

Kapoor Road Activities

In December 2020, Mosaic Forest Management will commence operations at approximately 8km on Kapoor Main. These operations take place near the start of the trail to Koksilah Grove, an area of significant social, cultural and ecological interest. To that end, we want to ensure the public understands what we are doing in the area, and how we plan to protect the Grove and the Koksilah River.

LOCATION OF OPERATIONS

The scheduled road reconstruction and harvest plans will take place entirely within Mosaic's private managed forest lands. These lands are subject to Provincial and Federal legislation, including the Fisheries Act, Wildlife Act, Wildfire Act, Drinking Water Protection Act, and Private Managed Forest Land Act, to name a few. Further, we subscribe to voluntary third party certification programs, including the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Progressive Aboriginal Relations. Our lands are managed by registered professional foresters and biologists, among others, and undergo independent third party audits yearly.

The operating area is comprised of second growth forest that comes from a fire history. This means that most of the forest burned in the fire event, and it is re-established now as a mature second growth stand. Occasional older trees that did not burn in the fire event do remain.

LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

This area is near the recently donated Drs. Jagdis and Sarjit K. Siddoo Park, as well as Koksilah River Park. In addition, the Koksilah River and Koksilah Grove are located east and north of the operating area.

Koksilah Grove is a locally known stand of old growth Douglas-fir and western redcedar. Mosaic recognizes the Grove's particular ecological value, and it remains voluntarily excluded from our operating areas. The Grove will not be impacted by our planned activities.

Through the years, we have donated or sold more than 44,000 hectares of private land for conservation on Vancouver Island – most of this area represents the highest ecological quality forest areas in our private forest land base.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Road upgrades and construction will begin in December 2020. Upgrades along the route to Koksilah Grove take place on the first 700m of the walk in from Kapoor Main. Beyond that, the remainder of the existing trail will be undisturbed for the more than 1000m it takes to reach the Grove.

Harvesting in this area considers the proximity of the Koksilah River and the Grove. It is scheduled to occur only within second growth, and old trees will be protected in group reserves or as single trees, to the greatest extent possible. Our plans leave large buffers on the Koksilah River that generally exceed 80m, and our harvest area is over 600m away from the Grove itself. We have had a professional biologist review the area for additional special features and rare ecosystems to confirm that plans in place will not affect the Grove or the Koksilah River.

TEMPORARY ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Hiking trails will be closed during road reconstruction and harvest operations to ensure public safety. Closures will be clearly marked on main trails and roadways. Once harvesting is complete we will ensure trail access is restored.

Some dirt bike trails are also found in the vicinity of this operating area. Dirt bike trails have caused deep rutting on steep slopes, and will be deactivated when activities are complete.

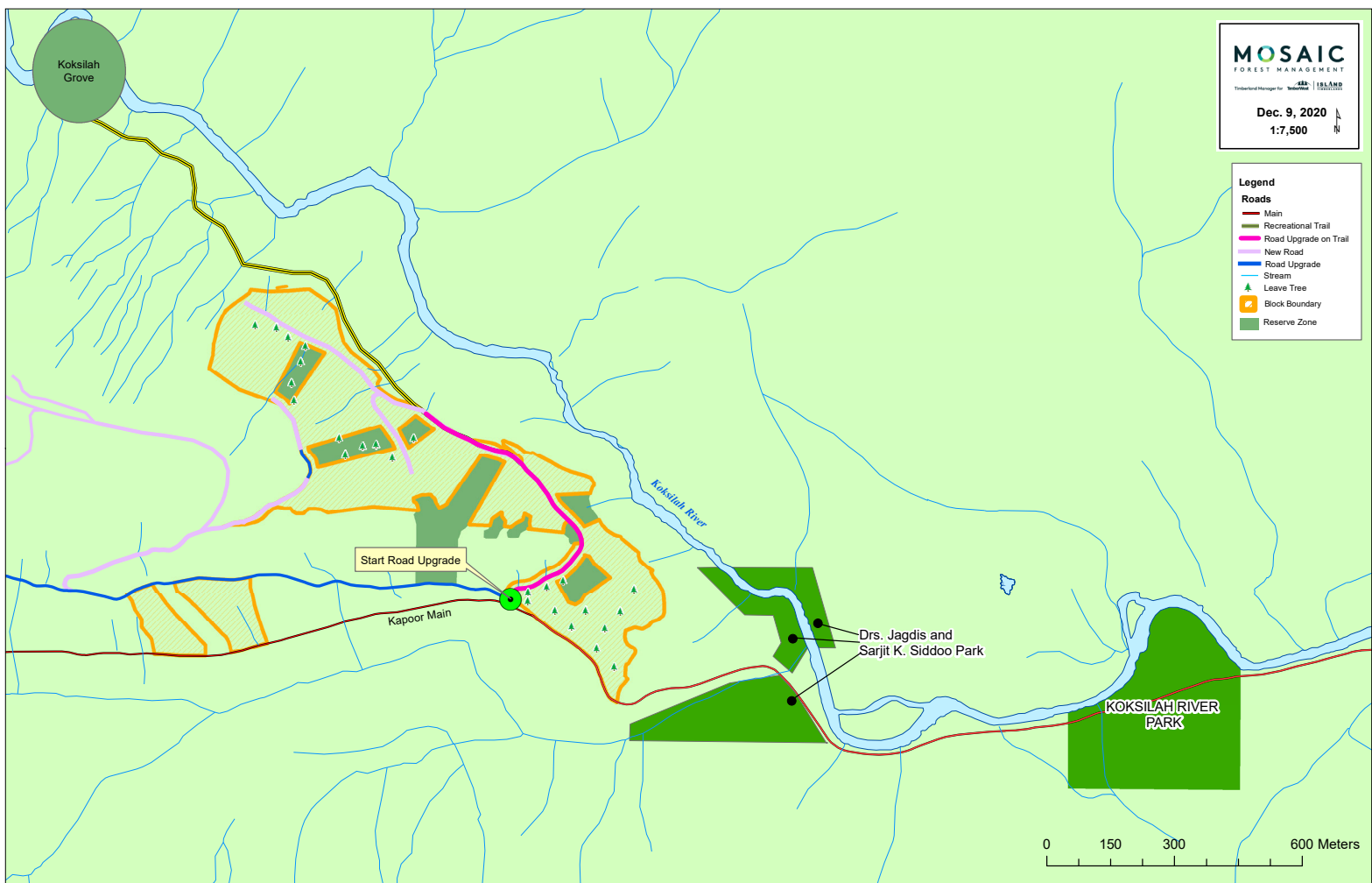
REFORESTATION

For every tree harvested, Mosaic plants at least two seedlings, and we do this in the first planting season after harvest is complete. Seedlings used will be local species that are most ecologically suited to the area. There are no GMO or introduced species used in our planting programs.

You may notice surveyors visiting the site after harvest and planting to be sure the trees are healthy and regenerating successfully.

MAP

Below map shows the road upgrade (pink), the trail (yellow) and the locations of the Grove, Siddoo Park and the future Mosaic harvest area (orange).



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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