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Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. Update to Landscape Fire Management Plan

Burns Lake - On May 15th, 2019, Burns Lake Community Forest received a comprehensive LFMP report completed by B.A Blackwell and Associates. The report provides an unbiased opinion on wildfire risk associated with the ComFor and considers the appropriate mitigation measures to reduce risk associated with long-term fire suppression, impacts of the mountain pine beetle, and concerns related to climate change.

The Blackwell report identified that 63% of the landscape in the BL ComFor is composed of hazardous fuel types.

BL ComFor Manager, Frank Varga said this about the plan, “We are committed to seeing this plan implemented over the next few years, with focused efforts to start Fall of 2019.

The success of this project relied on two key initiatives; Visual Quality Exemption for the area south of the town of Burns Lake and cutting permit authorization for that area. I am excited to report that with our collaborative efforts between Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resources Operations – Nadina District, NorthWest Fire Center, and community forest board and staff, we have received approval for implementation of our landscape fire plan which support commencement of harvesting activities immediately.

We want to thank the Ministry Staff for supporting the authorization process for this initiative.

BLCF will be issuing tender opportunities October 4th for bid for select list contractors.

BLCF plans harvest commencement October 15th, 2019.

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