

2016 Conservation Grant Proposals Not Recommended for Funding									Funding obligations by year				
Low Rank	Key Priority	Submitting Organization	Title of proposal	Project Description	Project Partners	Location	Comments	2017	2018	2019	Total SFI Request	Additional Leveraged	Total Project Budget
6	Carbon	Granite State Woodland Institute	Carbon Benefits of SFI Certified Lands and Procurement in New Hampshire	NH has always been one of the leading states in the use of forest-derived woody biomass for energy. NH SFI certified lands and fiber sourcing generate a significant amount of woody biomass for energy and result in positive carbon footprint for SFI in NH. Market this positive message.	SAPPI Fine Paper, Catalyst Paper, Land Vest, BBC Land, LLC, Finch Paper LLC, Weyerhaeuser, Durgin and Crowell, The Conservation Fund, Wagner Forest Management/Bayroot LLC, King Forest Industries, Innovative Natural Resource Interfor (SFI Program Participant), Yuuuk?if?ath Government	US - New Hampshire	This proposal takes a novel approach to valuing SFI carbon contributions by comparing carbon emissions from biomass harvest operations, as compared to fossil fuel alternatives. The hazard here is that it could place SFI firmly into the biomass debate. However, it could help improve understanding of the positive attributes of forest management for bioenergy.	\$15,000			\$15,000	\$13,625	\$28,625
6	Biological Diversity - Water	Central WestCoast Forest Society (CWFS)	Effingham River Restoration Project	The project will demonstrate, measure and monitor the conservation values of SFI-certified forestlands on the restoration of an important watershed degraded by past, non-SFI certified harvesting. The SFI Forest Management Standard and modern in-stream and riparian restoration and monitoring techniques will be applied to restore and quantify the restoration effort.	UNB Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management, Oregon State University College of Forestry, NB Department of Energy and Resource Development	CA - British Columbia	The CWFS has a number of partners including many West Coast First Nations, Parks Canada, TD Forest Foundation, Pacific Salmon Foundation, and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation. This project is only scalable to the rainforests of BC, WA and OR. While each project is unique and valuable many similar watershed restoration efforts have been undertaken across these jurisdictions. The project is a "practices" project and therefore not especially additive to our broader conservation impact efforts.	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$265,000	\$315,000
6	Biological Diversity	Fundy Model Forest Inc.	Population Viability Analysis – Protocols for SFI Certified Acadian Forest	The project goal is to develop protocols for Population Viability Analysis (PVA) for select wildlife species within SFI certified Crown forests in New Brunswick. The project will review data/information and current PVA models developed in other regions. A protocol for PVA specific to NB will then be developed and piloted.	Boreal Avian Modelling Project, Boreal Avian Modelling Project, Abitibi River Forest Management Inc., Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada	CA – North East - Acadian Forest	This is a strong technical proposal but very focused on a limited number of species in Acadian forests. Relative to other biodiversity conservation proposals this work would be more difficult to bring to scale.	\$35,000	\$36,000		\$71,000	\$123,000	\$194,000
6	Biological Diversity	Nature Canada	Combining science and forest management practices to develop a beneficial management practices for at-risk bird species	This project addresses Objective 4 of the SFI standard: Protection of Biological Diversity, by focusing on Canada Warbler and additional avian species of high conservation value. We will create maps of predicted suitable habitat, refine models through field-testing, and develop beneficial management practices that align with caribou management prescriptions.	Domtar, Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs - Faune , (MFFP - Faune) (Quebec Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks / Wildlife Dept.), Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs -	CA – Ontario	The proposal has a good range of partners but could be improved by having Moose Cree involved at the outset. SFI staff believes that it would be better to invest directly in the BAM proposal, as BAM will offer a much greater opportunity for scalability. NatureCanada has offered to consider both caribou and songbirds but NC doesn't have strong caribou expertise, so we should be cautious about performance expectations.	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$90,000	\$75,000	\$165,000
