



## **Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. Public Summary Report – West Virginia 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 state of West Virginia. 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 state of West Virginia. 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. Our report was dated January 28, 2008.

### **Summary of Findings**

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- More thorough documentation of stand prescriptions on Stand Evaluation and Harvest Specifications forms.
- Resolving discrepancies in forest inventories after annual updates.
- Adopting more current and robust forest estate modeling capabilities.
- When deviating from standard riparian protection procedures, more comprehensive documentation of the rational why foresters have chosen this prescription.
- Consistency of implementation and effectiveness of water bars.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- Reconstruction of a newly acquired road system to reach a high level of BMP compliance.
- Minimizing the number and size of landings through advanced planning of harvest units.
- Comprehensive staff training programs.
- Efforts to re-establish blight resistant chestnuts by planting hybrid stocks.
- Good cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife Division to achieve state wildlife habitat objectives. In addition, Plum Creek worked with NCASI and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a survey and research program related to the Cerulean Warbler.
- Developing markets for historically underutilized species and the optimization of value from harvested timber.

### **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).