

SFI 2015-2019 – Public Summary Report

WEYERHAEUSER COLUMBIA TIMBERLANDS

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY

The Washington and Oregon State Weyerhaeuser Columbia Timberlands are located on approximately 635,000 acres at multiple tree farm units in Washington and Oregon with a central office located in Longview, Washington. This is the former Longview Timber operations that were purchased by Weyerhaeuser in July 2013.

Columbia Timberlands was originally registered to the SFI 2005-2009 Standard on July 25, 2008 as Longview Timber and has continued to maintain its certification status to the SFI Forest Management Standard under the new ownership. The company SFI representative is Andy Hopkins.

AUDIT

During the period of July 27 to July 28, 2016 Weyerhaeuser Columbia Timberlands underwent a surveillance audit to the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard. The registration cycle is over three years with surveillance audits conducted annually. The audit assessed active and completed harvest operations through interviews with the company staff and contractors. The audit also assessed the SFI documentation and records at the company’s office including stakeholder and indigenous people’s communication.

The SFI program third-party audit was undertaken by SAI Global. SAI Global is an independent third party registrar that is accredited by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) Standard ensuring the integrity and credibility of the audit process.

THE AUDIT TEAM

The SAI Global audit team who performed the audit consisted of Julie Stangell audit team leader, and Cindy Hutchison, audit team member. The auditors are Professional Foresters and certified auditors.

REGISTRATION TYPE

Certificate Type	SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard	SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard
Single site	X	

MULTI-SITE / GROUP EVALUATION

Not applicable.

SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard

FOREST LAND AND MANGEMENT PLAN INCLUDED IN THE AUDIT SCOPE

Weyerhaeuser Columbia Timberlands manages approximately 635,000 acres of forestland at multiple tree farm units in Washington and Oregon with a central office located in Longview, Washington. Lands are located on the west side of the Cascade Mountains in the foothills of the Cascades and in the Coast Range of both states. Lands were historically dominated by Douglas-fir and are primarily planted to this species. Other species planted are noble fir, grand fir, Western red cedar, Sitka spruce, ponderosa pine, and red alder.

All of the timberlands managed in the western U.S. have been harvested and regenerated at least once. In some locations, the third generation of trees is being planted. Weyerhaeuser's intensive forest management includes planting seedlings produced through tree selection, breeding and their field testing program, fertilizing the soil where needed, preventing competing vegetation from overcrowding young trees in their first few growing seasons, and thinning stands during their growing cycle to support robust growth. In general, trees are harvested utilizing regeneration harvest techniques and are planted within two growing seasons with a focus on planting excellent seedlings adapted to the site. They participate extensively in research and partnerships to identify best silvicultural and management practices.

Recreational access is allowed when compatible with company operations through a recreation access permit program and through recreation leases

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Forest management activities – planning, harvesting, transportation, and silviculture on private land owned by the organization in the states of Washington and Oregon.

There has been no modification to the scope since the last public summary report.

AUDIT PROCESS

During this audit, the audit team evaluated the company against the objectives listed in Appendix 3, Table 1. The evidence of compliance observed is listed in Appendix 3, Table 2.

A sample of field review sites were chosen from a list of active sites and sites where forest management activities occurred since the last audit. The site choice also considered activity type, and risk factors, related to the

audit objectives selected for review, as well as the opportunity to verify implementation of corrective actions for previous non-conformities.

SUBSTITUTE INDICATORS

No substitute indicators were evaluated during this audit.

COMPLAINTS

No complaints have been received; therefore the complaint handling process could not be verified.

SITES INSPECTED AND ASSESSMENT TIME

Audit Activity	Duration in days
Off-site preparation and on-site office review:	1.25 days on-site 1 day off-site
Field review:	2.75 days
Sites	Number inspected
Roads	6
Harvesting Blocks	8
Silviculture Sites	8
Operations visited: Northwest Oregon Tree Farm: Coast Operation, Deer Island Operation, Clatskanie Operation	

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Definitions for findings can be found in Appendix 1.

Areas of non-conformance

Not applicable.

Opportunities for improvement

Two opportunities for improvement were identified:

- The company may wish to consider a risk rated systematic road and culvert monitoring and maintenance program for the eastern portion of the NW Oregon Tree Farm.
- The company may wish to consider an SFI and legal requirements checklist to demonstrate monitoring of BMPs for chemical applications.

