

Forest Certification UPDATE



WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY LIMITED CANADIAN TIMBERLANDS

The area covered by the SFI plan includes Weyerhaeuser Canada's timberlands in BC (Princeton), Alberta (Grande Prairie and Pembina), Saskatchewan (Hudson Bay) and Ontario (Kenora).

The operations consist of road construction, logging operation, silviculture and wood procurement.

BACKGROUND

During the period of November 12-28 2014, Weyerhaeuser Company Limited, Canadian Timberlands underwent a 24 month surveillance audit to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) Standard 2010-2014. The registration cycle is over 3 years with surveillance audits conducted annually. This report summarizes the audit process and results of the SAI Global re-registration audit.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

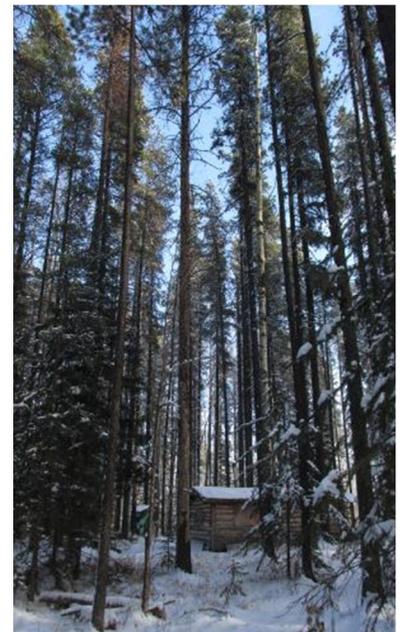
Forest management activities - planning, harvesting, transportation and silviculture on Canadian Crown tenures and procurement of fiber from other crown tenures / dispositions and private landowners. - Objectives 1-10, 14-20

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The SFI Program third-party 24 month surveillance 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 SFIS 2010-2014. This ensures the integrity and credibility of the audit process.

The audit assessed active and completed harvest operations through interviews with Weyerhaeuser Company Limited, Canadian Timberlands staff and contractors. The audit also assessed the SFIS and supporting EMS documentation, as well as records at Weyerhaeuser's offices.

For this multi-site audit, the Princeton, Grande Prairie and Central Office sites were included in the audit sample.



100m buffer retained around a trapper's cabin in the Grande Prairie Timberlands.

THE AUDITORS

The SAI Global audit team who performed the audit consisted of William Sloan RFT and Cindy Hutchison RPF. The auditors are Forest Professionals and certified lead auditors.

AREAS OF NON-CONFORMANCE

- 1 minor non-conformance was noted during the audit in relation to Performance Measure 3.1, Monitoring of Best Management Practices. A corrective action has been prepared and reviewed by the audit team.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Princeton Timberlands may wish to consider consistent mapping between the two field offices; operators noted that the OK Falls maps are missing some information such as Machine Restriction Zones that are included on the maps produced from the Princeton office;
- Grande Prairie Timberlands may wish to consider liaising with Western Timberlands to determine if any of the herbicide practices used in Washington and Oregon could be applied in Alberta, such as reduced spray rates;
- Grande Prairie Timberlands may wish to consider increasing block map legend size as some operators interviewed noted difficulty in reading the small size of the lettering currently used;
- Grande Prairie Timberlands may wish to consider using breakaway nozzles/couplers for the fuel tanks at the company ops camp;
- Grande Prairie Timberlands may wish to consider providing increased awareness training of cultural heritage features for operators;
- Grande Prairie Timberlands may wish to consider specifying timing and frequency of block and road inspections.

POSITIVE ASPECTS

Princeton Timberlands:

- HD Wright Logging Ltd. was noted for having detailed information on their certified tanks, including serial numbers, date built and due date for next inspections;
- Excellent fish stream bridge installation at 26.5 km of the Valdez Road;

SFIS 2010-2014

Periodic Assessments

Major non-conformances: 0
Minor non-conformances: 1
Opportunities
for Improvement: 6
Positive Aspects: 7

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



Trying out forwarding harvest method at the Grande Prairie Timberlands.

- Excellent management of recreation trails in the Apex Mountain operating area;
- Environmental Incident Report tear-out in the May 2014 Safety and Environmental Handbook.

