5 years of wood were identified. This targeted a mix of both conventional and cable harvest blocks, of decadent hemlock- cedar stands and of balsam residual stands left following logging that took place 60 to 70 years ago. The aim is have a selection of blocks representing the community forest's range of values and costs that can be harvested as market conditions allow.

Work continued towards the approval of the Forest Stewardship Plan and the Management Plan. Road access through crown land to the southern portion of our Lolo Operating area was identified, plans were developed and submission for approval made. Silviculture operations continue towards meeting our obligations.

The board continues to give annual direction to the contracted general manager. The contract specifies responsibilities and contract deliverables, which among other things, ensure government regulations and board policies are met. The manager continues to fulfill his responsibilities in a thorough and professional manner.

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### Board of Directors News

The WGCFC board of Directors is comprised of 7 community members. The directors oversee the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. The Directors are responsible for the development and approval of business plans, annual operational plans, budgets and policies and procedures for the operation of the corporation and ensure the operations of the Community in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Community Forest Agreement License.



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Elections and appointments of new director positions November 2012. David Meehan continued the position as Joel Steinberg has continued as Vice President and Lorne continued the position as Secretary/Treasurer.

One board position is held for a representative Simpcw First nations.

In December 2012 the WGCFC Board of Directors required the election of two new board of director positions. Utilizing the Director Selection process the Board recommended two new board members to the WGCF 2010 Society; Leon O Dette and Brent Buck. The Society trustees accepted the recommendation and Leon and Brent joined the board in January 2013.

### WGCF 2010 Society Trustee

The Wells Gray CF 2010 Society has a Board of Trustees consisting of 7 trustees, they are as follows:

WGCF has appointed representatives Richard Christenson and Seppi Wadlegger, CFAC has appointed representatives Heather MacLennan and Peter Barstow, District of Clearwater has appointed representative Ken Kjenstad, TNRD has appointed representative Cathy Tucker, community at large representative Ted Richardson.

The Purposes of 2010 Society are:

- a) To promote the economic and social welfare of the residents of the Wells Gray Country (including the District of Clearwater), including the provision of support for benevolent and charitable enterprises, federations, agencies and societies engaging in furthering these purposes.
- b) To hold the shares, and receive all the benefit of the shareholdings, of the Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation, which company manages a Community Forest License (the "Community Forest") in the Wells Gray Country (Thompson Nicola Regional District Electoral "A").

To distribute funds it receives through the operations of the Community Forest or otherwise as follows:

- i. 25% to social needs in the Wells Gray Country (including the District of Clearwater) as determined by the board of directors
- ii. 50% to capital infrastructure improvements in which another person has matched funds in the Wells Gray Country (including the District of Clearwater);
- iii. 25% accumulating for larger projects that benefit the Wells Gray Country (including the District of Clearwater) either as a lump sum or ongoing payments.

## **5 Year Management Plan (MP)**

A five year MP is a requirement of the CF License Agreement. The plan describes the Goals, Objectives and Strategies that will be implemented on the Community Forest landbase. These Goals, Objectives and Strategies were developed with significant public input. The plan addresses the concerns of the impact of forest operations on other resource values, reviews forest health and proposes strategies for forest management and sets an annual harvest level (AAC) that addresses the priority harvest of beetle damaged pine while maintaining long term economic viability.

The plan addresses the allocation of the Annual Allowable Cut which is 20,000m<sup>3</sup> with an uplift of 15,300m<sup>3</sup> (for pine beetle effected stands) totaling 33,500m<sup>3</sup>.

The Management Plan is required to be updated every 5 years; the plan was submitted for approval on August 19, 2013.

The Management Plan is currently in its final stages of approval with FLNRO.

## **Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) 2013-2018**

A Forest Stewardship Plan is a requirement of the License Agreement. The FSP is consistent with the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA), the FSP identifies Government Objectives and Results and Strategies to meet these objectives. Including applicable stocking standards is also a requirement of this plan.

The FSP document is required to be updated every 5 years. In 2012 this plan required renewal and submission to government for approval for the next 5 year period. The revised FSP was submitted in September 2012, subsequently the plan required some enhancement and additional information over several months and was re submitted in October 2013. The plan was approved by FLNRO on November 27, 2013.

## **Single Cutting Permit**

In 2011 the Wells Gray CF was selected to pilot the One Cutting Permit application on behalf of the BC Community Forest Association. In 2013 the Wells Gray Community Forest successfully navigated the application process and received the "One CP". This single cutting permit has significantly streamlined administration when applying for cutting authorities.

## **Local Stakeholder Relationships**

### *District of Clearwater*

WGCF has worked closely with the District of Clearwater (DOC) in 2012 in their Forestry Working group. The WGCF accepted an invitation to be part of this group. This group brings together community forestry expertise and knowledge for discussions on important forest economic opportunities or issues facing the community.

The General Manager also had discussions with DOC public works department about the findings contained within the "Watershed Risk Analysis and Forest Development Suitability

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report for Russell, Hascheak and MacDougal Creeks” relating to Watershed infrastructure. The WGCFC highlighted various components of this report which related to some undersized or inadequate structures, including roads, both relating to hydrology issues within the Community watershed.

#### *Wells Gray Outdoor Club (WGOC)*

WGCFC will continue to work with stakeholders throughout our development and harvesting projects. The WGOC has made application to FLNRO in interest of adding a network of mountain bike trails to the existing ski trail network. We look forward to working with the Wells Gray Outdoor Club in the areas of trail development planning in the next year.

