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SFI 2005:2009 Audit Report**

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Audit Summary

This report summarizes the results of the Re-Certification Audit conducted at Port Blakely Tree Farms LP's (PBTF) Tumwater, WA and WA forest land management districts in Lewis and Thurston Counties. Jack Ward, Bureau Veritas Certification Lead Auditor conducted the audits on April 21, 2010 in the Tumwater office and April 22-23/2010 at the two WA forest land management districts

The scope of the audit was to review all SFI Objectives, Performance Measures and Indicators as they relate to PBTF's Headquarters, WA and OR district's forest land management operations. The purposes of this re-certification audit were to review documentation and sample field operations at the locations in order to assess conformance of PBTF's SFI program against applicable indicators of Objectives 1-7 and 14-20 of the SFI 2010-2014 Standard. Specifically, two objectives of the SFI audit were to:

1. *Verify that the Program Participant's SFI Program is in conformance with the SFI Objectives, Performance Measures, and Indicators, and any additional indicators that the Program Participant chooses; and*
2. *Verify whether the Program Participant has effectively implemented its SFI Standard program requirements on the ground.*

The current version of PBTF's corporate SFI related policy and procedure manuals (Evidence Files) were used for documentation of the management system. Standard Bureau Veritas Certification protocols and forms were applied throughout the audit as provided by the most recent version of the Bureau Veritas Certification SFI Auditor Handbook available on the auditor access website.

PBTF has forest land ownership and operations in the states of Washington and Oregon. The audit began at the PBTF headquarters office in Tumwater, WA on 4/22/2010 with an opening meeting. The objectives for the surveillance audit were outlined and the audit process for collecting evidence and making audit findings was explained. Findings of non-conformance and opportunities for improvement were also explained. The audit plan was discussed and agreed to, and the time and date of the closing meeting was also confirmed. There were no substitutions or modifications of SFI indicators.

The organization's use of the logo was reviewed. It does not use the Bureau Veritas logo. PBTF does use the SFI logo on promotional material and has verified proper format and use by contacting SFI inc.. The audit also verified that the previous 2009 audit report was submitted and posted on the SFI website.

Findings:

Evidence of conformance: The audit consisted of: document reviews and interviews regarding PBTF's headquarters SFI Evidence Files, version-4/21/10 and centrally controlled forest land management data. Ten (10) field sites were visited during the surveillance audit. PBTF provided maps of all forest management activities that occurred since the last surveillance audit in May of 2009. The lead auditor chose the units to be reviewed and the 10 field sites visited were: Too Thin (recently completed cable/shovel clear-cut harvest); Rocky Road II (active skidder removal of small scattered mature stands, operator interview); The Buzzard (active shovel clear-cut harvest, operator interview); 124 East (active cable/shovel clear-cut harvest, operator interview); Martin Mistaminer (completed shovel clear-cut harvest 2009, site prep herbicide treatment and planting, stream crossing removal); Centralia Alpha (completed shovel clear-cut harvest 2009, site prep herbicide treatment and planting); Fish Show (completed shovel clear-cut harvest 2009, implementation of riparian alternate harvest plan, site prep herbicide treatment, planting); Foreman Rd (completed shovel clear-cut harvest 2009, site prep herbicide treatment, planting, road abandonment, stream crossing removal); West Sand Ck (active shovel/cable clear-cut harvest, road construction, unstable slope protection measures, operator interview); Real Thinker (active shovel clear-cut harvest, temporary road construction, operator interview). All sites were adjacent to fish and non-fish bearing streams and sample review of applied stream protection measures verified conformance to WA State Forest Practice Rules and PBTF riparian related SFI policies and procedures. All individuals PBTF and contractor personnel interviewed demonstrated ample knowledge of both the SFI requirements and PBTF's related policies and procedures. Detailed audit notes are on file at Bureau Veritas.

Non-Conformances Issued: No non-conformances were issued during the surveillance audit.

