



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

### **Project Scope and Objectives**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a SFI Re-registration Assessment on 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 Lyme, New Hampshire. The Lead Assessor was James Lucas, RPF, MF, EMS (LA). Team members included Dr. Richard Degraaf and Dr. Jeffrey Benjamin.

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.

### **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 20, 2009.

### **Summary of Findings**

There were two minor non-conformities identified during the assessment:

- Bringing older haul roads up to current BMP standards.
- Consistently applying BMPs for erosion protection.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Enhancing logger awareness of SFI and forest certification.
- Consistently closing out harvest operations.
- Consistently marking riparian features in the field.
- Enhancing the use of existing wildlife/stand type matrices to identify habitats and the species associated with them.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- Wagner foresters continue to exceed state requirements for riparian protection on managed lands.
- Wagner foresters have demonstrated flexibility in working with contractors' preferences for operational harvest information.
- A Wagner contractor has designed and developed an innovative mobile chipper/forwarder to process limbs, tops and small diameter stems on site to produce energy wood from cut to length operations.
- Wagner has been working cooperatively with an organization to create Woodcock habitat on Tree Farm lands. This project demonstrates exemplary cooperation between habitat biologists, Wagner's forestry staff and contractors.
- Wagner is working to create various seral stage forests for wildlife habitat with a number of organizations which are protecting and conserving habitat such as Project Share (Atlantic Salmon), the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge (Deer) and the Northern Forest Woodcock Initiative.

## **Conclusion**

Bayroot LLC has maintained conformance to the requirements of the SFI Standard [2005-2009 Edition]. The Certificate of Registration can be obtained by contacting Gordon Gamble of Wagner Forest Management (207-369-9759).