

WESTERN CANADA SFI IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

WOOD PRODUCER INFORMATION PACKAGE

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1. Introduction

The Western Canada Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee (WCSIC) is comprised of members of Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Certified Organizations in British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, structured under two regional committees, BC and Prairie.

SFI Certified Organizations are certified by an accredited certification body to be in conformance with the SFI Forest Management Standard, Small-Scale Forest Management Module for Indigenous Peoples, Families and Communities, Fibre Sourcing Standard, Certified Sourcing Standard and/or the Chain of Custody Standard. In addition, Certified Organizations believe forest landowners have an important stewardship responsibility and a commitment to society. SFI Certified Organizations support sustainable forestry practices on forestland they manage and promote it on other lands where they source fibre. They endorse efforts to protect private property rights, and to help all landowners manage their forestland sustainably. The WCSIC performs local outreach and education activities that promote sustainable forestry, the SFI program, and SFI Standard conformance on public and private forestlands.

The Wood Producer Information Package is an outreach tool for landowners or wood producer supplying wood to SFI Certified Organizations from North American forests. The Wood Producer Information Package provides guidance for managing forestlands consistent with SFI Program Principles and Objectives. SFI Certified Organizations also encourage forest landowners to participate in forest management certification. Landowners considering certifying their lands should contact the nearest SFI Program Participant or the WCSIC through the website: www.wcsic.ca

The **purpose** of the Information Package is to provide guidance to SFI Certified Organizations and Wood Producers on SFI Fibre Sourcing Standard requirements for Wood Producer Training (Objective 6, Performance Measure 6.2) and Landowner Outreach (Objective 7, Performance Measure 7.1).

2. Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Inc.

SFI Principles

SFI Certified Organizations who purchase fibre from other forest owners and/or managers support the following principles as provided in the SFI 2022 Fibre Sourcing Standard:

1. Sustainable Forestry
2. Forest Productivity and Health
3. Protection of Water Resources
4. Protection of Biological Diversity
5. Aesthetics and Recreation

6. Protection of Special Sites
7. Legal Compliance
8. Research
9. Training and Education
10. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility, and Respect for Indigenous Rights
11. Transparency
12. Continual Improvement
13. Responsible Fibre Sourcing

Many forest companies and organizations have currently achieved SFI certification, or certification to other sustainable forest management standards to help ensure the future well-being of the forest ecosystem.

To demonstrate conformance with SFI or other standards, companies hire third-party independent auditors, who verify that the companies' forest practices and environmental management meet the requirements of the certification system. To ensure transparency, these auditors' reports must be made available to the public. The audit verification is an ongoing process that ensures continuing conformance with the sustainable forest management standards. For more information on the SFI Standard please refer to the SFI website: <https://forests.org>



3. SFI Objectives

The SFI Fibre Sourcing Standard 2022 contains Objectives, Performance Measures, and Indicators to communicate and verify conformance with the overarching Principles. There are eleven Objectives that SFI Certified Organizations adhere to for their Fibre Sourcing Standard certification, supported by numerous Performance Measures and Indicators applicable to fibre sourcing from North American forests. We provide the listing of the Objectives below and encourage readers to review the more detailed Performance Measures and Indicators on the SFI website: <https://forests.org>

- Objective 1: Biodiversity in Fibre Sourcing
- Objective 2: Adherence to Best Management Practices
- Objective 3: Use of Qualified Resource Professionals, Qualified Logging Professionals and SFI Certified Logging Companies
- Objective 4: Legal and Regulatory Compliance



- Objective 5: Forestry Research, Science and Technology
- Objective 6: Training and Education
- Objective 7: Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach
- Objective 8: Public Land Management Responsibilities
- Objective 9: Communications and Public Reporting
- Objective 10: Management Review and Continual Improvement
- Objective 11: Avoid Controversial Sources

SFI's Work

SFI is sustainability leader through their work in four focus areas:

- Standards (certification)
- Conservation (research, projects, grants)
- Community (SFI Implementation Committees, First Nations)
- Education (school programs, employment)

Company Audits

As part of the SFI Certified Organization's commitment to sustainable forestry management, an on-site visit by the Certified Organization or their independent auditor to the wood producers' operations may be conducted to answer any questions about the SFI program. The visit may also include an assessment of the conditions on the logging site as part of our requirements to meet the applicable SFI Standard(s).

