



## **Bayroot LLC Public Summary Report Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2005-2009 Edition]**

### **Project Scope and Objectives**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") completed a SFI Surveillance Assessment on September 14, 2007. The project scope included fee lands owned by Bayroot LLC (the "landowner") in Maine and managed by Wagner Forest Management, Ltd. ("Wagner" or "the company"), and the Wagner fee land management systems at its corporate office in Bangor, Maine. The team for this assessment included Bruce Eaket, RPF, EMS (LA), and James Lucas, and RPF, MF, of PwC, and Dr. Richard DeGraaf, Ph.D. contract assessor.

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess the SFI management system at the corporate level and to evaluate Wagner's implementation of the SFI Standard on the ground including planning, harvesting, silviculture, road construction and road maintenance with a focus on wildlife management.

### **Indicators**

All of the indicators in the SFI Standard were within the scope of the assessment, except for Objective 8, since Wagner does not procure logs. There were no substitute indicators.

### **Assessment Process**

The assessment team conducted interviews and reviewed appropriate documentation to assess policies and procedures, and tested implementation of SFI program requirements in the field. The report was dated November 30, 2007.

## **Summary of Findings**

There were no major or minor non-conformances identified during the audit.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Harvest layout for some wet sites would be better carried out in snow free conditions.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- Wagner has developed a detailed and comprehensive internal SFI assessment form which shows evidence of continual improvement. Additionally, the company has shown a commitment to training its supervisors to become internal auditors which goes beyond the requirements of the SFI standard and should contribute to the continuous improvement of Wagner's performance.
- Wagner foresters conducted frequent inspections and communications with loggers in an effort to leave a number of identified wildlife trees.

## **Conclusion**

Bayroot LLC has maintained conformance to the requirements of the SFI Standard. The Registrar's Report and Certificate can be can be obtained by contacting Gordon Gamble of Wagner Forest Management (207-369-9759).