



Timber Products Company

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**Timber Products Company
2015 Public Summary Report
Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2010-2014 Edition]**

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a SFI Surveillance Assessment of Timber Products Company’s (“TPC”) procurement practices at the Yreka Veneer Division. The Lead Assessor was James Lucas EMS (LA). Colin Campbell was also an on-site auditor.

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess the SFI management system at the corporate level and to evaluate TPC’s implementation of the SFI Standard in the office and the field.

Description of Manufacturing Operations

TPC is a privately owned company that owns a green veneer mill in Yreka, California and hardwood and softwood plywood operations in Medford and Grants Pass, Oregon. Wood products generated from local timberlands provide raw materials for the veneer and particleboard plants primarily in Oregon and California.

Indicators

All of the indicators associated with Objectives 8 to 20 in the SFI Standard were included within the assessment scope, with the exception of Objectives 11-13 since Timber Products’ does not procure logs from outside North America, and Objective 18 since Timber Products’ does manage public lands. There were no substitute indicators.

Assessment Process

The assessor conducted interviews with staff, contractors, government agencies and other stakeholders as appropriate. Procurement activities were sampled in the field. The report was dated December 2, 2015.

Summary of Conformance and Good Management Practices

TPC has a well-developed SFI system underpinned by the strict requirements of the California Forest Practice rules and a high level of corporate support. All sales from which the Company accesses fiber are covered under the California Forest Practices rules or Federal regulations on US Forest Service lands. Timber Harvesting Plans for stumpage sales require compliance with BMPs and contracts include requirements for legal compliance.

TPC sends out an annual letter to landowners, loggers and others on their mailing list which reviews their commitment to sustainable forestry and references various websites including certified logger programs in CA & OR, supports the use of qualified forestry professionals,

and provides information on water quality issues and the SFI program. TPC also assists landowners with the permitting process and adherence to forest practice rules.

TPC's logging contractors on stumpage sales are ProLogger certified. In addition to the State agency monitoring of timber sales, TPC conducts weekly inspections of all stumpage sales to review operations, which are documented in inspection forms.

TPC contributes to a number of organizations which support sustainable forestry research, education and outreach, including: the California SIC, Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association, the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference, the Klamath Alliance for Resources and the Environment, the California Forestry Association, the CLFA, and the Sierra Regeneration Co-op. TPC annually reviews it's program and commitments under the SFI Standard

A specific good management practice was noted with regard to fiber utilization. TPC has made very good efforts to purchase fire salvage logs from local suppliers to help address the surplus of material in the area and to help mitigate economic impacts of recent fires for itself and surrounding forest land owners.

Summary of Findings

There were no non-conformities identified during the audit.

An opportunity for improvement was identified with regard to including a requirement in timber sale purchase agreements for contractors to adhere to forestry best management practices (BMPs). This issue was not considered a non-conformity because the agreements do require legal and regulatory adherence, which also addresses the concept of BMPs.

Conclusion

Timber Products Company continues to be certified to the SFI Standard [2010-2014 Edition]. The Certificate can be obtained by contacting Chris Chase of Timber Products Company (1-800-547-9520) or at: www.timberproducts.com.