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DESCRIPTION OF THE CERTIFED 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 | | |
| FOREST LAND AND M | ANGEMENT PLAN INCLUDED IN T | HE AUDIT SCOPE |
| Management plan | 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/. 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. | |
| Area of ownership | 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. | |
| Major timber types | 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%. | |
| Management approaches | 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 miniminzed where practical. | |
| Long-term harvest level | 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 | |

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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 modificaiton 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 indictors 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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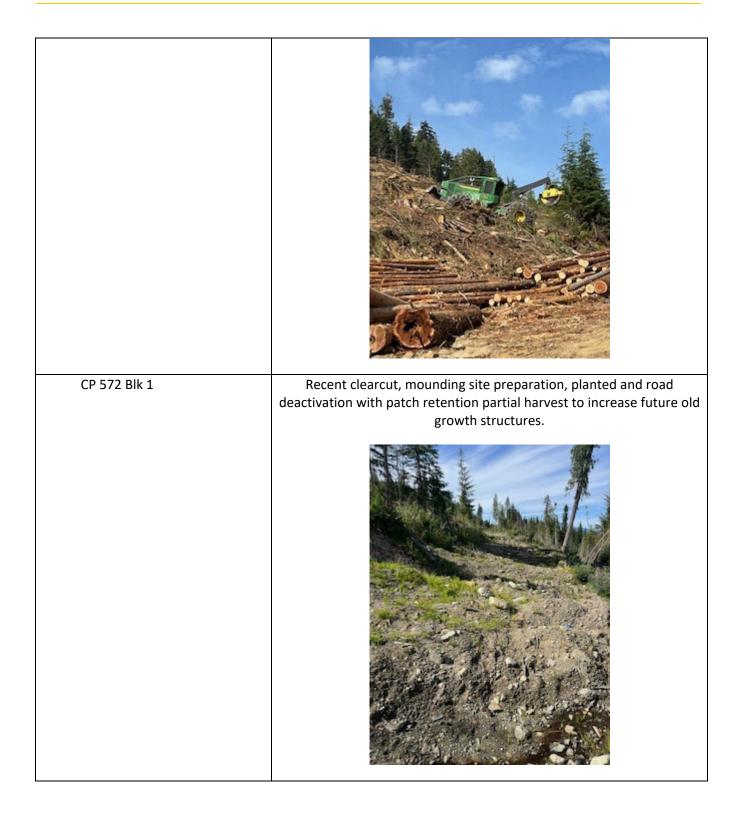
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| CP 206 BLK 5 | Active clearcut harvest operations by Two Guys Logging Inc. using grapple yarding, hoe chucking and skidding |
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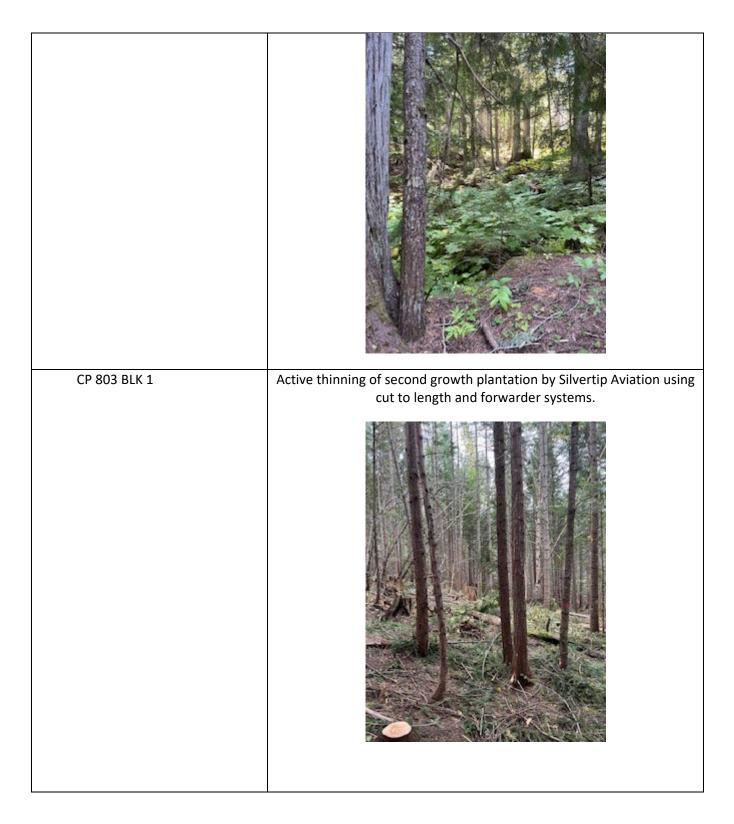
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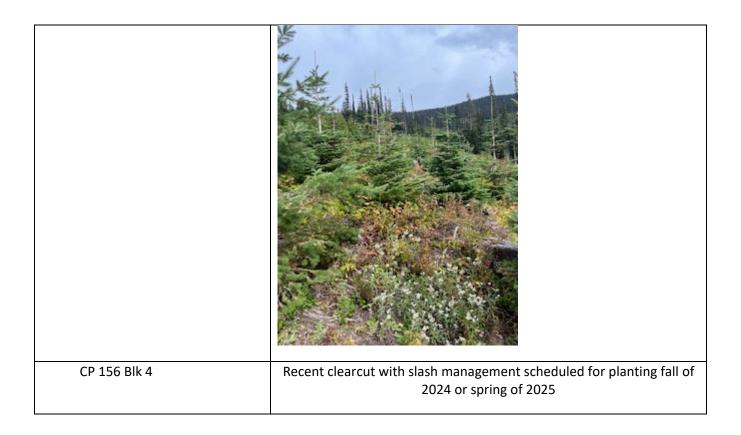
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| CP 156 Blk 5 | Irregular shelterwood and thinning operation recently completed in 2024 |
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| CP 156 Blk 3 | Clearcut and mounding site preparation planted in 2024 |

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Definitions for findings can be found in Appendix 1.

