



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

**Project Scope and Objectives**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a SFI Maintenance Assessment of Michigan-California Timber Company LP’s (“MCTC” or “the Company”) forest management practices on the fee lands in California. 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 MCTC’s implementation of the SFI Standard in the office and the field.

**Description of Forest Lands and Manufacturing Operations**

MCTC is a privately owned company that owns or is the managing partner of 114,793 acres of forestlands in Siskiyou, Trinity, and Shasta Counties in California. Wood products generated from MCTC timberlands provide raw materials for Timber Products Company’s veneer and particleboard plants primarily in Oregon.

**Indicators**

All of the indicators in the SFI Standard were within the scope of the assessment, except for Objectives 8-13, since MCTC does not procure fiber and Objective 18, since none of the land in MCTC’s management/ownership is public land. There were no substitute indicators.

**Assessment Process**

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

**Summary of Conformance and Good Management Practices**

MCTC has a mature and well developed SFI management system underpinned by requirements of the California Forest Practice rules and a high level of corporate support. MCTC completes a long range sustainable yield analysis and annual harvest levels have been approved by the State agency. Foresters prepare a ten year harvest plan showing the Timber Harvest Plans (THPs) that will be used to achieve volumes and to set priorities for layout. An inventory update has recently been completed and a new growth modelling exercise will be undertaken over the winter. MCTC is looking at adopting a continuous approach to forest inventory going forward.

While MCTC has their own features database in their GIS, they also rely on the California State database (CNDDDB) for rare plants and animals, rare community types. The MCTC database contains archaeological records (mines, historic & pre-historic), geological (unstable terrain, serpentine soils). MCTC also relies on foresters to identify special sites and foresters have Archaeology training, T&E species training, and native plant training.

The annual SFI Annual Improvement Report documents the total harvest acres by type, and planted acreage including species & PCT. This information is generated in MCTC's "harvest database" which contains all approved harvest units including emergency notices. This information is added into the database annually and this database links to the GIS. Visuals are addressed in the THP plans for road and block design and RPF's are trained in these techniques. Lands are open to the public. Some gates are present but generally non-motorized access is provided. MCTC have a number of recreational projects going on at present including an improvement of the Black Butte Recreational trail which includes moving the trailhead and parking lot from MCTC lands but also creating a connector trail from Weed to Mt. Shasta.

The Company produces an annual management review report which documents trends for MCTC lands and Timber Products Company procurement activities. Harvest levels are discussed and reviewed during the annual management review. The review is high quality and focused on continuous improvement.

Specific good management practices are noted below:

- The quality of visual management at a fee land sale was well done and provided good screening from the adjacent county road.
- MCTC has a thorough inspection/monitoring program to ensure Best Management Practices are effectively implemented during timber harvesting activities. For example, the Contract Administration Reports completed by a forester for the harvest activities on a THP contained detailed information related to protection of resources.

### **Summary of Findings**

There were no Non-conformities identified during the audit.

An Opportunity for improvement was identified with regard to using the GIS database to track information that is currently being recorded in hardcopy records. MCTC currently tracks silviculture treatments by type in its GIS database but additional detail with regard to unit specifics (eg. planting species mix, stock type and trees per acre) could also be recorded in the GIS.

### **Conclusion**

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