



Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. Public Summary Report – Lake States Region Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2005-2009 Edition]

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a SFI surveillance assessment for Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. (“Plum Creek”) in the states of Michigan and Wisconsin. The lead assessor was Don Taylor, CF, EMS (LA).

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess the SFI management system at the corporate level and to evaluate Plum Creek’s implementation of the SFI Standard on the ground.

Indicators

All of the indicators in the SFI Standard were within the scope of the assessment, except for Objective 8, since Plum Creek does not procure wood in the states of Michigan and Wisconsin. 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 in the field. The report was dated August 30, 2007.

Summary of Findings

Opportunities for Improvement were noted in the following areas:

- Plum Creek may wish to consider follow-up documentation in any situations where agencies indicate that permitting is not required.
- Plum Creek may wish to consider obtaining documentation to confirm contaminated materials were delivered to an approved disposal site.
- Plum Creek may wish to consider identifying road projects in erodible soil types to ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent or contain soil movement.
- Plum Creek may wish to consider evaluating water bars after they are installed to ensure they conform to BMP design specifications.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- Plum Creek's Lake States Region has an excellent harvest planning system.
- Plum Creek has a proactive wildlife management program which is illustrated by its handling of the Kirtland Warbler discovery, the inclusion of the Karner Blue Butterfly into the state-wide HCP and long-term support for adaptive management research such as the Pine Martin project.
- Plum Creek's development of the "Biodiversity Scorecard" through the identification of significant indicators and involvement in the "Michigan Wild" program shows leadership in the development of biodiversity metrics and conservation programs.
- Plum Creek's aggressive log merchandising and biomass marketing program is a good example of achieving highest and best use of all harvested materials.

Conclusion

Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. is certified to the SFI Standard. The Registrar's Report and certificate can be obtained by contacting Rob Olszewski of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. (770 829 6306).