

Forest Certification UPDATE



WEYERHAEUSER CANADA LIMITED CANADIAN TIMBERLANDS

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY

Weyerhaeuser Canada Limited (Weyerhaeuser) owns and operates an engineered forest products mill, pulp mill, oriented strand board mills and solid wood products facilities in western and central Canada. The company has internationally recognized third party forest management certification covering 100% of its Canadian woodlands operations.

Weyerhaeuser's operations in Canada depend on approximately 13.9 million acres of temperate and boreal forests in four provinces: Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, of which the vast majority are Crown forest lands for which the company is directly responsible and accountable for on each of their Forest Management Licences. The wood procurement program includes a minor amount of private land and mostly crown forest areas owned or licenced to third parties who implement best management practices on their land base. The woodlands office in Princeton has overall responsibility for meeting Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) objectives.

Fiber from the Weyerhaeuser Canadian Timberlands goes to mills in Princeton, BC; Grande Prairie, Alberta; Edson, Alberta; Drayton Valley, Alberta; Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan; and Kenora, Ontario.

BACKGROUND

During the period of October 26, 2015 and November 6, 2015, Weyerhaeuser Canada Limited underwent a re-registration audit to the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard and SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard. The registration cycle is over 3 years with surveillance audits conducted annually. This report summarizes the audit process and the results of the SAI Global evaluation.

SCOPE OF REGISTRATION

Fiber Sourcing:

Sourcing of fiber from wood suppliers in Princeton in British Columbia, Grande Prairie and Drayton Valley in Alberta, Hudson Bay in Saskatchewan and Kenora In Ontario The Appendix 1: Rules for Use of SFI Certified Sourcing Label is not covered by the scope of this certificate. Pembina Timberlands (file 014894) is responsible for the fiber sourcing of the following facilities: Drayton Valley softwood lumber mill (file 025172) P.O. Box 7739 Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1S8 Edson OSB (file 1069984) 2509 Aspen Drive, Edson, Alberta T7E 1S8 Canada Grande Prairie Timberlands (file 010747) is responsible for the fiber sourcing of the following facilities: Grand Prairie softwood lumber mill (file 25170) Resource Road Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 3A9 Canada Grand Prairie pulp mill (file 004643) Postal Bag 1020 Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 3A9 Canada Kenora Timberlands (file 1044739) is responsible for the fiber sourcing of the following facility: Kenora engineered lumber mill (file 1612126) 1000 Jones Road, PO Box 1930, Kenora Ontario P9N 3X8 Canada Princeton Timberlands (file 008923) is responsible for the fiber sourcing of the following facility: Princeton softwood lumber mill (file 025550) PO Box 550 Princeton, British Columbia V0X 1W0 Canada Saskatchewan Timberlands (file 011332) is responsible for the fiber sourcing of the following facility: Hudson Bay OSB (file 1068378) Box 40 Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan S0E 0Y0 Canada

Forest Management:

Forest management activities – planning, harvesting, transportation and silviculture on Canadian Crown tenures in Princeton in British Columbia, Grande Prairie and Drayton Valley in Alberta, Hudson Bay in Saskatchewan and Kenora In Ontario The SFI certificate covers both the 2015-2019 SFI Forest Management Standard and the 2010-2014 SFI Standard (Section 2). Fiber sold under this certificate counts as 100% SFI and PEFC certified forest content.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (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) for registrations to SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard and SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard. This ensures the integrity and credibility of the audit process.

The audit assessed active and completed harvest, road and silviculture operations through observations, document review and interviews with the company staff and contractors. The audit also assessed the SFI documentation and records at the company’s office.

THE AUDITORS

The SAI Global audit team who performed the audit consisted of David Barker, audit team leader, Laird Van Damme, Rod Seabrook, and Ken Hall, audit team members. The auditors are Professional Foresters and qualified lead auditors.

AREAS OF NON-CONFORMANCE

Type	Performance Measure #	Description
Minor	xxx	Harvesting practices on an active steep slope block were not consistent with the organization’s Best Management Practices for minimizing soil disturbance

OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

There were 11 opportunities for improvement. Note FM is forest management standard and FS is the fiber sourcing standard. These OFIs are:

1. Head Office (FM and FS) Consider making Weyerhaeuser policies more readily accessible on the corporate website.
2. (FS) Consider persistent lobbying to the WCSIC to ensure policies are updated regarding continuing education for wood producers.
3. Saskatchewan (FM) Consider reviewing SOPs to ensure consistent culvert placement.

