

2014 SFI Public Summary Report

Timberland Investment Resources, LLC Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2010-2014]

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) completed a SFI Surveillance Assessment of forestry lands managed by Timberland Investment Resources LLC (“TIR” or “the Company”). The Lead Assessor was Joann Cox, EMS (LA).

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess TIR’s SFI management system and to evaluate the implementation of the SFI Standard in the field.

Indicators

All of the indicators in the SFI Standard were within the scope of the assessment, except for Objectives 8-13, since TIR does not procure fiber, and Objective 18, since none of the land managed by TIR is public land. There were no substitute indicators.

Assessment Process

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 December 10, 2014.

Summary of Conformance and Good Management Practices

TIR manages timberland investments in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin totaling approximately 707,482 acres. TIR manages its SFI program through a centralized management structure that is further divided into geographical regions. The centralized management structure provides a consistent approach towards forest management throughout the organization. Part of the centralized management operation is an Investment Analysis group that supports forest management modelling and planning that is driven by forest inventory data and managed through the GIS system.

Prompt reforestation is achieved by either natural regeneration or planting of harvest units. Planting stock selection is determined by site specific factors. TIR foresters assess potential ecological impacts in the event a different species or species mix is contemplated from what was originally on the site. Adequate regeneration is evaluated using a set of clear criteria during planting operations, including stocking rates for natural and planted regeneration.

Timber utilization specifications are included in contracts and detailed harvest plans. Harvesting operations are reviewed through the course of operations and documented in inspection reports. TIR requires employees and direct contractors conducting logging operations to be

appropriately trained. TIR encourages wood producers operating on its land base to employ the services of qualified logging professionals.

TIR is a SIC member in any state where it manages at least 50,000 acres or where at least 10% of the lands enrolled in the SFI program are located, whichever is smaller and includes participation in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas. Through the SIC and other activities, TIR foresters are involved with public outreach and education activities related to sustainable forest management. TIR participates in research through membership in several research cooperatives and forestry organizations that support forestry research, science and technology.

Specific Good Management Practices are noted below:

- Observed a detailed herbicide application map on a chemical site preparation unit that included latitude and longitude of potential landing zones, specific listing of buffer requirements, contact information, treatment date window for application, and herbicide mixture rates that complemented the digital map file provided to the applicator.
- Comprehensive assessment and actions taken to correct a previous owner's understocked land to achieve acceptable species composition and stocking rates.
- TIR and Forest Service Provider foresters consistently monitor utilization performance to identify ways to maintain and/or improve utilization and value extraction.
- A third thinning operation resulted in an exemplary harvest that met stand basal area requirements and retention of dominant trees with minimal post-harvest residual stem damage.

Summary of Findings

There were no new non-conformities identified during the assessment.

Two new opportunities were identified in the following areas:

- Consider expanding the program to assess the extent of invasive species and integrating control measures to limit the introduction, impact and spread of invasive species.
- Clarification of SFI-recognized state logger training requirements.

Conclusion

TIR continues to meet the requirements of the SFI Standard. The Certificate can be obtained by contacting Steve Smith of TIR at (404) 848-2000 or on <http://www.tirllc.com>.