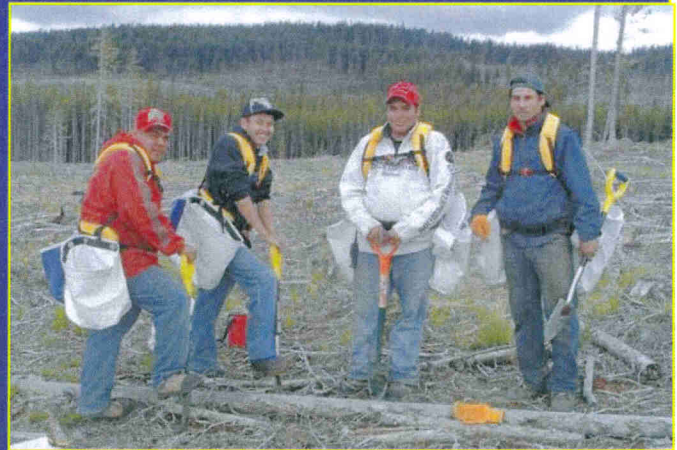


DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Silviculture Projects on the Community Forest

Tree Planting

This year was our second season of tree planting on the Westbank Community Forest. As you recall we had a very strange spring with lots of rain and snow until the end of May. This meant that our planting program was delayed until the latter part of May when the ground finally dried out and the snow patches disappeared. This year we complimented our contract planting crew with four First Nations tree planters all planting trees for the first time. Thanks to everyone who participated including Bob Swite who assisted in training and planting supervision.



Our 2008 Planting Crew: David Michelle Jr., Clayton Jim, Louie Ghostkeeper, Cory Potskin



Our 2008 Brushing Crew: Ted Clough; Jarvis McDougall; Cory Eli

Brushing Crew

Last year, just before the snow arrived, we started a brushing project in the Hidden Creek area. This block was logged in 2005 but was very thick with alder and willow. To prepare the site for planting in 2009 we sent a crew to the site to cut back this vegetation. This normally does not kill the vegetation but gives our planters an opportunity to find appropriate planting spots and gives the seedlings a chance to get established before the alder and willow grow back.

If you have any questions about WFN's forestry program feel free to contact Grant Thompson at 769-5671, via email at Grant.Thompson@wfn.ca or drop in to our office in the basement of the fire hall.

