

We Want to Hear From You

Sundre Forest Products will be hosting its Annual Open House sessions. We will have professional staff on hand to answer any questions that you might have about our forestry activities and the Community Reforestation Program activities planned for the upcoming year. These sessions are a good opportunity for you to find out where we are planning to build roads and cutblocks and what reforestation will be completed for the next couple of years.

Disturbance (logging or fire) is very important for the health of the forest because without it we will end up with only old decaying forests. Old forests might be good for some animals like marten, but there are many animals such as elk and grizzly bears that require young forests. A range of forest ages across a region is what would have occurred naturally. By properly managing forests a good balance of social, economic and environmental values is possible. Logging, like fire, looks quite a bit different than the mature trees that we are used to. With the old and mature trees removed new plants and animals will start to use the disturbed areas. Then within 100 years we would be back harvesting the mature trees again.

Some benefits of forest management:



1. Forests ecosystems will be healthier by removing old, dead and dying trees to allow a new forest to grow.
2. Harvesting will help to reduce the fire risk by removing the fuels (trees)
3. Harvesting trees and making into lumber and other wood products captures the carbon helping to reduce global warming
4. It is based on a renewable resource and the jobs and economic wealth created are sustainable in the long term

Every cut block that we harvest has to be satisfactorily reforested to standards set by the Government of

Alberta. Part of this program means planting 6,200,000 seedlings this year. Unfortunately like many gardens or farm fields weeds, other plants can out-compete the seedlings we plant on those sites. Thus, some cut blocks or portions of cut blocks might require herbicide application. We are planning to apply herbicides by using both ground and aerial based application systems. We have selected various locations across the Forest Management Agreement area for this application which typically takes place in early September. We will have those herbicide plans available for review at these Open House Sessions. Information will also be available for herbicide application on the Community Forest Program.

Come and learn more at our Open House Sessions:

Tuesday, June 13th – Rocky Mountain House Legion 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14th – Best Western Hotel - Sundre 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 15th – Nordegg Community Hall 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For more information phone Tom Daniels at 1-877-638-4482 or visit our website at

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