4. Sustainable Forest Management Practices

The WCSIC supports forest land managers in conducting sustainable forest management operations. Wood producers are expected to conduct harvesting operations in compliance with all applicable provincial or federal legislation. There is legislation that applies to both Crown (public) forest land and private land that is managed for forestry. SFI Certified Organizations encourage wood producers to consider the following guidance on forest land managed by the wood producer or landowner. Landowners should contact an appropriate qualified resource professional for additional guidance particularly with respect to Best Management Practices for Water Quality.

- a) **Reforestation**: Prompt reforestation of lands managed for forestry will help to ensure successive crops of trees, in addition to supporting many other non-timber objectives. Reforestation plans can detail the steps needed to successfully re-establish seedlings on harvested forest lands. SFI Certified Organizations will, on request, support you in identifying



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support you in identifying qualified resource professionals in your area to assist you in preparing prescriptions to manage riparian habitat.

Management and control of sediment during road construction, maintenance and deactivation activities is key to maintaining water quality. Adhere to local wet weather shutdown guidelines and cease activity if there are any safety or environmental concerns. Do not direct ditchwater directly into any fish streams or drinking water source areas (I.e. use ditch blocks, sumps, etc.). Hay bales can also be used to assist with sediment control, but ensure they are maintained and removed once activity is complete. Where material is available, armour culvert intakes and outtakes for any areas of concern for sediment transport.

- e) **Fish and Fish Habitat:** It is prohibited under the [Federal Fisheries Act](#) to undertake works that result in the death of fish, a harmful alteration, disturbance or destruction of fish habitat (HADD) or to introduce a deleterious substance (e.g. excessive sediment) into fish habitat. Works in or adjacent to fish habitat may require a project review by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and if works are determined to result in a HADD an authorization will be required before work can be undertaken. The [Fisheries and Oceans Canada](#) website provides [Measures to Protect Fish and Fish Habitat](#), [Codes of Practice](#) and guidance when a [project review](#) is required.

- f) **Soil Conservation:** Protecting the soil resource is the key to long-term productivity of forest lands. Conducting operations in a manner that conserves the soil resource is critical to sustainable forestry. Weather conditions can be a major factor in soil disturbance. Operations should avoid conditions that create excessive rutting or compaction. Plan operations with soil disturbance in mind. Weather conditions and soil disturbance should be assessed, and consideration given to curtailing or stopping activities causing soil disturbance when soils are too wet to support equipment. For example, in the BC Interior and prairies, consider winter harvesting on wet ground to better support equipment. With different soil types, and phases of harvesting, it may be possible to carry out some operations in wet weather without causing excessive soil disturbance. Appropriate equipment should be used to minimize soil disturbance.



Proper equipment, such as this wide-tired skidder, and proper techniques to reduce impacts to soil

The area in permanent roads, trails and landings should be minimized to maintain productive forestland. SFI Certified Organizations will, on request, support you in identifying qualified resource professionals in your area to assist you in managing the soil resource on your forestlands.

- g) **Biodiversity & Wildlife:** Both regulation and government approved land use plans set out requirements at the stand and landscape level. These requirements vary by province and region. Landowners may seek assistance from SFI Certified Organizations or by contacting an appropriate qualified resource professional.
- h) **Wildlife Management:** Managing forest lands for general wildlife features or habitat characteristics as well as specific management for endangered species are important components of sustainable forestry. SFI Certified Organizations may have guides for endangered species management that could be made available upon request. In addition, SFI Certified Organizations will support you in identifying qualified resource professionals in your area to assist you in developing wildlife management strategies.
- [Government of Canada Species at Risk](#)
 - [NatureServe Canada's Conservation Data Centres - Guidelines to reduce risk to migratory birds](#)



- i) **Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (FECV)**: Forest landowners are encouraged to evaluate their lands to determine if they have FECV. FECV are lands with critically imperiled (G1) and imperiled (G2) species and ecological communities, a conservation status determined by NatureServe that can be accessed through the link provided below. Landowners may seek assistance from SFI Certified Organizations or by contacting an appropriate qualified resource professional.

