

**MIFLAG Field Trip - Thursday August 9, 2018- PRT Nursery**

**Attendees:** Jason Hutchinson (medium size contractors, SNRC), Lynn Nash (Seniors Rep), Sandra Barnes (Campbell River Environmental Committee), Donn Fawdrey (Finning- Supplier Rep), Maureen Hunter (member at large), Christine Kuizema (Small Contractor), Taisa Brown (Area Planner-Mid Island Forest Operation), Annette Van Niejenhuis(Corporate Tree Improvement Forester), Craig Adams (PRT Manager), Kelly McMahon (WFP), Jill West (Chair)

**Pickup:** 3:00pm pick up from Spirit Square

**Drop off:** 8:30pm Spirit Square

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Craig Adams (PRT Nursery Manager) led us through a tour of the nursery, from seed collection through the growing cycle to transport to the customer (WFP) for planting. The tour concluded with looking at the tree seedlings growing for the upcoming fall contract at WFP Mid Island Forest Operation.

Viewed the selection of red alder seedlings, which is new for the nursery. As WFP is implementing the hardwood management strategies and reducing brushing on some sites, we are moving to planting alder on the brushy sites (as discussed in the past with MIFLAG in relation to the Herbicide Indicator).

Over dinner Annette discussed the Seed Transfer protocol and how different species may be/ are being affected by climate change. Discussed government and industry working groups that are examining climate change and developing changes to the seed transfer guidelines as well as the future preferred and acceptable species for sites.

Taisa provided an update on Herbicide and Brushing Program: noted that there are no herbicide treatments happening at Mid Island in the 2018 year (related to time constraints with the Notification/ Approval process). As a result, the level of brushing next year will be higher than normal to catch up with the areas missed this year.

Kelly discussed the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Forestry Expo and solicited volunteers.