

Report for Oromahoe 18R2B2B2 Trust. October 11th 2014

Forestry

It has been a very difficult growing year due in no small part to the extreme weather conditions that Northland has endured. Rain, ground moisture and winds are not favourable for tree growth but through all this the trees have performed well with only a small amount of wind throw. All silverculture has been completed and the trees are set to grow through to maturity.

International log prices have dropped slightly from last year but quality New Zealand timber is still fetching good prices on the world markets. Late last year Ian was approached by a private buyer interested in harvesting the old shelter belt Poplar trees that grew behind the woolshed and managers house. The buyer would fell the poplars, remove the logs and clean up the site. This was all completed and the Trust received payment for the logs. A good deal considering these trees were at the end of their life, with many having fallen over in the past few years.

Insurance

During a review of the Trust insurances this year a subject of Trustee Liability cover was raised.

It has become a more relevant topic now as Trustees are putting their financial reputations on the line in dealing with Trust matters. It is only fair they should have adequate insurance cover. Need for this could result from a disgruntled employee, a member of the public having an accident on Trust property or a vehicle accident involving stock through to action taken by financial institutions or government departments such as MBIE (the old Dept. of Labour) or NRC due to a resource consent breach.

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