



2015 SFI Public Summary Report

Tamarack Mill, LLC dba Evergreen Forest Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2010-2014]

Introduction

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) completed a SFI Maintenance Assessment of fiber sourcing activities at the Tamarack Mill, LLC dba Evergreen Forest' ("Tamarack") sawmill in New Meadows, Idaho. The Lead Assessor was Dan O'Brien, EMS (LA), and the onsite audit was conducted by James Lucas EMS (LA).

Assessment Scope and Objectives

The assessment scope included all procurement operations carried out under Tamarack's wood procurement system in the state of Idaho. Tamarack purchases state and US Forest Service timber sales, and fiber from gatewood suppliers.

Tamarack manages its SFI program through a centralized management structure that provides a consistent approach to procurement throughout the organization. The primary objective of the assessment was to assess Tamarack's SFI management system and to evaluate Tamarack's implementation of the SFI Standard in the field.

Indicators

All of the indicators in the SFI Standard were within the scope of the assessment, except for Objectives 1-7 since Tamarack only procures fiber and does not manage land, 11-13 because Tamarack does not procure fiber from outside of North America and 18 because Tamarack does not manage public lands. 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. The report was dated December 11, 2015.

Summary of Conformance and Good Management Practices

As per their Sustainable Forestry Initiative Policy, Tamarack's resource manager works with agencies of the State of Idaho to ensure that all logs procured are harvested in compliance with state and federal requirements. Tamarack has made information on sustainable forestry available to its gatewood suppliers and requires that suppliers read and sign its SFI policy as a condition of its log purchase agreement.

All forestry contractors used by Tamarack on purchased stumpage sales are Certified Logging Professionals and the company supports the use of certified logging professionals in its gatewood purchase program.

Tamarack staff make frequent visits to all harvest operations to check on the quality of work including BMP compliance and log utilization. Tamarack also collects State slash compliance information for each gatewood sale. Tamarack supports sustainable forest management through membership in several industry organizations. Tamarack conducts an annual management review to review their compliance with the SFI Standard.

A specific Good Management Practice was identified with regard to BMP monitoring. Tamarack is tracking the list of compliance violations to ensure that do not bu logs from repeat offenders. In addition to collecting inspection reports from various Federal & State sales, Tamarack completes its own inspections, with more than 50 completed in the past calendar year.

Summary of Findings

There were no new non-conformities or opportunities for improvement identified during the assessment.

Conclusion

The Company has maintained conformance with the requirements of the SFI Standard. The Certificate can be can be obtained by contacting Mr. Jim Wassmuth of Tamarack at 208-347-2111.