The WCSIC has also completed an FECV Assessment for BC, AB and SK that can be provided. Recommended Best Practices include assessing the presence of FECVs in the proposed work location, ensuring that site specific plans address the conservation of known locations or critical habitat, and ensuring that pre-work meetings are held to review specific instructions or plans. Workers should also be instructed to stop work and seek direction if any previously unidentified wildlife features are encountered during work activities.

- [NatureServe Canada's Conservation Data Centres](#)

- j) **Special Sites**: The SFI Standard requires Certified Organizations to manage lands that are ecologically, geologically, or culturally important in a manner that considers their unique qualities. Identification and management of special sites covers a broad range of values: ecological, geological, historical, cultural, and spiritual. Landowners may consult with local historians, archeologists, First Nations, local governments, and others to determine significance to map and manage for their unique features. Contact your Certified

Organization representative if you come across any unknown/un-mapped archaeological and/or cultural values.

The WCSIC has prepared a summary of various Indigenous rights and values training courses and information sources that are available, contact your company representative if you wish to receive more information.



- k) **Coarse woody debris/harvest residue**: The SFI Standard requires participants to manage harvest residue (e.g., slash, limbs, tops) with consideration given to economic, social, and environmental factors (e.g., organic and nutrient value to future forests, smoke management and carbon emissions) and other utilization needs. In the absence of landowner harvest residue management plans, landowners should contact SFI Certified Organizations or qualified resource professionals in their area for suggested management practices for their forest lands.

- l) **Visual Quality**: Managing harvesting operations to minimize visual impact is an important part of sustainable forestry. Operations may impact the views of many individuals and communities. The WCSIC recommends that the visual impact of harvesting be considered within visually sensitive areas. For guidance or advice landowners are encouraged to contact a qualified resource professional knowledgeable in visual management assessment and planning.





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m) **Qualified Resource Professionals:** The WCSIC and SFI Certified Organizations do not endorse specific professionals or companies as to their appropriateness to landowners. The following lists are intended to inform landowners seeking assistance from qualified resource professionals to further manage and or develop their lands consistent with SFI Principles. The WCSIC or SFI Certified Organizations may assist landowners in contacting qualified resource professionals.

Table 1: Qualified Resource Professional Resources

Qualified Resource Professional Category	Resources
<p style="text-align: center;">Forestry</p>	<p>BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan have respective Associations of Forest Professionals where membership directories can help you identify forestry consultants to assist you in planning aspects of forest management, including reforestation plans, visual management, riparian management, soil conservation and wildlife management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of BC Professional Foresters: https://abcfp.ca/web • Association of Alberta Forest Management Professionals: https://aafmp.ca/ • Association of Saskatchewan Forestry Professionals: https://www.asfp.ca/
<p style="text-align: center;">Biologists</p>	<p>Each province within the WCSIC has a membership database for professional biologists. Members could assist you with planning for riparian management and wildlife management. An SFI Program Participant can also assist you in identifying biologist consultants in your area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College of Applied Biology – British Columbia: https://www.cab-bc.org/ • Alberta Society of Professional Biologists: https://www.aspb.ab.ca/
<p style="text-align: center;">Engineers</p>	<p>The following websites have a member’s section that provides information on qualified professionals to assist in such areas as operations on potentially unstable or steep terrain and engineered structures such as bridges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia: https://www.egbc.ca/ • The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists of Alberta: https://www.apega.ca/ • The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientist of Saskatchewan: https://www.apegs.ca/
<p style="text-align: center;">Seedling Nurseries & Seed Procurement</p>	<p>Forest tree seedlings can be procured for reforesting British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan forest sites from several nurseries located in their respective province. Specialists within those nurseries, as well as</p>



