

Planning Committee Meeting

April 8/09

7pm SIFCo Office

In attendance:

Staff:Tom Bradley

Stephan Martineau

EACT :Lisa Farr

RMRA :Bruce Charlton

Slocan:Mark Septav

WWC :Suzanne Schroyen

Phil Larstone

First meeting called to address SIFCo's first operations under the WUI grant, and plan to begin May 1st

Tom started the meeting with a slide show of the WUI work being done in Kaslo, and with pictures documenting the need for WUI work in SIFCo landbase.

Tom: Recognized approx. 650 hectares of WUI zone within the community forest boundary, have selected approx. 40 hectares to begin our first operations in.

Operation to begin in blocks as follows:

WINLAW to begin May 4th

WWC rep to contact JR, Jim Brennan and Woodward Road residents. Good place to start operations, small, straightforward block surrounded by OGMA

ANDERSON

This block is up Popou Rd. EACT rep to contact residents in area of activity.

PEDRO

WWC rep to contact local residents. Above Liam and Claude's place

TROZZO

Stephan: May not get to this block before funding runs out. EACT rep to contact local residents.

Lisa: recommended developing a communications policy for pre-operations, and community interface during operations

Agreed: Director(s) of relevant watershed will contact

residents in proximity of area that we will be operating in to let them know what we will be doing.

Agreed: that Lisa should begin work on a directory of residents, identified by area or creek, so that in the future, information can be mailed out to appropriate residents.

Mark: Promote information sharing of job creation, fire protection, ungulate habitat considerations, diversity of forest cover, and community support.

Mark: Share with landowners the potential opportunity of fire protection work on their private land. \$3,000-\$7000 guesstimate costs

Mark: Photo documentation of before and after, with a potential site tour post work for interested community members.

Mark: Radio announcement or media coverage when work is in progress

Tom: Firewood is a potential side business, or gratuity-wait and see how much we have before we decide the best plan for it, sales or give aways.

Suzanne: Winlaw's Mayday celebration will be an opportunity for SIFco to share some information, opportunity to do some education and to begin developing a community database.