



## **Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. Certification Summary Report Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2005-2009 Edition]**

### **Project Scope and Objectives**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a SFI Surveillance Assessment on August 27, 2009. The project scope included fee lands owned and managed by Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. in Oregon and the Plum Creek fee land corporate management systems. The lead assessor was Joann Meyer Cox, CF/FCA 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 state of Oregon. 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 is dated October 16, 2009.

## **Summary of Findings**

There were no major or minor non-conformities identified during the audit.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Clarifying staff responsibility to track, inventory and report the storage of herbicides.
- Consistently documenting the harvest evaluations, including actions taken to resolve observed unsatisfactory conditions; pertinent contract information and documenting harvest timing restrictions.

Good management practices and evidence of conformity include:

- Committing to the protection of non-timber resources. Plum Creek has demonstrated leadership by gaining approval for a precedent setting salvage operation in a portion of a Northern Spotted Owl core area and rehabilitating an oak savannah habitat.
- Consistently assessing riparian protection measures, protecting sensitive wildlife habitat for Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet and G2/G3 species, promoting biodiversity and identifying/creating opportunities to enhance nontimber and timber values.
- Involving other stakeholders in a comprehensive harvest planning process including a preharvest meeting with the entire logging crew that resulted in a well executed harvest with minimal visual impact to the travelling public.
- Demonstrating a high level of financial and in-kind commitment to forestry research, science and technology and effectively facilitating knowledge transfer that translated into appropriate forest management decisions that were observed in the field.

## **Conclusion**

Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.'s fee land management practices continue to be certified to the SFI Standard. The certificate can be obtained by contacting Rob Olszewskii of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. (770 829 6306) or can be viewed at [www.plumcreek.com](http://www.plumcreek.com).