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> * Fording Coal Ltd have purchased the interests of McGillvray Mining [a small consortium including a local contractor, engineer and geologist who permitted a small open pit coal project]. Presumably FCL will negotiate with Crestbrook Forest Industries who own the surface, trees and coal, and, if an acceptable deal is reached, FCL will embark on a major exploration program to extend and complement the reserves of the nearby Coal Mountain Mine.

* The Clancy MX road show had a successful tour of the Kootenays with an interagency and public meetings in Cranbrook and Neslon. All meetings were well attended.

* Some excitement when a small slash pile, which was being burnt by Fording Greenhills Mine, caused a minor forest fire. Approx 20 staff from both FCL's Fording and Greenhills mines fought the fires aided by helicopters. The fire was contained by the evening with no injuries or significant damage.

* A few minor DOs

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