	<p>SFI Certified Organizations, can be consulted for advice on obtaining appropriate seed and seedlings for your specific reforestation site. Larger nurseries often grow certain amounts of locally suitable seedlings for small “spot purchases” each year. · A list of forest tree seedling nurseries for British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan can be found at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Forests Directory of Silviculture Contractors and Forest Nurseries: https://www.canadian-forests.com/silviculture-nurseries.html • The Forest Nursery Association of BC website: https://www.fnabc.com/
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n) **Qualified Logging Professionals**

The WCSIC encourages wood producers to utilize the services of Qualified Logging Professionals (QLP’s). QLP’s will have successfully completed a training program recognized by the WCSIC. A list of local qualified logging professionals can be obtained from a SFI Program Participant, or inquiry through the WCSIC website (www.wcsic.ca).

o) **Guidebooks and Sustainable Forestry Management Practices**

The WCSIC supports small forest land-owners’ forestry operations through promotion of sustainable forestry management. Wood producers are expected to conduct harvesting operations in compliance with applicable provincial and/or federal legislation. The intent of sustainable forestry practices for these lands is to maintain or protect, where practical, forest resource values. The WCSIC provides and/or directs small private landowners to information about sustainable forestry practices for reforestation, riparian management, soil conservation, wildlife management and visual or scenic quality. Resources for landowners can be found with the following organizations and on their websites:

- [British Columbia’s Private Forest Landowners Association Best Management Practices Handbook](#)
- [British Columbia's Managed Forest Council Field Practices Guide](#)
- [Woodlot Management Guide for Alberta](#)
- [BC Small Woodland Partnership Outreach](#)

SFI Certified Organizations will not purchase wood from unknown sources, sources/areas associated from controversial sources or from wood producers whose practices are illegal.

5. Other Considerations

a) **Spill Response Plan**

Fuel and other material spills have the potential to cause environmental damage. Wood producers are encouraged to become familiar with spill reporting requirements and to have



an action plan and a supply of spill containment and mop up equipment available on site. Reportable spills must be communicated to the relevant provincial authority.

To Report a Spill:

British Columbia - Emergency Management BC - 1-800-663-3456

Alberta Environmental Protection - 1-800-222-6514

Saskatchewan - Spill Report Centre - 1-800-667-7525

b) **Fire Preparedness**

Wood producers are encouraged to become familiar with applicable wildfire legislation in their province. Provincial legislation will dictate what type of preparedness plan and firefighting equipment must be on hand when harvesting wood.

To Report a Wildfire:

British Columbia - 1-800-663-5555

Alberta - 310-FIRE (310-3473)

Saskatchewan - Forest Fire Control Centre at 1-800-667-9660

Wood producers should also be aware of the requirement of post-harvest wildfire hazard abatement requirements. Guidance on wildfire hazard abatement is available at the following sources:

- [BC Wildfire Management Branch](#)
- [BC Wildfire Management Branch: A Guide to Fuel Hazard Assessment and Abatement in British Columbia](#)
- [Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development: Wildfire Prevention & Enforcement](#)
- [Alberta Fire Smart Program](#)
- [Saskatchewan Environment Ministry: Wildfire Management](#)



c) **Health & Safety**

British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan have acts and regulations for, Worker Compensation and Employment Standards. The regulations set minimum standards regarding occupational health, safety and employment. These agencies offer direction on the implementation and interpretation of the regulations through periodic training sessions, self-education guides and site visits. Information and training opportunities can be found at the following websites:

- Work Safe BC: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en>
- BC Forest Safety Council: <https://www.bcforestsafe.org/>
- BC Employment Standards Branch:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards>
- BC Employers' Advisors Office:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/labour>
- Work Safe Alberta: <https://www.wcb.ab.ca/>
- Alberta Safety Council: <https://www.safetycouncil.ab.ca/>
- Alberta Human Services – Employment Standards: <https://www.alberta.ca/labour-and-immigration.aspx>
- Work Safe Saskatchewan: <https://www.worksafesask.ca/>
- Saskatchewan Safety Council: <https://www.sasksafety.org/>
- Saskatchewan Labour Relations & Workplace Safety:
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/labour-relations-and-workplace-safety>

6. Company Audits

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7. Company Trained Contacts

Advice on qualified professionals can be obtained from Dunkley Lumber, Foothills Forests Products or Edgewood Forest Products. These Contractors will have successfully completed training programs enabling them to conduct operations in a sustainable manner.

