



## **Boise Cascade, L.L.C. and Boise Paper Holdings, L.L.C. Public Summary Report Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard [2005-2009 Edition]**

### **Project Scope and Objectives**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a SFI Surveillance Assessment of Boise Cascade, L.L.C. and Boise Paper Holdings, L.L.C.’s (Boise) raw material procurement system at the Inland West Region operations in Kettle Falls, Washington and LaGrande, Oregon. The lead assessor was Joann Meyer Cox, CF/FCA, EMS (LA).

The assessment scope included procurement operations carried out under Boise’s company-wide Fiber and Wood Procurement System. The procurement practices were assessed against Objectives 8 through 13 of the SFI Standard [2005-2009 Edition].

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 evaluate Boise’s continued implementation of the SFI Standard, using a continuous certification approach.

### **Indicators**

All of the indicators associated with Objectives 8 through 13 in the SFI Standard were included within the assessment scope. 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 October 14, 2008.

## **Summary of Findings**

There were no non-conformities identified during the assessment.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Consistency of documenting pre-operation meetings and logging inspections on federal and state timber sales compared to the approach used to administer private timber purchases.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- Continued leadership and funding for non-timber studies such as elk habitat management in the Inland Region and a publication on conservation planning.
- Strong working relationships with US Forest Service and state agency personnel.
- Boise's efforts to work closely with regional associations to produce quality training materials for wood producers and their consistent encouragement and promotion of the master logger program resulted in an increase of accredited tribal logging contractors.

## **Conclusion**

Boise's procurement operations continue to be certified to the SFI Standard. The Registration Certificates can be obtained on the website at: [www.bc.com](http://www.bc.com) or by contacting Brad Holt, Certification Manager (208-384-7514).