Non-conformance(s) identified during this audit

 \boxtimes Not applicable. No non-conformances were identified.

Opportunities for improvement

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

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Table 2 Evidence Observed

| Objective 1 Except Management Planning | |
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| Maps / GIS inventories | |
| Long term management plans and sustainable harvest level calculation | |
| Timber supply review | |
| Timber development standards | |
| Cutting/harvesting permits | |
| Landscape assessment | |
| Landscape level plans | |
| Objective 2 Forest Health and Productivity | |
| Maps / GIS inventories | \boxtimes |
| Wet/adverse weather plans or guidelines | \boxtimes |
| Reforestation plans | \boxtimes |
| Planting program records | \boxtimes |
| Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices | \boxtimes |
| Silviculture surveys and reports | \boxtimes |
| Standards for seed use | \boxtimes |
| Chemical use/spray records NA | |
| Chemical applicator certification NA | |
| Pre-harvest site assessments | \boxtimes |
| Tree improvement reports | \boxtimes |
| Harvest inspection records | \boxtimes |
| Road and bridge inspection records | \boxtimes |
| Pest management plan | \boxtimes |
| Field review / interviews | \boxtimes |
| Objective 3 Protection and Maintenance of Water R | esources |
| Operational plans (annual, cut block level) | \boxtimes |
| Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices | \boxtimes |
| BMP monitoring records / reports | \boxtimes |
| EMS and SFI field handbook | \boxtimes |
| Logging agreements and/or contracts | \boxtimes |
| Pre-work discussions/meeting records | \boxtimes |
| Fire preparedness plan | \boxtimes |
| Spill prevention and response plan | \boxtimes |
| Wet weather procedures | \boxtimes |
| Field review / interviews | \boxtimes |
| Objective 4 Conservation of Biological Diversi | ty |
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| Maps / GIS inventories | |
|---|-------------|
| Impact assessments | |
| Operational plans (annual, cut block level) | |
| Wood producer training programs | |
| NatureServe queries | |
| Research support records | |
| Observation / survey forms and records | |
| Field review / interviews | |
| Objective 5 Management of Visual Quality and Reci | reational |
| Benefits | |
| Visual assessments | |
| Cut block size calculations | |
| Green-up records | |
| Free growing records | |
| Field review / interviews | |
| Recreational assessment | |
| Recreation plans | |
| Field review / interviews | |
| Objective 6 Protection of Special Sites | 1 |
| Maps / GIS inventories | |
| Consultation on special sites | |
| Field review / interviews | |
| Objective 7 Efficient Use of Forest Resource | s |
| Utilization records | |
| Field review / interviews | |
| Objective 8 Recognize and Respect Indigenous Pe | oples |
| Rights | |
| Maps / GIS inventories | |
| Agreements and communications with Indigenous communities | \boxtimes |
| Written policies | \boxtimes |
| Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices | \boxtimes |
| Field review / interviews | \boxtimes |
| Objective 9 Climate Smart Forestry | |
| Climate change risk assessment | |
| Climate adaptation plan | |
| Reforestation plans | |
| Planting program records | |
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| Education/community involvement records | | |
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| SFI Implementation Committee non-conformance process information | \boxtimes | |
| Objective 15 Public Land Management Responsib | oilities | |
| Multi-licensee and/or government meeting minutes | | |
| Stakeholder communication | | |
| Objective 16 Communications and Public Report | ting | |
| Summary audit report posting in SFI database | \boxtimes | |
| Current and past SFI Annual Progress Report and submission information | \boxtimes | |
| SFI Annual Progress Report data summary records | | |
| Objective 17 Management Review and Continual Improvement | | |
| Internal audit records | \boxtimes | |
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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.



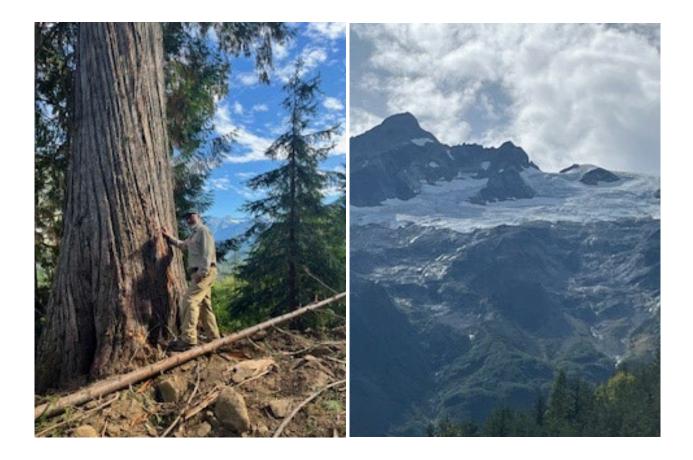
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MULTI-SITE / GROUP SAMPLING APPROACH

| Where the multi-site / group organization maintains an internal audit program, which has been determined to be reliable, the Intertek sampling | Where the multi-site / group organization did not maintain its internal audit program, the Intertek sampling approach is as follows: |
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| approach is as follows: n = number of sites: i. √(n) for initial certification audits | n = number of sites: |
| ii. 0.6 √(n) for surveillance audits iii. 0.8 √(n) for re-registration audits The central office function is audited annually. | ν(n) The central office function is audited annually. |
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The group, led by Ronald Wald, Global programme manager - Forestry, consists of a highly qualified team of professional foresters, technical and industry experts.

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