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DESCRIPTION OF THE CERTIFIED ORGANIZATION

The company SFI representative is Julie Norton.

Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation (RCFC) woodlands operations are situated on Crown land in British Columbia, Canada. The forest lands are managed under a Tree Farm License (TFL 56) which confers rights and responsibilities related to sustainable forest management upon RCFC. TFL 56 is located in the rugged Columbia Mountains one hour north of the City of Revelstoke in the Downie Creek and Goldstream River drainages. RCFC is a community owned forest company with objectives to manage to address community values and meet regulatory requirements for forest management within the province of British Columbia (BC). RCFC supplies logs to the open market and does not have any post-harvest processing facilities, nor do they procure any fibre from other forest tenures. More information on RCFC is available on the web site: <http://rcfc.bc.ca/>.

AUDIT PROCESS

During the period of September 10, 2024 to September 13, 2024, underwent a surveillance audit to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) 2022 Forest Management (FM) Standard.

The registration cycle is over five years with surveillance audits conducted annually. The audit assessed active and/or completed harvest operations through interviews with the company staff and contractors. The audit also assessed the SFI documentation and records at the company's office including stakeholder and Indigenous people communication.

The SFI program third-party audit was undertaken by Intertek. Intertek is an independent third-party registrar that is accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) Standard ensuring the integrity and credibility of the audit process.

Intertek forestry specialist group registers/certifies forest companies to ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, CSA Z809 and CSA Z804 SFM, SFI Forest Management, SFI CoC, SFI Fiber Sourcing, SFI Certified Sourcing Label, PEFC CoC, FSC® Forest Management, FSC® CoC.

The group, led by Ronald Wald, Technical Manager - Forestry, consists of a highly qualified team of professional foresters, technical and industry experts.

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THE AUDIT TEAM

The Intertek audit team who performed the audit consisted of Laird Van Damme, R.P.F., audit team leader. The auditor is a Professional Forester and certified auditor.

REGISTRATION TYPE

Certificate Type	SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard	SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard
Single site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOREST LAND AND MANGEMENT PLAN INCLUDED IN THE AUDIT SCOPE

Management plan	<p>Management Planning on TFL 56 is guided by the 2020 Management Plan #5 for TFL 56 and a government required Foerst Stewardship Plan approved in 2022 https://rcfc.bc.ca/environment/.</p> <p>Management planning encompass both the timber and non-timber values found in the forests and ensures that timber harvesting objectives are balanced against social and ecological values such as wildlife, biodiversity, and recreational opportunities.</p>
Area of ownership	<p>TFL 56 is located in the rugged Columbia Mountains one hour north of the City of Revelstoke in the Downie Creek and Goldstream River drainages. The TFL consists of a gross land base of 120,000 hectares of which 63,000 ha. is forested.</p>
Major timber types	<p>The forest cover on TFL 56 is dominated by older forests. The current proportions, by volume of leading species are; cedar 31%, spruce 31%, hemlock 24%, Douglas-fir 9%, and subalpine fir 5%.</p>
Management approaches	<p>Silviculture systems are dominantly with reserves of patches and single trees with wildlife values. Machine accessible sites are site prepared and all sites are planted. RCFC has expanded thinning in second growth forests and is using alternatives to clear cutting such as shelterwood harvesting on selected sites. Roads are being deactivated and landing size and skid trail minimized where practical.</p>
Long-term harvest level	<p>The Timber Harvesting Land Base is 33,700 hectares of which 12,000 hectares is reserved to meet wildlife and biodiversity requirements. The present AAC is set at 90,000 m³/year, less a BC Timber Sales of 12,000 m³/year</p>



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SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Forest management activities - planning, harvesting, and silviculture on TFL 56. Fiber sold under this certificate counts as 100% SFI and 100% PEFC certified forest content.

There has been no modification to the scope since the last public summary audit report.

AUDIT PROCESS

During this audit, the audit team evaluated the company against the objectives listed in Table 1. The evidence of compliance observed is listed in Table 2. Both tables are found in the section Evidence of Conformity to the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard.

A sample sites (for the field audit) were chosen from a list of active sites and sites where forest management activities occurred since the last audit. The site choice also considered activity type, and risk factors, related to the audit objectives selected for review, as well as the opportunity to verify implementation of corrective actions for previous non-conformities.

SUBSTITUTE INDICATORS

Not applicable. No substitute indicators were evaluated during this audit.

COMPLAINTS

No complaints have been received.

AUDIT TIME, SITES AND ACTIVITIES AUDITED

Audit Activity	Duration in days
On-site audit	1
Off-site audit	0.5
Field audit	2
Sites	Activities audited
Goldstream Road KM 5.5 and Km 22.5	Water crossings and road maintenance practices.





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CP 206 BLK 5	<p>Active clearcut harvest operations by Two Guys Logging Inc. using grapple yarding, hoe chucking and skidding</p> 





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<p>CP 572 Blk 1</p>	<p>Recent clearcut, mounding site preparation, planted and road deactivation with patch retention partial harvest to increase future old growth structures.</p> 





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<p>CP 803 BLK 1</p>	<p>Active thinning of second growth plantation by Silvertip Aviation using cut to length and forwarder systems.</p> 




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CP 156 Blk 5	Irregular shelterwood and thinning operation recently completed in 2024
CP 156 Blk 3	<p data-bbox="711 489 1385 520">Clearcut and mounding site preparation planted in 2024</p>  <p data-bbox="626 1224 1430 1289">Nearby BC government assisted migration trials as part of a climate change adaptation strategy</p>




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CP 156 Blk 4	Recent clearcut with slash management scheduled for planting fall of 2024 or spring of 2025	

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Definitions for findings can be found in Appendix 1.