Saskatchewan (FS)-

4. Consider using a risk based approach to establishing a monitoring frequency for 3rd party operators (e.g. level of experience, previous track record, complexity of operation, site sensitivity).
5. Consider improving the discussion of business management in the wood producer training program.

6. Consider having WCSIC update their website to reference the 2015-2019 Standards and add email addresses and/or contact phone numbers for the reporting inconsistent practices to contact persons.

Pembina (FM)-

7. Consider re-piling and burning the 2015 unburnt woody debris piles to increase plantable spots.
8. Consider including the date of the revision on custom maps.
9. Consider removing seasonal recommendations from field maps.
10. Consider revising reporting spill limits with Contractors to the requirement to report all spills regardless of the size or type.
11. Consider expanding the Road Construction Safety Inspection sheet to include environmental and engineering aspects.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS

Weyerhaeuser Canada Limited has developed corrective action plans to address the root causes of the non-conformity identified during the audit. The root cause analysis and proposed corrective actions have been reviewed by SAI Global Lead auditor to ensure that they are appropriate, and fully address the identified deficiencies, and the non-conformity has been closed. At the next annual audit a follow-up on the implemented corrective actions will be done to confirm that the corrective actions were appropriate and effective in ensuring the non-conforming situation will not reoccur.

COMPLAINTS

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

POSITIVE ASPECTS

There were 15 positive aspects:

Saskatchewan FM

- Well done sediment control measures on new roads and bridges.
- Operators' thorough understanding and communication of SFI and EMS implementation requirements. GPS tablets onboard feller bunchers.
- Accommodations of other forest uses.
- Records well organized and maintained at both Weyerhaeuser and contractor (Get R Done).
- Good awareness by contractor and employees of potential negative environmental impacts and procedures to manage those.

Saskatchewan FS

- Records are well organized and maintained at both Weyerhaeuser and contractor (Get R Done).
- Good awareness by contractor and employees of potential negative environmental impacts and procedures to manage those.

SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard Summary

Major non-conformances:	0
Minor non-conformances:	0
Opportunities for Improvement:	7
Positive Aspects:	12

SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard Periodic Assessments

Major non-conformances:	0
Minor non-conformances:	1
Opportunities for Improvement:	5
Positive Aspects:	3

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 and subsequently 60 days or registration cannot be achieved/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.

Opportunity for Improvement

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

Positive Aspects

Areas that are deemed to be of best practices.

- Treed buffer left on drainage by contractor (not required by property owner).

Pembina FM

- The high amount and quality of reference material provided to staff and contractors specific to Best Management Practices, Operating Procedures and Species at Risk.
- Contractors collect Grizzly Bear scat evidence for the purposes of DNA testing.
- Silt catchment diaper was effectively used on a bridge- Chambers Road West at 0+800.
- Songbird, raptors and waterfowl surveys are performed every three years and operational surveys of migratory birds are conducted during the nesting season.
- The SFI evidence package has hot links to the reference material rather than imbedding the evidence in the word document.
- Weyerhaeuser Alberta Divisional visual guide to Ecological principles and practices is being effectively implemented in the field.
- A very thorough internal audit was carried out. There was a substantial focus on sediment control at road watercourse crossings, good given the wet period during the audit.

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

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	x
Objective 5	Management of Visual and Recreational Benefits	x
Objective 6	Protection of Special Sites	x
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	x

Objective 11	Training and Education	X
Objective 12	Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	X
Objective 13	Public Land Management Responsibilities	X
Objective 14	Communications and Public Reporting	X
Objective 15	Management Review and Continual Improvement	X

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)	x
Standard Operating Procedures (Work Instructions) 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	x
SFI/EMS training agenda	x	Laws, legislation, regulations records	x
Health and safety manual and/or employee policy manual	x	Annual management review records	x
Timber supply review		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	
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	x
Cutting/harvesting permits	x	Multi-licensee and/or government meeting minutes	x
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	x
Pest management plan	x	SFI Annual Report	x
Fire preparedness plan	x	SFI and company websites	x
Spill prevention and response plan	x	SFI brochure	x
Silviculture surveys and reports	x	SFI Implementation committee (participation/support)	x
Standards for seed use	x	Climate change information and/or meeting minutes	x