6	Biological Diversity	Agence régionale de mise en valeur des forêts privées de la Chaudière	Plan d'orientation des ravages du sud de la Beauce	The goal of the project is to conduct a study of the current state and future prospects of forest and wildlife conditions in three extensive deer yards located in the southern Beauce region. The results of this detailed inventory and assessment will serve as the basis to develop guidelines to maintain and improve white-tail deer habitat and to promote forest regeneration.	Eau Claire County Forest (ECCF) Chippewa County Forest, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation, Pine River Research Cooperative (PRRC)	CA- Quebec	Although this proposal offers positive linkages to Quebec communities and the North American deer hunting community, it is limited in scale. Additionally, it makes little sense for SFI to invest our limited resources in a project focused on a species perceived as common across the continent (notwithstanding the explanation of the "deer yard" concept offered above). The project does not contribute to Conservation Impact goals, nor to improving the SFI standard in a significant way.	\$12,808			\$12,808	\$86,121	\$98,929
4	Biological Diversity	Beaver Creek Reserve	Impact of forest management on the state threatened Cerulean Warbler (Setophaga cerulean) and associated	Assess the effects of silviculture practices on Cerulean Warblers and other northern forest songbirds as a result of changes in habitat. This study is uniquely suited for this question as the study site is a large, contiguous block of managed forest directly adjacent to a large block of unmanaged forest.	Potlatch Corporation (SFI Program Participant), University of Minnesota, Pine Orchard, Inc.	US - Wisconsin	This is a habitat study around the impacts of forest management on cerulean warbler. Though well-conceived, it is too narrow to help us evaluate the biodiversity values of SFI managed lands. ABC's project includes similar species and does so more comprehensively.	\$10,684	\$10,683	\$10,683	\$32,050	\$32,380	\$64,430
4	Water	University of Idaho (UI)	Assessment of BMP Effectiveness in an Interior Pacific Northwest SFI-Certified Forestland	This project will assess the effectiveness of best management practices (BMPs) to sustain water flow, quality, and fish in an intensively-managed SFI certified forestland in the interior Pacific Northwest, and communicate the results and value of certification to a variety of key stakeholder groups.	Carlton County (SFI Program Participant), Minnesota Logger Education Program (MLEP)	US – Idaho	Although this project proposes to assess BMP effectiveness, it seems not to introduce new ideas regarding such metrics, and would also be difficult to bring to scale. Partners are limited: Potlatch, University of Minnesota, Pine Orchard, Inc. (a paid contractor). Matching funds reflect historical inputs, and not direct match against the proposed work.	\$62,081	\$31,040		\$93,121	\$2,143,899	\$2,237,020
4	Water	University of Maine	The University of Maine BMP Demonstration Forest	This project will establish a Best Management Practice (BMP) demonstration site to host workshops on proper application and construction of BMPs and stream crossings. These learning opportunities will install good water quality principles for current and future forestry professionals through practical hands-on learning sessions and discussion among forestry practitioners.	Georgia Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, University of Georgia, Tennessee Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, South Carolina Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation	US - Maine	Another BMP effectiveness study, but this one with a strong logger training focus. This could make a decent community grant, but misses the conservation criteria.	\$4,165	\$4,165	\$4,165	\$12,495	\$22,769	\$35,264
3	Biological Diversity	Minnesota Logger Education Program	Forestland bat habitat needs and population dynamics	This project will research the habitat needs and population dynamics of forest-dwelling bats, including recently listed, threatened species. The research will show how management activities on SFI Certified land affects bat activities. MLEP will work with project partners to complete the research and incorporate results into MLEP educational programs.		US - Minnesota	Interesting bat project in the traditional mold, using mist-netting and acoustic studies. However, not scalable to tell us about biodiversity values across SFI managed forests, and thus misses the criteria.	\$12,500	\$12,500		\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
1	Legality	University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., on behalf of the Daniel B.	Demonstrating Sustainability and Legality in Southern Timber Markets: Preventing Timber Theft and Trespass in	This project will assess the prevalence and cost of timber theft/trespass in the U.S. South. The project will identify practices employed to prevent, investigate, and prosecute timber theft. The results of the project will inform forest practitioners and policymakers about the scale of the problem and identify solutions.		US – Southeast	This is about assessing the cost of timber theft and trespass. A total miss from the grant criteria.	\$22,854	\$26,354		\$49,208	\$49,208	\$98,416
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