



**Bureau Veritas Certification  
North America, Inc.  
Forestry Audit Report (SF63)**

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Contract Number:	HQ 16016	Certification Audit:		Re-Certification Audit:		Surveillance: (Indicate visit # or Pre-Assessment)	(1)
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**Audit Summary**

The opening meeting was held at the Bennett Forest Industries (BFI) office in Grangeville, Idaho on June 12, 2007. Bill Higgins, Resource and SFI Manager, Aaron Reed and Glenn Poxleitner, Procurement Foresters were in attendance. BFI's staff were knowledgeable about the operations for each site and were available for all portions of the audit. Vincent Corrao, Lead Auditor Certified Forester and Greg Bassler, Team Auditor Certified Forester conducted the audit. Non-conformances and the requirements for clearing them, opportunities for improvement, and notable practices were discussed.

The scope of the BFI surveillance audit included forestry and procurement operations managed by BFI in Idaho and included Objectives 1, 8, 10, and 13. The audit began with a document review at the BFI's Grangeville office and following the document review proceeded directly into the field. The Audit Plan and logistics were reviewed and the sites confirmed to conduct the field portion of the audit in a timely manner. The closing meeting time was confirmed and is to be held at the BFI's Grangeville office on June 12, 2007. The surveillance audit is to verify the ongoing effectiveness of BFI's SFI program and to demonstrate conformance to the policies and procedures on BFI lands.

The BFI's forestry operations are located primarily in north central Idaho and procures gatewood throughout north Idaho and as far south as Boise, Idaho. BFI forestry operation manages approximately 16,000 acres within this region.

The field portion of the audit began on June 12, 2007 and concentrated on Objectives 1, 8, 10 and 13. The audit was conducted on BFI's forestry operations and procurement system. A total of 13 sites were visited during the audit and included 5 fee/stumpage land parcels and 8 gatewood sales. The sites visited provided a variety of practices on completed units. BFI uses contract loggers that are trained and knowledgeable on the requirements of the SFI standard. BVC auditors found BFI SFI Manager Bill Higgins to be effective in implementing the SFI program and found a good understanding of the SFI requirements. BFI has continued to effectively implement the SFIS, Idaho FPA, and BMPs, and has demonstrated on the ground performance.

BFI did not have any substitution or modifications to any of the Indicators. A review of previous audits was conducted to verify the results of previous audit findings and to evaluate BFI's past performance. BFI formally addressed the past opportunities for improvements with documentation and actions to improve the weaknesses and are implementing the changes. There were no trends in the SFI implementation of the field audit or the document review that would indicate that any particular area needs special attention. An SF 61 has been completed and contains specific information and audit notes.

The auditor was impressed on how well prepared the BFI staff were for conducting the field portion of the audit. The audit proceeded through the sites on a timely basis and the SFI guides were very knowledgeable of the sites activities and history of the operations.

The audit findings included:

Non-conformances issued: No non-conformances were issued during the audit.

Opportunities for Improvements: OFI's are weaknesses in the program that may lead to a non-conformance in the future if activities are not monitored for effectiveness.

Four opportunities for improvements were identified during the surveillance audit.

- 1.) Objective 1, PM 1.1- An up-dated inventory and management plan revision is scheduled for the 2008 operating season and needs to reflect changes in the harvest schedule.
- 2.) Objective 1, PM 1.1, Indicator 1-BFI needs to combine into one file a complete set of information for field verification of fee lands.
- 3.) Objective 13, PM 13.1-Documentation needs to have revision dates on all BFI SFI Operations Manual for document control.
- 4.) Objective 13, PM 13.1, Indicator 3-BFI Annual Meeting is planned to be conducted in June and needs to address continual improvement and monitoring results.

The surveillance audit schedule has been discussed and has been documented on an SF 17 to insure that all Objectives will be completed for meeting certification requirements.

The Closing Meeting for this surveillance audit was held at the BFI's Grangeville office on June 12, 2007. Bill Higgins, Resource and SFI Manager, Aaron Reed and Glenn Poxleitner, Procurement Foresters were in attendance. The audit findings were presented and discussed at the closing meeting.

Bureau Veritas Certification recommends that Bennett Forest Industries and Bureau Veritas continue certification.

<b>Summary of Audit Findings:</b>											
Stage 1 Audit Dates:	From: June 12 , 2007				To: June 12 , 2007						
Stage 2 Audit Dates:	From: June 12 , 2007				To: June 12, 2007						
Number of SF02's Raised:			Major:			Minor:					
Is a follow up visit required:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date(s) of follow up visit:						
Follow-up visit remarks:											
<b>Team Leader Recommendation:</b>											
All NCR's now cleared:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proceed to/Continue Certification			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date:	June 12, 2007										
Standard(s) audit conducted against:											
1)	SFI 2005-2009 Edition		3)	SFI Surveillance (1)							
2)			4)								
Team Leader (1):			Team Members (2, 3, 4...)								
Vincent P. Corrao			2) Greg Bassler								
			3)								
			4)								
			5)								
Scope of Supply: (scope statement must be verified and appear in the space below)											
<p>“Forest Management operations for Bennett Forest Industries forestry operations, stumpage, and gatewood procurement system at the Grangeville, Idaho mill facility”</p>											
Accreditation's:	SFI 2005-2009 Forestry Operations										
Number of Certificates:	1										
Acres (ha) within the scope of this audit:			16,000		Location of these acres: (State, province)			Idaho operations			
<b>Audit Report Distribution</b>											
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## SF02/NA NONCONFORMITY REPORT

Company Name and Site:		<u>SF02#:</u>							
Contract #:	Department / Process:	Team Leader:							
Date:	Standard and Clause#:	Team Member:							
Major	Minor	Other Documents (if applicable):							
		Company Representative:							
REQUIREMENT OF AUDITED STANDARD:									
OBSERVED NONCONFORMITY:									
ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION (to be completed by the Company)									
Proposed Completion Date:	Actual Completion Date:	Company Representative:							
Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action Response:									
CLEARANCE REPORT (to be completed by BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION)									
Corrective Action Accepted	Yes		No		Nonconformance Downgraded	Yes		No	
Follow Up Comments:									
Auditor:						Date:			