Non-conformance(s) identified during this audit

Not applicable. No non-conformances were identified.

Opportunities for improvement

Not applicable. No OFIs were identified.

Exceptional management practices

- Moving towards second growth management in a thoughtful and innovative manner.
- Good climate change adaptation and mitigation measures are underway (e.g. water crossing improvements and fuel management/thinning).

Status of previous audit non-conformance(s)

Not applicable. No non-conformities were raised during the previous audit.



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CERTIFICATION DECISION SFI 2022 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

Surveillance Audit

Based on the results of this audit, it has been determined that the management system is effectively implemented and meets the requirements relative to the scope of registration and audit criteria.

For this surveillance audit, a recommendation to maintain the certification is made to SAI Global.



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EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY TO THE SFI 2022 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD

Table 1 Objectives Audited

1.4	Forest Management Standard Principles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 1	Forest Management Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 2	Forest Health and Productivity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 3	Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 4	Conservation of Biological Diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 5	Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 6	Protection of Special Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 7	Efficient Use of Forest Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 8	Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 9	Climate Smart Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 10	Fire Resilience and Awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 11	Legal and Regulatory Compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 12	Forestry Research, Science and Technology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 13	Training and Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 14	Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach (14.3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 15	Public Land Management Responsibilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 16	Communications and Public Reporting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 17	Management Review and Continual Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Table 2 Evidence Observed

Objective 1 Forest Management Planning	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long term management plans and sustainable harvest level calculation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timber supply review	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timber development standards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cutting/harvesting permits	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscape assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscape level plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 2 Forest Health and Productivity	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wet/adverse weather plans or guidelines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reforestation plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planting program records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Silviculture surveys and reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standards for seed use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chemical use/spray records NA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemical applicator certification NA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-harvest site assessments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tree improvement reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harvest inspection records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Road and bridge inspection records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pest management plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 3 Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources	
Operational plans (annual, cut block level)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BMP monitoring records / reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EMS and SFI field handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Logging agreements and/or contracts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pre-work discussions/meeting records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire preparedness plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spill prevention and response plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wet weather procedures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 4 Conservation of Biological Diversity	



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Maps / GIS inventories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational plans (annual, cut block level)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wood producer training programs	<input type="checkbox"/>
NatureServe queries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research support records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Observation / survey forms and records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 5 Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits	
Visual assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut block size calculations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green-up records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free growing records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 6 Protection of Special Sites	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation on special sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 7 Efficient Use of Forest Resources	
Utilization records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 8 Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights	
Maps / GIS inventories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements and communications with Indigenous communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Written policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Field review / interviews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 9 Climate Smart Forestry	
Climate change risk assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate adaptation plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reforestation plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planting program records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Silviculture surveys and reports	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI annual progress report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 10 Fire Resilience and Awareness	
Wildfire impact risk assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire preparedness plan / fire prevention program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire management awareness program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 11 Legal and Regulatory Compliance	
Laws, legislation, regulations records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Regulatory action information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corrective action logs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring of legal requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health and safety manual and/or employee policy manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 12 Forestry Research, Science and Technology	
Support for research and science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Research and discussion papers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communication on research / implementation of research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Research knowledge transfer participation / communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 13 Training and Education	
SFI policy / written policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roles and responsibilities documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Training agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Training records (staff and contractors)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Written agreements / contracts for the use of qualified logging professionals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wood producer information package	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
QLP continuing education criteria and delivery mechanisms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 14 Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	
SFI Annual Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI and company websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI brochure	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI Implementation Committee (participation/support)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary market-based incentive program information / participation	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Education/community involvement records	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFI Implementation Committee non-conformance process information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Objective 15 Public Land Management Responsibilities	
Multi-licensee and/or government meeting minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stakeholder communication	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 16 Communications and Public Reporting	
Summary audit report posting in SFI database	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Current and past SFI Annual Progress Report and submission information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SFI Annual Progress Report data summary records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objective 17 Management Review and Continual Improvement	
Internal audit records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annual management review records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Appendix 1: Definitions and Sampling Approach

DEFINITIONS

Major Non-Conformances

Pervasive or critical to the achievement of the SFI objectives

All major non-conformances require an action plan to be implemented by the auditee within 90 days of an initial/Recertification audit or certification cannot be achieved. During a surveillance audit, an unresolved major nonconformity will lead to the suspension of the certificate.

Minor Non-Conformances

Isolated incidents that are non-critical but must be addressed before the next surveillance audit to maintain compliance to the SFI standard. Non resolved minor non-conformance will be escalated to a major non-conformance.

Opportunity for Improvement

Are not non-conformances but are comments on specific areas where improvements can be made.

Exceptional Practices

Creative and unusual management practice worth mentioning.



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MULTI-SITE / GROUP SAMPLING APPROACH

Where the multi-site / group organization maintains an internal audit program, which has been determined to be reliable, the Intertek sampling approach is as follows:

n = number of sites:

- i. \sqrt{n} for initial certification audits
- ii. $0.6 \sqrt{n}$ for surveillance audits
- iii. $0.8 \sqrt{n}$ for re-registration audits

The central office function is audited annually.

Where the multi-site / group organization did not maintain its internal audit program, the Intertek sampling approach is as follows:

n = number of sites:

\sqrt{n}

The central office function is audited annually.





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