



## **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 Southern Region operations in DeRidder, LA and Jackson, AL. The lead assessor was Don Taylor, CF, 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 March 14, 2008.

### **Summary of Findings**

There were no non-conformities identified during the assessment.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Although the roads inspected during the assessment had the required water bars installed, Boise may wish to consider providing additional guidance to its procurement personnel with regard to stabilizing skid trails on particularly vulnerable soils.
- Boise has developed systems for gathering information on harvesting inspections. Boise may wish to provide additional guidance to improve the consistency of documentation and to ensure that reports from inspections are provided in a timely manner.

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

- Boise does an excellent job of SFI communication, as seen through external documents provided to their suppliers, such as the *Landowners' Guide to the Louisiana Sustainable Forestry Initiative* and internal information such as the "SFI Plan 2007". In addition, Boise maintains good relationships with its land owners through its Landowner Assistance Program.
- During the wet weather conditions experienced in 2007, Boise's procurement foresters still managed to supply wood to the mills while maintaining consistently high BMP compliance audit results.
- Boise's training programs on topics like "Wildlife and Biodiversity" are commendable.
- Boise carefully selects and monitors that logging contractors are well trained and qualified, resulting in excellent utilization, good knowledge of SFI and high BMP compliance.

## **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).