



SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE

MINUTES OF THE East/Central SIC Regional Meeting

Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.

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This document will serve as the record of the proceedings of the September 13, 2011 meeting of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. (SFI Inc.) SIC Central/East Regional meeting.

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ACTION #	Action Item Description	Responsible	Deliver by:
01-Sep-11- East/Central SIC	SFI will consider potential enhancements to logger training and chain of custody requirements in the next standard review.	Rick Cantrell	2013
02-Sep-11- East/Central SIC	SFI Inc. will circulate the link to Minnesota's online training to the SICs.	Nadine Block	October 15, 2011

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PARTICIPANTS

	Committee members	Company			
1.	William Sayre (Chair)	A. Johnson Co.	11.	Christopher Nichols	Seven Islands Land Company
2.	Rebecca Barnard	Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources	12.	Tim O'Hara	Minnesota Forest Industries
3.	Eric Carlson	Empire State Forest Products Assn.	13.	Tim Pulskamp	FutureWood/Flambeau River Papers
4.	Graham Cox	Audubon New York	14.	Mark Reed	St. Louis County Land Dept.
5.	David Chura	MN Logger Education Program/MN Master Logger Certification	15.	James Runyon	Wine and Cheese Logging and Mgmt.
6.	David Daut	Timbervest	16.	Stephen Satterfield	Finch Paper
7.	Nathan Fice	PA SFI SIC	17.	Patrick Sirois	MFPC
8.	Eric Johnson	NH Timberland Owners Assoc.	18.	John Starrett	Sappi
9.	Valerie Luzadis	SUNY-ESF	19.	Jessica Turino	Weyerhaeuser
10.	Robin Morgan	USFS Northern Research Station			
				SFI Inc. Staff	Title
				Nadine Block	Senior Director, Government Outreach

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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Introductions	Bill Sayre welcomed participants and provided the antitrust reminder	N/A
2. General Session Review	<p>Participants discussed the issue of tracking fiber throughout the supply chain. It was noted that FSC has a requirement that loggers who take possession of fiber must be FSC chain of custody certified to ensure there is no “break” in the chain of custody. Participants agreed that tracking fiber is critical but that SFI procurement requirements are sufficient because they require appropriate paperwork to account for the source of the fiber. There was also discussion about logger training and certification, but it was clarified that the issue of trained or certified loggers is a separate issue from loggers getting chain of custody certified, and that logger certification is not necessary for fiber tracking. Action: SFI will consider potential enhancements to logger training and chain of custody requirements in the next standard review.</p> <p>There was brief discussion about how to build the base for SFI through pilot projects and Tree Farm coordination. Some questioned whether the value appraisal programs offered by many states might provide an opportunity. There was no specific action item from this discussion, but it was agreed that SFI needs more certified fiber and more small lands certified.</p>	01-Sep-11- East/Central SIC
3. General Session Review – SIC accomplishments	<p>A representative from each SIC reported on recent activities and accomplishments. Many noted their efforts on logger training but cited the challenges of meeting logger training demands. Some noted that they are moving away from “Cadillac” training and putting more effort into ensuring the basics are covered. Minnesota SIC has developed Forest Management Guidelines online training. Many participants expressed interest in seeing this. Action: SFI Inc. will circulate the link to Minnesota’s online training to the SICs.</p> <p>Several SICs spoke about building alliances with other forest users, such as hunters, anglers, and ATV users. NY SIC cited FIA data that shows early successional habitat is diminishing, which is negatively affecting bird species, so they are supporting outreach efforts (for example, through Audubon NY) to landowners to encourage early successional habitat.</p>	02-Sep-11- East/Central SIC
4. 2012 SIC Regional Work Plan/Regional Specific Discussion Items	The challenge of addressing the early successional habitat loss, which affects the whole northeast, was suggested as an item for regional coordination and further discussion.	N/A