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**Bureau Veritas Certification
North America, Inc.
SFI 2005:2009 Audit Report**

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Audit Summary

This report summarizes the results of surveillance audit #4 on American Forest Management's (AFM's) SFI program for management of Black Bear Forest, Inc. Brian Callaghan RPF CEA(SFM), Bureau Veritas Certification Lead Auditor conducted the audit 9/22/2009 through 9/24/2009.

The objectives of the audit were to review AFMs SFI program documentation in accordance with the requirements of the SFI 2005-2009 standard and verify the effective implementation of AFM's SFI program in the way it conducts its on-the-ground management activities. Specifically, two objectives of the SFI audit were to:

1. Verify that the Program Participant's SFI Program is in conformance with the SFI Objectives, Performance Measures, and Indicators, and any additional indicators that the Program Participant chooses, and
2. Verify whether the Program Participant has effectively implemented its SFI Standard program requirements on the ground.

The audit was conducted against the SFIS 2005-2009 standard. SFI objectives 1, 2, 5, 7 and 13, and portions of objectives 3 were reviewed during this audit. There was no substitution or modifications of SFI indicators. An audit plan was developed and is maintained on file by Bureau Veritas Certification. Standard Bureau Veritas Certification protocols and forms were applied throughout the audit as provided by the most recent version of the Bureau Veritas Certification SFI Auditor Handbook available on the auditor access website.

Black Bear Forest, Inc. was previously managed by Sustainable Forest Technologies, Inc. (SFT). American Forest Management purchased SFT in 2007. No change was made in the management system, and the same employees are in place as they were with SFT. Black Bear Forest is divided into two regions; the West forest, consisting of approximately 300,000 acres, and the East forest, consisting of approximately 706,000 acres. This surveillance audit was conducted on the West forest, headquartered out of Stratton, Maine.

The audit emphasized two aspects of forest management; aerial herbicide applications and roads & water crossings. Roads & water crossings had been the focus of previous nonconformances and the

company has undertaken a comprehensive program of road reconstruction and bridge replacement. Five timber harvest, 2 road (re)construction projects (6.5 miles total), 4 bridges, 8 water crossings, and three aerial spray projects were visited during the audit. One contractor was interviewed to determine level of training and awareness of BMPs, petroleum spill response requirements, and other AFM requirements. Personnel interviewed during the audit are identified on the SF61 evidence matrix maintained on file by Bureau Veritas Certification. Results of each field visit were recorded on a field audit form, and also maintained on file.

The findings made by Bureau Veritas Certification are listed below:

Previous non-conformances:

None from the previous year.

Non-conformances:

There were no non-conformances issued during this audit.

Opportunities for Improvement:

There were no opportunities for improvement issued during this audit

Notable Practices:

One notable practice was observed.

1. PM 3.2, Ind. 3: Observed excellent bridge construction practices. AFM has completed a bridge inventory for the forest and has started a bridge replacement program to improve older crossings. It was noted during the inspection of four new bridges that there were no negative impacts observed and were temporary bridges had been removed that all banks were stabilized appropriately.

Logo/label use:

The organization does not use the Bureau Veritas Certification logo.

SFI reporting:

The 2008 surveillance audit report for AFM was found on the SFI website

Conclusions

The results of this audit indicate AFM continues to operate an effective SFI program.

A closing meeting was held at the Stratton office. Since no non-conformances were issued, a recommendation for continued certification to the SFIS 2005-2009 was made.

Surveillance audit

AFM is on a continuous surveillance cycle. A surveillance audit schedule is maintained on file by Bureau Veritas Certification to ensure all applicable indicators are audited over the certification cycle. As this was the fourth surveillance audit a recertification audit will be undertaken in 2010.

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Summary of Audit Findings:						
Audit Date(s):	From: 9/22/2009			To: 9/24/2009		
Number of SF02's Raised:	Major:		0	Minor:		0
Is a follow up visit required:	Yes	No	X	Date(s) of follow up visit:		
Follow-up visit remarks:						
Team Leader Recommendation:						
Corrective Action Plan (s) Accepted	Yes	No		Date:		
Proceed to/Continue Certification	Yes	X	No	Date:	9/27/2009	
All NCR's Cleared	Yes	No		Date:		
Standard audit conducted against:						
1)	SFIS 2005-2009	3)				
2)		4)				
Team Leader (1):		Team Members (2,3,4...)				
Brian Callaghan RPF CEA(SFM)		2)				
		3)				
		4)				
		5)				
Scope of Supply: (scope statement must be verified and appear in the space below)						
Forest and land management activities conducted by American Forest Management (AFM) on Black Bear Forest, Inc. (1,006,000 Acres)						
Accreditation's	ANAB					
Number of Certificates	1					
Proposed Date for Next Audit Event						
Date	The company has requested Sept. 15-17, 2009 for its next audit event					
Audit Report Distribution						
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Clause	Audit Report
Opening Meeting	Participants: Paula Pelletier AFM EMS Manager, Tom Dodd AFM, Mark Andrews AFM Discussions: District Manager, George Motta GMO Operations Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introductions ➤ Scope of the audit ➤ Audit schedule/plan ➤ Nonconformance types – Major / Minor ➤ Review of previous nonconformances - 0. ➤ Process approach to auditing and audit sampling ➤ Confidentiality agreement ➤ Termination of the audit ➤ Appeals process ➤ Closing meeting timing
Closing Meeting	Participants: Paula Pelletier, John Bryant, Mark Andrews, Tom Dodd, and George Motta Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introductions and appreciation for selecting Bureau Veritas Certification. ➤ Review of audit process - process approach and sampling. ➤ Review of OFIs and System Strengths ➤ Nonconformances - 0 ➤ Date for next audit. ➤ Reporting protocol and timing