



2015 Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Public Summary Report

Stimson Lumber Company SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) completed a SFI Surveillance/Transition Assessment of Stimson Lumber Company's ("Stimson" or "the Company") Inland Region fee lands (the Lands) and fiber procurement programs, which is part of a multi-site certification. The forestry activities of the Company are managed by Stimson from its corporate office in Portland, Oregon. The Lead Assessor was Dan O'Brien, RPBio, EMS (LA).

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess Stimson's SFI management system and to evaluate Stimson's implementation of the SFI Standards listed above, in the field. There have not been any changes in the scope of the multi-site certification since the last public summary.

Indicators

All of the indicators in the SFI Standards listed above were within the scope of the assessment, except for Objective 13 of the Forest Management Standard and Objective 8 of the Fiber Sourcing Standard, since none of the land managed by the Company is public land. There were no substitute indicators.

Assessment Process

On July 13, 2015 to July 15, 2015, the assessment team conducted interviews and reviewed appropriate documentation to assess policies and procedures, and tested implementation of SFI program requirements. The report was dated August 30, 2015.

For multi-site certifications, PwC uses a rotational audit approach where the central office is audited annually and the sites are sampled on a rotating schedule that conforms to the International Accreditation Forum Inc.'s Mandatory Document 1.

Summary of Conformance and Good Management Practices

Stimson conducts long term (50 year) harvest level planning based on regular inventory updates and appropriate growth modeling. Stimson has integrated State-level assessments of biodiversity and landscape level assessments of habitat distribution into their planning processes. A synthesis of key habitat elements and potential impacts of forest management have been listed along with mitigation strategies/ management strategies and this list is consulted by

Stimson's foresters when developing harvesting plans. Stimson's approach effectively integrates landscape-level biodiversity planning with site-level harvest planning.

Stimson has shown dedication and commitment to completing conservation easements within the Inland Division. These are non-development easements with a focus on maintaining habitat connectivity.

Stimson's foresters visit field sites on a regular basis to supervise harvest operations on fee lands and stumpage sales and have a good level of communication with the contractors. Stimson has implemented annual logger training workshops that address key issues such as fire preparedness, spill preparedness, endangered species, BMPs and SFI principles, and these workshops are well attended. Roads are well maintained to current best management practices as operations shift around their land base. Stimson has a policy for operating in Adverse Weather Conditions, and foresters monitor weather and send out updates and recommendations to their suppliers. Stimson's mills maintain adequate inventory in the mill yard to ensure that loggers can shut down deliveries if necessary during wet weather events.

All Stimson contracts require adherence to BMPs and forest practice rules, and contractors for fee land sales are required to be certified in the appropriate State logger certification program. For procurement in Idaho, Stimson relies on monitoring information provided to Industry on a monthly basis by the Idaho Department of Lands. Stimson records and analyses this information, and has demonstrated good follow-up, tracking and documentation of their actions regarding suppliers that received "an unsatisfactory condition" by the Idaho Department of Lands, including sending summary letters of monitoring results and common trends to landowners. The Inland Division has reduced the information sent in hardcopy to its suppliers and are instead directing everyone to their website which contains a good collection of forest management information and links to other resources, including lists of qualified loggers and consultants.

In past years, Stimson shifted to a more intensive even-aged silviculture regime in the Inland Division, which includes chemical brush control where necessary, planting, and pre-commercial thinning. Stimson utilizes a silviculture consultant to guide the development of herbicide prescriptions and are conducting trials on different herbicides for efficacy and targeted control of weed species. Stimson continues to use a variety of integrated pest management techniques including: prompt planting of high quality tree stock, animal browse control, brush assessments to prescribe chemical treatments and uses the minimum amounts of chemicals to meet management objectives.

Stimson has a policy in place which acknowledges a commitment to recognize and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Stimson is in regular communication with Indigenous Peoples' in areas where Stimson's private lands intersect traditional territories, and have participated in joint projects with local tribes for stream improvement.

Stimson has conducted assessments of climate models to evaluate effects of climate change on Stimson's land holdings, including forest health implications, changes in growth and yield and mortality. The results of these assessments have been integrated into forest management planning. Stimson continues to support a wide variety of research initiatives in its Inland operations including: cooperatives for tree improvement, growth and yield, assessments of effectiveness of forest management practices, and NCASI. The Company also supports land conservation through completion of land sales and easements with conservation organizations.

Stimson's staff all have SFI-related responsibilities and this is well communicated throughout the organization. SFI audits are well attended by forestry staff who are continually involved in the program.

Specific Good management practices implemented by Stimson are noted below:

- Road side spraying using herbicides that promote grass cover.
- A verifiable monitoring procedure that is effective at communicating trends in violations and BMP compliance with log suppliers.
- Training records that cross reference staff training completed with SFI Objectives.
- Involvement in starting a Cedar Tree Improvement Co-op to develop higher quality cedar planting stock.
- Planting of rust resistant western White Pine, which is a native species to the area.
- Protection of wet areas in harvest units to avoid soil disturbance and wildlife habitat.
- Effective visual design for harvest units visible from the highway.
- Review and sign-off of harvest inspection reports by the fee land manager.

Summary of Findings

No Nonconformities were identified during this assessment.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Seeking a variance to use WHO type 1a listed pesticides where no other viable alternatives are available, and documenting the internal and external approvals for use; and
- Incorporating different concentrations into herbicide trials.

Conclusion

Stimson is in conformance with the requirements of the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard and the SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard . The Certificate can be can be obtained by contacting Ray Jones of Stimson Lumber Company at 503-306-4654. More information on Stimson Lumber Company's sustainable forestry program can be found at www.stimsonlumber.com.