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## Audit Summary for Public Disclosure Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Standard

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## Executive Summary

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No non-conformances were issued during the audit. Five opportunities for improvement and four notable practices were issued.

With this report, the two SFI audit objectives were attained. Since no non-conformances were issued against Rayonier Forest Resources, L.P.'s SFI program, the lead auditor recommended certification to the SFIS 2005-2009 edition.

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## **Audit Scope Summary**

**Contract Number: HQ 12934**

**Audit Team: Jack Ward**

**Country: U.S.**

**States: Washington**

**Total Land Base: 370, 812**

**Facilities: None**

**Audit Dates: June 5-8, 2006**

**Audit Recommendation: Certification to the SFIS 2005-2009**

**Date of Completion of  
Corrective Actions: N/A**

**Duration of Certificate: Five (5) years**



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## SECTION 1.0

### AUDIT BACKGROUND

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This report summarizes the results of the surveillance audit conducted on Rayonier Forest Resources, L.P. – Northwest Forest Resources (NWFR) SFI program. Jack Ward, Bureau Veritas Certification SFI Lead Auditor, conducted the audit 6/5/2006 through 6/8/2006. James Rochelle, PhD., served as a wildlife technical expert during the audit.

This surveillance audit was conducted in one stage on the Clallam and Grays Harbor Regions and the Hoquiam and Fork's, WA offices. The scope of the audit was to review selected SFI indicators as they relate to NWFR's timber and non-timber forest management activities. The objectives of the audit were to establish conformance of NWFR's SFI program against the SFI 2005-2009 standard and any additional indicators, and to establish whether NWFR's SFI program management system and on-the-ground activities conform to the SFI standard. Standard Bureau Veritas Certification protocols and forms were applied throughout the audit as provided by the Bureau Veritas Certification SFI Auditor Handbook.

An opening meeting was conducted on June 5, 2006, where the objectives of the audit, and the audit process for collecting evidence and making findings were discussed. The audit plans were discussed and agreed to, and the time and place of closing meetings were confirmed. The closing meeting was held on June 8, 2006, where the results of the audit were presented. These meetings were conducted by Bureau Veritas Certification lead auditor Jack Ward, and attended by NWFR SFI representative Dan Varland and several company personnel. Attendance records are on file and a copy was provided to the company.



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## SECTION 2.0

### AUDIT RESULTS

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#### 2.1 General Findings

Fourteen (14) field sites were visited during the surveillance audit.

#### 2.2 Non-conformances Issued

There were no non-conformances issued during the audit.

#### 2.3 Opportunities for Improvement

Five (5) opportunities for improvement were issued relative to the organization's SFI program. These should be considered in light of how they may affect conformance during future audits.

1. SFI Objective 1; Performance Measure 1.1; Indicator 4: Consider refining frequency and selection criteria for inventory updates (re-cruise).
2. SFI Objective 2; Performance Measure 2.1; Indicator 2: Consider establishing written NWFR criteria for thresholds and appropriate actions to correct under-stocked areas.
3. SFI Objective 2; Performance Measure 2.2; Indicator 6: Consider requiring GPS tracking maps identifying path of aerial application of pesticides and fertilizers.
4. SFI Objective 3; Performance Measure 3.1; Indicator 2: Consider improving consistency with respect to referencing adherence to forest practice rules in Agreements that pertain to Class III & IV Forest Practices.
5. SFI Objective 5; Performance Measure 5.3; Indicator 3: Consider refining Rayonier's controls regarding accumulation of contiguous acres.

#### 2.4 Notable Practices

In addition, four (4) notable practices were observed. These represented SFI program strengths Bureau Veritas Certification found to be exemplary practices.

1. SFI Objective 2; Performance Measure 2.1; Indicator 2: The digital display of stocking levels developed at Clallam Region



2. SFI Objective 2; Performance Measure 2.2; Indicator 6: The practice of providing a Rayonier licensed field guide during application of roadside chemicals.
3. SFI Objective 3; Performance Measure 3.1; Indicator 3: Clallum Region's Electronic monitoring and reporting of rainfall and company guidance as to targeted hauling restrictions.
4. SFI Objective 4; Performance Measure 4.1; Indicator 2- The Environmental Concerns System does an effective job of providing a visual tool of environmental sensitivities to ensure they are addressed in harvest plans.



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## SECTION 3.0

### CONCLUSION

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With this report, the two SFI audit objectives were attained. The findings and conclusions of this surveillance audit are the results of a constructive and cooperative effort between Rayonier Forest Resources, L.P.-Northwest Forest Resources and Bureau Veritas Certification

The closing meeting was conducted on 6/8/2006. Since no non-conformances were issued against NWFR's SFI program, the lead auditor recommended certification to the SFIS 2005-2009 edition.

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