Grande Prairie Timberlands:

- 100m buffer retention around a trappers cabin;
- Use of forwarding harvest system, resulting in considerable reduction in road construction;
- Contracting with the RCMP for enforcement of road regulations on the roads managed by the Grande Prairie Timberlands;

EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY

Evidence that was assessed to determine Weyerhaeuser Company Limited, Canadian Timberlands conformity with the SFIS 2010-2014 standard appears below:

SFI-01 Forest management planning

Forest Management Agreements, Timber Supply Review, Environmental Management System, Land and Resource Management Plans, Sustainable Resource Management Plans, Cut Control Summary; Interviews.

SFI-02 Forest Productivity

Forest Management Agreements, Site Specific Plans, Standard Operating Procedures, Logging Plan maps, silviculture reports including planting, regeneration delay, free growing and brushing, reforestation and free growing compliance records; brushing records; planting program data and prescriptions, silviculture survey records, pre-work and inspection records, Fire Preparedness Plans, Training records, Interviews.

SFI-03 Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources

Forest Management Agreements, Standard Operating Procedures, GIS, Site Specific Plans, LPs, Harvest and road pre-work and inspection records, Internal audit records, Training records, Logging agreements, Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-04 Conservation of Biological Diversity

Forest Management Agreements, Landscape Unit/Biodiversity Orders, Ungulate Winter Range and Wildlife Habitat Area Orders; Species at Risk Observation Form; species and ecological communities at risk lists; GIS, Site Specific Plans, LPs, Operational pre-works and inspection records; Training records, Logging agreements. Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-05 Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits

Forest Management Agreements, Site Specific Plans, LPs, Legal Orders, Visual Quality Objectives, Visual Impact Assessments, GIS map layers, Reports generated from the Company's database specific to cut block size, Free to Grow Surveys, silvicultural treatments, referrals and stakeholder communications, Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-06 Protection of Special Sites

Forest Management Agreements, Higher level plans First Nation referral review and communication records, Silviculture Plans; LPs; Archeological Impact Assessments, Pre-work and inspection records, Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-07 Efficient Use of Forest Resources

Forest Management Agreements, Silviculture Plans, Logging agreements, Contractor training records; Pre-work and inspection records, Field inspections of blocks; Interviews and Field inspections

SFI-08 Landowner Outreach

Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, Wood Producer Information Package, SIC brochure, Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-09 Use of Qualified Resource and Logging Professionals

Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, SIC brochure. Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-10 Adherence to Best Management Practices

Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, Wood Producer Information Package, SIC brochure, Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-11 Promote Conservation of Biological Diversity, Biodiversity Hotspots and Major Tropical Wilderness Areas

Weyerhaeuser Canada does not source fiber from outside North America.

SFI-12 Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Illegal Logging

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SFI-13 Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Sources without Effective Social Laws

Weyerhaeuser Canada does not source fiber from outside North America.

SFI-14 Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Forest Management Agreements, EMS, Laws, Legislation, regulations, Management review meeting minutes, Inspection records, Internal audit records, Compliance tracking records, Government compliance and enforcement records, Corrective Action plans, Environmental and SFM Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-15 Forestry Research & Technology

Sample of research reports, Regen survey records, Government submission records, Inspection records, Interviews.

SFI-16 Training and Education

Weyerhaeuser website, EMS guidebook, Sustainable Forest Management & Environmental Policies, Health and Safety Policy, Training records, staff and contractor training, Wood Producer Information Package, meeting minutes, Interviews and Field inspections.

SFI-17 Community Involvement in the Practice of Sustainable Forestry

SIC meeting minutes, Weyerhaeuser website and public resources (including posted WCSIC Wood Monitoring Form and reporting of inconsistent practices); SIC Wood Producer Information Package, SIC SFI Brochure, SFI Evidence Package, Forest Stewardship Plans and associated

referral information, Site Plans, pre-works, Education/community involvement records, Records of public inquiries, Interviews.

SFI-18 Public Land Management Responsibilities

Forest Management Agreements, Site Plans; Records respecting the Company's involvement in public land planning and management activities; First Nations and stakeholder and external correspondence files/records; Communication strategy files/records; AIAs, AOA's; Cutting Permit development and block files.

SFI-19 Communications and Public Reporting

Communication strategy files/records, meeting minutes, Weyerhaeuser website, SFI website, Interviews.

SFI-20 Management Review and Continual Improvement

Management review meeting minutes and associated input/output records, Forestry meeting agenda and minutes; Internal audit records, Field inspection records, Corrective Action Plans, Field Inspections, Interviews.



Panoramic view of a portion of the Princeton Timberlands, showing harvesting, regeneration and retention. Note also the fire damaged area in the foreground.

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