

Boise Paper Holdings, L.L.C. and Boise Cascade, L.L.C. Public Summary Report Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2010-2014 Edition]

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a SFI Re-Registration Assessment of Boise Paper Holdings, L.L.C. and Boise Cascade, L.L.C.’s raw material procurement system at the Western Oregon Region operations in White City, Oregon on June 25, 2010. The lead assessor was Joann Meyer Cox, CF/FCA, EMS (LA).

The certification scope includes all procurement operations carried out under Boise’s company-wide Fiber and Wood Procurement System in the states of Alabama, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington.

Boise manages its SFI Program through a centralized management structure that provides a consistent approach to procurement throughout the organization. The primary objective of the assessment was to assess the SFI management system at the corporate level and to evaluate Boise’s implementation of the SFI Standard on the ground.

Indicators

The procurement practices for all of Boise’s Western Oregon Wood Procurement Region were assessed against Objectives 8 through 20 of the SFI Standard [2010-2014 Edition], except for Objective 18, since Boise does not have any forest management responsibilities on public lands. 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 the SFI program requirements in the field. The report was dated July 12, 2010.

Summary of Findings

There was one minor non-conformity identified during the assessment.

Boise has initiated a variety of initiatives related to "Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value" and their program addresses sales from public agencies and 3rd party certified landowners, however, the full process of when a G1 and G2 species or ecologically sensitive community is observed during harvest on non-certified private sales has not yet been fully developed. An action plan has been received and accepted to address this non-conformity and will be reviewed at the next surveillance assessment.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Include statements about the release of the new SFI standard in Boise's SFI packet transmittal letter to landowners and suppliers to draw attention to the new requirements of the standard.
- Examining the summary findings of the previous year's internal harvest inspection reports to facilitate more meaningful pre-conference sessions.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- The development of an electronic tracking system to efficiently allow staff to access and update SFI evidence documents used to demonstrate compliance to the requirements of the standard.
- Providing leadership in the development of the Oregon Professional Logger Program and recognition of this program as a certified logging program.
- At the request of Oregon Department of Forestry, Boise voluntarily modified a timber sale contract and installed a large culvert to repair a major access road damaged during a December 2007 storm event.

Conclusion

Boise's procurement operations have been Re-Registered to the SFI Standard (2010-2014 Edition). The Certificates of Registration can be obtained by contacting Brad Holt, Forest Certification Manager, of Boise Cascade (208-384-7514), or on Boise's web site at <http://www.bc.com/sustainability/certification.html>.