#### Sno Drifters

WGCFC will continue to work with stakeholders throughout our development and harvesting projects. Winter harvesting locations on Raft Mnt were referred to the local Sno Drifter skidoo club. Establishment of an alternate skidoo access route will be required during harvesting operations to ensure safety of users.

### **Public Communication**

The WGCFC has been working towards improving public communication, by holding meetings with the Community Forest Advisory Committee, general public meetings and establishing a web site.

On April 10, 2013 the WGCFC annual public information session was held. Discussions focused on the goals, milestones and past year’s activities as well as work plans for 2012/2013.

In 2013 the web site was updated with all polices which the board has developed as guidance for current and future boards. In 2013/2014 the Web site will have a completely new look, improvements will be based on recommendations which were provided from the WGCFC Board of Directors and the Community Forest Advisory Committee.

Several news articles were published in the local paper to keep people informed of Community Forest activities. As well as the articles, the yearly advertisement for harvesting contractors was completed.

In 2013 a number of harvesting locations were adjacent to private land parcels. Significant effort was put forth to personally contact these residents, provide maps and discuss any concerns relating to the harvest boundaries and timing of operations.

### **Non Timber Forest Resources**

The Wells Gray Community Forest was pleased to sponsor a SFU student to attend the Annual BC Community Forest conference in Smithers. The student conducted a presentation on “Non Timber Forest Resources, Barriers, Opportunities and Management Options.” This presentation was very well received at the conference and generated interest in her research.

## 2012/2013 WGCFE - Harvesting Summary

A focus on completing the final large scale salvaging of viable pine killed stands continued in 2012/2013. The first "green wood" block was completed in 2012/2013 in the Raft landscape area. The harvesting of 3 cutting permits was completed under the supervision of the WGCFE in 2012/2013 yielding 24,899m<sup>3</sup>.

CP-BLK	Contractor	Method	System	Type	Volume	Road
607-Mac009	Miller	Conventional	CCut - res	Salv Pli	7408m <sup>3</sup>	Perm&Temp
404-Bla 114	Miller	Conventional	CCut - res	Salv Pli	1050m <sup>3</sup>	Temp
4-1	Miller	Conventional	CCut - res	Green	16,441m <sup>3</sup>	Temp
Right of Way	Miller	Conventional	CCut	Green	3890m <sup>3</sup>	Perm

## 2012 WGCFE Silviculture Summary

Local Silviculture personnel were contacted to determine their availability for 2013 spring planting. The WGCFE competitive bidding process was followed in the awarding of the planting contract. The contract for the spring 2013 planting program was awarded in November 2012 to an out of town silviculture contractor from Dunster. The 2013 spring planting program was completed on time, establishing 130,680 seedlings on 10 recently harvested areas.

Manual brushing was conducted on several Aspen clone sites on a number of openings, to reduce the risk to impact free growing.

## Road Development

The board has recognized the need to provide access to timber in the future. In 2013 A total of 6.4 Km of main line permanent road was constructed to facilitate future harvesting.

Access to the RAFT chart area was upgraded by the WGCFE in October 2013, utilizing a local contractor. The focus of these upgrades was to improve the condition and function of drainage structures, which were utilized in the winter of 2013. This work significantly improves our road asset by improving cycle times and reducing mobilization costs for future logging operations.

Access to the Lolo chart area has been challenging to date for the WGCFE. Existing roads are located in portions of private land and include steep switch backs. A new access route was confirmed in the field adjacent to the Rifle range in Sunshine Valley. This route requires a Bridge crossing over Gill Creek. Applications and extensive referrals were conducted in the fall of 2013.

As part of protecting our road assets, the WGCFE conducts spring and fall road reviews to ensure that the drainage structures are functioning for peak flow periods.

## **License Activities / Projects**

### *Watershed Report Actions*

Development and harvesting was based upon the recommendations contained in the report titled "Watershed Risk Analysis and Forest Development Suitability Report for Russell, Hascheak and MacDougal Creeks". The development and harvesting of 1 cut block in 2013 containing high volumes of dead pine and balsam followed the recommendation contained in the report.

The Candle creek watershed was reviewed with a hydrologist during the summer of 2013 for stability and function relating to water courses. Documentation was received from a private land resident in the Candle creek area relating to a flood related event, this was one of the focus points of the Candle Creek Hydrologic review. A commissioned report resulted in the establishment of additional culverts which will control water related issues on some older roads in this watershed.

### *Long Term Planning*

Extensive efforts have been undertaken to give the board and the community confidence in our recently revised Annual Allowable cut determination. A 12-15 year plan identifying road, structures and harvest area locations has been assembled. This plan will be used to predict future financial projections, consultation requirements, harvesting location planning and structure requirements. This plan will be renewed every 3-4 years to ensure the WGCFC has sufficient fiber for future markets.

### *Fire Protection Activities*

The 2012 harvesting program continued to focus on the removal of dead pine stands. A considerable amount of effort was within the watershed boundaries.

## **Fund Distribution recipients 2013**

Many applications to the Wells Gray Community Forest Society were received during the two granting cycles within 2013. The successful 2013 fund recipients to date include the following:

### **March 2013**

North Thompson Pony Club	\$1800.00
Rodeo Rednecks	\$963.00
Clearwater Ski Hill	\$11,037.00
Raft River PAC	\$2000.00
Clearwater Minor Ball	\$1,700.00
Clearwater Elks #499	10,500.00

### **October 2013**

Clearwater Youth Soccer Assc.	\$5,760.00
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Clearwater Food Bank	\$500.00
Clearwater Rotary Club	\$500.00
Clearwater rock hounds	\$500.00

**Financial Statement 2012**

Attached are the 2012 financial statements.