

Forest and Environmental Policy and SFI Principles

This Forest and Environmental Policy applies to the scope of the environmental management system for the Woodlands Division and the principals of the SFI Forest Management and Fibre Sourcing Standards.

We commit:

To conduct activities in a manner that protects the **health and safety** of our employees and the public.

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.

To provide for regeneration after harvest, maintain the health and productive capacity of the forestland base, and to protect and maintain long-term soil health and productivity. In addition, to protect forests from economically, environmentally and socially undesirable impacts of wildfire, pests, diseases, invasive species, and other damaging agents and thus maintain and improve long-term **forest health and productivity**.

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.

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 and native forest cover types at multiple scales.

To **prevent pollution** and protect key forest resources.

To manage the **visual impacts** of forest operations, and to provide **recreational opportunities** for the public.

To manage lands and **special sites** that are geologically or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.

To meet or exceed applicable federal, provincial and local forestry and related environmental **laws, statutes and regulations**.

To support advances in sustainable forest management through **research**, science and technology.

To improve the practice of sustainable forestry through **training and education** programs.

To set appropriate environmental **objectives and targets**, develop action plans to meet them, monitor progress and regularly review and update them.

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.

To broaden the understanding of forest certification to the Forest Management and Fibre Sourcing Standards by documenting certification audits and making the findings **publicly available**.

To **continually improve** the practice of forest management, and our environmental management system regularly. And to monitor, measure and report performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.

To use and promote sustainable forestry across a diversity of ownership and management types that is both scientifically credible and socially, environmentally, and economically responsible to **avoid sourcing from controversial sources** both domestically and internationally.

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