



## Sustainable Forest Management Policy (SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Principles)

- 1. Sustainable Forestry:** To practice sustainable forestry to meet the needs of the present while promoting the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by practicing a land stewardship ethic that integrates reforestation and the managing, growing, nurturing and harvesting of trees for useful products and for the provision of ecosystem services such as the conservation of soil, air and water quality and quantity, climate change adaptation and mitigation, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats, recreation and aesthetics.
- 2. Forest Productivity and Health:** To provide for regeneration after harvest, maintain the health and productive capacity of the forest land base, and to protect and maintain long-term soil health and productivity. In addition, to protect forest from economically, environmentally, or socially undesirable impacts of wildfire, pest, diseases, invasive species and other damaging agents and thus maintain and improve long-term forest health and productivity.
- 3. Protection of Water Resources:** To protect and maintain the water quality and quantity of water bodies and riparian areas, and to conform with forestry best management practices to protect water quality, to meet the needs of both human communities and ecological systems.
- 4. Protection of Biological Diversity:** To manage forests in ways that protect and promote biological diversity, including animal and plant species, wildlife habitats, ecologically and culturally important species, threatened and endangered species.
- 5. Aesthetic and Recreation:** To manage the visual impacts of forest operations, and to provide recreational opportunities for the public.
- 6. Protection of Special Sites:** To manage lands that are geologically or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.
- 7. Legal Compliance:** To comply with applicable federal, provincial, state, and local forestry and related environmental laws, statutes, and regulations.
- 8. Research:** To support advances in sustainable forest management through research, science and technology.
- 9. Training and Education:** To improve the practice of sustainable forestry through training and education programs.
- 10. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility, and Respect for Indigenous Rights:** To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry on all lands through community involvement, socially responsible practices, and through


recognition and respect of Indigenous Peoples rights and traditional forest-related knowledge.


11. **Transparency:** To broaden the understanding of forest certification to the Forest Management Standard by documenting certification audits and making the findings publicly available.

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12. **Continual Improvement:** To continually improve the practice of forest management, and to monitor, measure and report performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.

13. **Responsible Fiber Sourcing Practices in North America:** To use and promote sustainable forestry across a diversity of ownership and management types in the United States and Canada that is both scientifically credible and socially, environmentally and economically responsible and to avoid sourcing from controversial sources both domestically and internationally.

  
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