Opportunities for Improvement: Two (2) opportunities for improvement were identified during this audit. These need to be considered in light of how they may affect conformance during future audits.

- Objective 2; PM 2.3; Indicator 4- Consider further clarification regarding specifications for the protection of soil productivity i.e. soil disturbance/compaction tolerances and mitigation measures in the event of ground based yarding in sensitive areas.
- Obj.20, PM 20.1- Consider formalizing a minimum of one management meeting agenda and minutes to more closely align with Performance Measure requirements.

Notable Practices: Three (3) notable practice was identified during this audit.

- Objective 2, PM 2.2- PBTF's sensitivity to pesticide applications is demonstrated by the use of hand applications adjacent to neighboring home sites and public highways.
- Objective 2, PM 2.3, Indicator 7 & Objective 3, PM 3.2, indicator 3- Field observations provided evidence of excellent implementation of spur road abandonment and temporary stream crossing removal and stabilization.

- Objective 4 – document review and field observations verified PBTF’s continued excellence in the practice of detailed field review, delineation of habitat requirements and implementation of both in-stand and landscape enhancements for both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife.

Results of the audit indicate Port Blakely Tree Farms continues to adequately implement its SFI program and has implemented the necessary changes in order to comply with the 2010-2014 requirements.

The closing meeting was held at the Tumwater, WA office on 4/23/2010. The opportunities for improvement and notable practices identified and recorded during the audit were discussed. The Lead Auditor issued a recommendation for continued re-certification to the SFIS 2010-2014 edition.

Summary of Audit Findings:						
Audit Date(s):	From: April 21, 2010			To: April 23, 2010		
Number of SF02’s Raised:	Major:		None	Minor:	None	
Is a follow up visit required:	Yes	No	X	Date(s) of follow up visit:	N/A	
Standard audit conducted against:						
SFI 2010-2014 – Land Management						
Team Leader						
Jack Ward, EMSLA, CF						
Scope of Forest Land Management:						
Forest management operations in Washington and Oregon on approximately 140,728 acres.						
Accreditation's	ANAB					
Number of Certificates	2					
Proposed Date for Next Audit Event						
Date	April 12, 2011					
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Record of Opening & Closing Meeting Attendees and Discussions	
Opening Meeting	<p>Participants: Jack Ward- BVC Lead Auditor</p> <p>The following PBTF personnel were in attendance: Teresa Loo- Communications Manager Blake Murden- PBTF Mike Mossman- Senior Vice President Dave Roberts- Engineer Chris Lunde- District Forester</p>

	<p>Mike Warjone- Silviculture Manager Ryan Parker- Inventory Forester Jeff Madsen- Forestry Manager Chris Whitson- Silviculture Forester Ashley Buchan- Silviculture Forester Garret Waugh (Forest Analyst Chris Lacey- GIS Forester Jerry Bailey- District Forester Eric Cohen- Resource Forester Dennis Muller Forestry Tech II Claudine Reynolds- Wildlife Biologist Casey Black- Area Forester Orville Mowry- Area Forester</p> <p>Discussions: > Introductions > Scope of the audit > Audit schedule/plan > Nonconformance types – Major / Minor > Review of previous non-conformances - 0. > Process approach to auditing and audit sampling > Confidentiality agreement > Termination of the audit > Appeals process > Closing meeting timing</p>
Closing Meeting	<p>Participants: Jack Ward- BVC Lead Auditor</p> <p>The following PBTF personnel were in attendance: Blake Murden- PBTF Mike Mossman- Senior Vice President Dave Roberts- Engineer Chris Lunde- District Forester Jeff Madsen- Forestry Manager Ashley Buchan- Silviculture Forester Garreth Waugh -Forest Analyst Dennis Muller Forestry Tech II Orville Mowry- Area Forester</p> <p>Discussions: > Introductions and appreciation for selecting Bureau Veritas Certification. > Review of audit process - process approach and sampling. > Review of OFIs and System Strengths > Nonconformances - 0 > Date for next audit. – April 2011 > Reporting protocol and timing</p>