Exceptional practices

Eight good business practices were identified during the course of the audit:

- Inspection checklist completed during active operations (in addition to pre and post).
- F&B Logging regularly have “standby” hay bales on site to use for erosion control.
- Coast Operations have partnered with watershed councils to inventory fish culverts and prioritize grant money works.
- Quality Excavation displayed diligence in using oil socks in water during bridge maintenance.
- Chemical storage area is outstanding – clean, signs, PPE, eyewash
- Collaboration and neighbor/ tribal relations - ie: tribal training, perched culvert replacement project with watershed council
- ‘Orange Books’ on active landings – all information required including safety, SFI requirements
- Orange fencing to block roads on active operations

Status of previous audit non-compliances

No non-conformities were raised during the previous audit.

CERTIFICATION DECISION SFI 2015-2019 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

Surveillance Audit

Based on the results of this surveillance audit it has been determined that the management system is effectively implemented and meets the requirements relative to the scope of registration and audit criteria, therefore, a recommendation to maintain the registration is made to SAI Global.

Appendices

Appendix 1: DEFINITIONS

Major Non-Conformances

Pervasive or critical to the achievement of the SFI objectives

All major non-conformances require an action plan to be implemented by the auditee within 90 days of an initial audit or registration cannot be achieved. Subsequently for surveillance audits, an action plan shall be implemented by the auditee within 60 days for the registration to be maintained.

Minor Non-Conformances

Isolated incidents that are non-critical but must be addressed before the next surveillance audit to maintain compliance to the SFI standard. Non resolved minor non-conformance will be escalated to a major non-conformance.

Opportunity for Improvement

Are not non-conformances but are comments on specific areas where improvements can be made.

Exceptional practices

Areas that are deemed to be of outstanding practices.

Appendix 2: MULTI-SITE / GROUP SAMPLING APPROACH

Not applicable; this is a single site.

Appendix 3: EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY TO THE SFI 2015-2019 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

Table 1 Objectives Audited

Objective 1	Forest Management Planning	X
Objective 2	Forest Health and Productivity	X
Objective 3	Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources	X
Objective 4	Conservation of Biological Diversity	
Objective 5	Management of Visual and Recreational Benefits	X
Objective 6	Protection of Special Sites	
Objective 7	Efficient Use of Forest Resources	X
Objective 8	Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights	X
Objective 9	Legal and Regulatory Compliance	X
Objective 10	Forestry Research, Science and Technology	
Objective 11	Training and Education	X
Objective 12	Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	X
Objective 13	Public Land Management Responsibilities	NA
Objective 14	Communications and Public Reporting	X
Objective 15	Management Review and Continual Improvement	X

Table 2 Evidence Observed

Environmental management system (EMS) Manual	X	Cutblock size calculations	X
Written policies	X	Employee observation forms (species at risk, invasive plants, other values)	
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	X	Pre-work discussions/meeting records	X
EMS and SFI field handbook	X	Monitoring records for non-timber values	X
Training records (staff and contractors)	X	Utilization records	
SFI/EMS training agenda	X	Laws, legislation, regulations records	X
Health and safety manual and/or employee policy manual	X	Annual management review records	
Timber supply review	X	Internal audit records	X
Maps (pre-harvest, harvest, post-harvest, and silviculture)	X	Corrective action logs	X
Timber development standards	X	Education/community involvement records	X
Non-timber values impact assessments (riparian, visual, recreation, biodiversity, cultural heritage, other:)	X	Records of public inquiries and complaints	X
GIS inventories (soils, forest, land classification, non-timber values)	X	Stakeholder communications records	X
Long term management plans and sustainable harvest level calculation	X	Agreements and communications with Indigenous communities	
Cutting/harvesting permits	X	Multi-licensee and/or government meeting minutes	
Operational plans (annual, cutblock level)	X	Logging agreements and/or contracts	X
Wet/adverse weather plans or guidelines	X	Wood producer training programs	X
Reforestation plans	X	Wood producer information package	
Pest management plan		SFI Annual Report	X
Fire preparedness plan	X	SFI and company websites	X
Spill prevention and response plan	X	SFI brochure	
Silviculture surveys and reports	X	SFI Implementation committee (participation/support)	X
Standards for seed use		Climate change information and/or meeting minutes	X
Chemical use/spray records and applicator certification	X	Research and discussion papers	

Tree improvement reports			Support for research and science	
Green-up records	X		External audit field inspections	X
Free to grow records			External audit interviews (office and field)	X
Planting program records	X		Forest Cover Change Analysis	X
Harvest inspection records	X		Forestry Written Plans	X
Road and bridge inspection records	X			
Pre-harvest inspection records	X			
Post-harvest inspection records	X			
Government compliance records	X			