Chemical use/spray records and applicator certification	x	Research and discussion papers	x
Tree improvement reports		Support for research and science	x
Green-up records		External audit field inspections	x
Free to grow records	x	External audit interviews (office and field)	x
Planting program records	x		
Harvest inspection records	x		
Road and bridge inspection records	x		
Pre-harvest inspection records	x		
Post-harvest inspection records	x		
Government compliance records	x		

CERTIFICATION DECISION SFI 2015-2019 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

Re-registration Audit

Based on the results of this re-registration audit, it has been determined that the management system of Weyerhaeuser Canada Limited is effectively implemented and meets the requirements relative to the scope of registration and audit criteria. The action plan related to the non-conformance has been reviewed and considered acceptable. The implementation of the action plan for the minor non-conformance will be reviewed at the next surveillance audit. Therefore, a recommendation for registration is made to SAI Global.

EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY TO SFI 2015-2019 FIBER SOURCING STANDARD

Objectives Audited

Fiber Sourcing Within the United States and Canada		
Objective 1	Biodiversity in Fiber Sourcing	x
Objective 2	Adherence to Best Management Practices	x
Objective 3	Use of Qualified Resource and Qualified Logging Professionals	x
Objective 4	Legal and Regulatory Compliance	x
Objective 5	Forestry Research, Science, and Technology	x
Objective 6	Training and Education	x
Objective 7	Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	x
Objective 8	Public Land Management Responsibilities	x

Objective 9	Communications and Public Reporting	x
Objective 10	Management Review and Continual Improvement	x

Fiber Sourcing Outside the United States and Canada		
Objective 11	Promote Conservation of Biological Diversity, Biodiversity Hotspots and High-Biodiversity Wilderness Areas	
Objective 12	Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Illegal Logging	
Objective 13	Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Fiber Sourced from Areas without Effective Social Laws	

Evidence Observed

Environmental management system (EMS) Manual	x	SFI Annual Report	x
Written policies	x	SFI and company websites	x
Standard Operating Procedures (Work Instructions) for best management practices	x	SFI brochure	x
EMS and SFI field handbook	x	SFI Implementation committee (participation/support)	x
Training records (staff and contractors)	x	External audit field inspections	x
SFI/EMS training agenda	x	External audit interviews (office and field)	x
Cutting/harvesting permits	x	Management review	x
Operational plans (annual, cutblock level)	x		
Wet/adverse weather plans or guidelines	x		
Reforestation plans	x		
Best management practices monitoring records	x		
Evaluation of best management practices	x		
Government compliance records	x		
Pre-work discussions/meeting records	x		
Monitoring records for non-timber values	x		
Utilization records	x		
Laws, legislation, regulations records	x		
Corrective action logs	x		
Education/community involvement records	x		
Records of public inquiries and complaints			

Stakeholder communications records	x		
Logging agreements and/or contracts	x		
Wood producer training programs	x		
Wood producer information package	x		
Policies provided to wood producers	x		
Education and outreach to forest landowners	x		
List of qualified logging professional/certified logging professional	x		
Agreements for purchased stumpage	x		
Program to assess and address risk of Illegal logging	x		
Research and discussion papers	x		
Support for research and science	x		
Climate change information and/or meeting minutes	x		

Additional evidence for Objectives 11 -13 Sourcing from Outside Canada and USA			
Use of information from sources such as: Biodiversity hot spots, high biodiversity wilderness areas, rare species, habitat information		When identified, Program to address significant risk for countries without effective laws	
Info about direct supplier's application of principle of sustainable forestry		When identified, Program to address significant risk of Illegal logging	
Program in place to reduce risk of Illegal logging			
Program in place to assess risk for countries without effective laws			

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SAI Global forestry specialist group registers/certifies forest companies to ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, CSA Z809 and CSA Z804 SFM, SFI Forest Management, SFI CoC, SFI Fiber Sourcing, SFI Certified Sourcing Label, PEFC CoC, FSC® Forest Management, FSC® CoC.

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