



Bayroot LLC Public Summary Report Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2005-2009 Edition]

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") completed a SFI Surveillance Assessment on fee lands owned by Bayroot LLC (the "landowner") in Maine and managed by Wagner Forest Management, Ltd. ("Wagner" or "the company"), and the Wagner fee land management systems at its corporate office in Lyme, New Hampshire. The Acting Lead Assessor was James Lucas, RPF, MF, EMS (LA) Candidate and the Lead Assessor was Bruce Eaket, RPF, EMS (LA). Team members included Dr. John Daigle and Bill Leak.

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess the SFI management system at the corporate level and to evaluate Wagner's implementation of the SFI Standard.

Indicators

All of the indicators in the SFI Standard were within the scope of the assessment, except for Objective 8, since Wagner does not procure logs. 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 November 26, 2008.

Summary of Findings

There was one minor non-conformance identified during the audit:

- The summer of 2008 was exceptionally wet and challenging for foresters and contractors. It is expected that Wagner foresters initiate measures to adequately deal with surface road drainage and protect water quality on all its roads. However, roads leading into two harvest units had surface erosion which was depositing uncontrolled silt into ditches. Wagner has developed an appropriate action plan that was accepted by PwC.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Wagner did an excellent job of protecting riparian features on all harvest blocks examined during the assessment. However, foresters are not consistently mapping these features, as per Wagner's internal policies.
- Wagner provides land access to organized ATV user groups using a permit process. However, in one location adjacent to a harvest unit, a 200 foot section of ATV trail did not meet recently released State BMPs for ATV use, which is required by the permit with Bayroot. Wagner may wish to consider methods and opportunities to educate ATV riders about the new BMPs.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- Wagner foresters frequently exceed state requirements for riparian protection.
- In one location, a Wagner forester used a slash filter to protect a brook adjacent to a main skid trail.
- In general Wagner's log utilization was excellent.
- Wagner management have created a powerful annual roll up of actual and expected log volumes which allows detailed analysis of annual performance.
- On one harvest unit, which borders on the Wild River, visual management was effective with harvest activity completely buffered from the Maine Scenic highway and adjacent recreational sites.
- Wagner's inventory approach is well thought out and efficient.

Conclusion

Bayroot LLC has maintained conformance to the requirements of the SFI Standard. The Certificate can be can be obtained by contacting Gordon Gamble of Wagner Forest Management (207-369-9759).