DUNKLEY LUMBER LTD – PRINCE GEORGE, BC

Dunkley Lumber Ltd Contact	Office	Cell	Logging Contractors	Cell
Brad Johnson		250-612-1599	Ambrus Logging - Tommy Novak	250-983-3231
Brian Shawara		250-569-7772	Ambrus Logging – Eddy Novak	250-991-8088
Chris Royle, RPF	250-998-4239	250-983-2987	Stony Lake Logging – Denis Hocevar	250-255-0240
Cory Redden, RPF	250-998-4240	250-255-5088	Stony Lake Logging – Greg Hocevar	250-961-9691
Curtis Fenton, RPF	250-998-4228	250-612-2700	Ubleis Logging – Rob Ubleis	250-996-1615
Erin Coffey, RPF		250-960-9894	Krueger Resources Ltd. – Jason Krueger	250-395-6592
Gary McFarland, RFT		250-569-7418	Van Somer Logging – Brandon Van Somer	250-613-5290
Jake Olson, RPF	250-998-4244	250-613-1622	Blue Valley Enterprises – Rod Funk	250-569-0022
Jeremy Cover, RPF	250-998-4243	250-649-9023	Borutski Trucking – Larry Borutski	250-255-6858
Justin Fullarton		250-997-7709	Eko Logging Ltd. – Carl Kienzle	250-613-6872
Larry Bradley, RFT		250-570-1852	Kamac Construction – Keith McDonald	250-255-7948
Mariah Kampman	250-998-4203	250-255-1478	Chu Cho Industries – Warren Unger	778-349-5620
Matt FitzGerald, RPF		236-792-6664	Duz Cho Logging – Neil Smith	250-614-8229
Shane Bressette, RFT	250-998-4229	250-640-2533	Myatovic Bros Logging – Dwane Thompson	250-960-9607
Trent Gainer, RFT	250-998-4231	250-569-7207		

FOOTHILLS FOREST PRODUCTS INC. – GRAND CACHE, ALBERTA

FFP Inc Contacts	Office	Cell	Contractors/ Consultants	Office
Graham Duckers RPF	780-827-2225	780-827-8348	McNeil Construction - Wally McNeil	780-827-4444
Skyler Lewis, RPF	780-827-2225	780-827-6700	McGyInn Contracting - Kelly McGyInn	780-897-5830
Trent Johnson, RPF	780-827-2225	780-227-5056	MAD Logging - Marc Daigle	780-827-8557
Victor Fobert, RPF	780-827-2225	780-517-8109	McColm Construction - Uriah McColm	403-704-4477
Daniel Thielmann	780-827-2225	780-814-3989		



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EFP Ltd Contacts	Cell	Contractors	Office/Cell
Wade Cable	1-306-470-7153	TTL Services Ltd.	1-306-768-7256
Travis Hedger, RPFT	1-306-470-7151	WE Logging	1-306-278-2481
Lawrence Gaudry, RPFT	1-306-213-7444	Eastside Logging Ltd.	1-250-996-0196
Jessie Garson, FTIT	1-306-361-1636	Ted Bieker	1-306-276-5766
Hannah Kluss, RPF	1-306-578-6252	R Peters Jr. Contracting	1-306-961-2380
Jon Enns, FTIT	1-204-799-3451	Cumberland Wood Products	1-306-930-9688
Aaron Burns, RPFT	1-306-980-5604	Spring Creek Logging Ltd.	1-306-547-2770
Tom Hiebert	1-306-401-7557	CPI Construction	1-306-230-1631
Nick Stacy, RPFT	1-306-980-6678	Wayne Megli	1-306-768-2991/ 1-306-768-7778
Matt Eckert, RPFT	1-306-980-5636	Delmar Enterprises	1-306-981-4923
Thomas Rothenbush, FTIT	1-705-868-9515	Get R Done Logging	1-306-865-6612
Kendall Friske	1-306-768-8011	Vermette Trucking & Wood Preservers	1-306-764-4054
		Halland Farms	1-306-276-5791