

2000 Forest Landowners



**American Forest &
Paper Association**



**Sustainable Forestry
Initiative (SFI)SM Program**



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Sustainable Forestry Initiative 2000 Objectives Compliance Form

Company or Organization: _____

For member companies and licensees that own forestland or have long-term lease land. Please mark your response to each statement. If you respond "no," you must attach an explanation. All information and data on this form is strictly confidential, to be released only in aggregate form. **All forms with participant-specific information will be destroyed after the data is aggregated.**

Confirmation of Adherence to Sustainable Forestry Objectives - Performance Measures		
1. Sustainable Forestry (Objectives 1 & 9—2000 Standard)		
a. Our organization has defined and implemented its policies, programs and plans, which will ensure implementation of the AF&PA Sustainable Forestry Standard Principles and Objectives.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Our organization has informed employees involved in forest management and mill management of these policies and what is expected of them.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. To assist in implementing Objective 9 of the Sustainable Forestry Standard Principles and Objectives, our organization has clearly defined in writing, and distributed to loggers, chip suppliers, dealers and other raw material suppliers, our organization specific procurement policy, program or plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Reforestation (Objective 2—2000 Standard)		
a. After final harvest, it is our policy to reforest by planting or seeding within two years, naturally reforest within five years, or use other regeneration practices which are fully consistent with AF&PA's Sustainable Forestry Standard Principles and Objectives.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Water Quality Protection (Objective 3—2000 Standard)		
a. Our organization materially complied with or exceeded best management practices, applicable state water quality laws and regulations and the requirements of the Clean Water Act for forestlands.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Our organization has established and implemented appropriate riparian protection measures for all perennial streams and lakes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Wildlife Conservation (Objective 4—2000 Standard)		
a. Our organization has clearly defined and implemented policies, programs and plans to promote wildlife habitat diversity.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Protecting Visual Quality (Objective 5—2000 Standard)		
a. Our organization has defined and implemented policies, programs and plans for improving the visual quality of forest harvesting on our lands.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Prudent Use of Forest Chemicals (Objective 2—2000 Standard)		
a. Our organization materially complied with or exceeded all label requirements, laws and regulations concerning the use of fertilizers, herbicides and other forest chemicals.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Canadian members using CSA's CAN/Z809 should refer to instructions under Question 1 for completion of this section.		

St Louis County Land Department
 Company/Licensee _____ Affirmed by _____ (Signature)
 David J Epperly _____ David J Epperly _____
 Corporate Contact (for more information) _____ (Please print name)
 Land Commissioner _____ 218-726-2606 _____ 218-726-2600
 Title _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

2000 Progress Report Survey Forest Landowners

Company or Organization: St Louis County Land Department

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I. General Information

A. Forestland

1. How many acres of forestland does your company or organization own or lease (long-term)?

U.S. 897,419 (acres) Canada _____ (acres)
 Other _____ (country) _____ (acres) Other _____ (country) _____ (acres)
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(Attach extra sheet if needed.)

B. Certification

1. Has your company or organization completed or initiated third party certification?

Yes No

2. If yes, please complete the following:

Certification Program	Country	Acres	Date Complete or Expected	Certifiers
Example: SFI/ISO 14001	U.S.	1,000,000	12/31/02	Forest Certifiers, Inc.
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes:

C. Cooperative Management Agreements

1. How many acres of participant-owned or controlled land or miles of stream are in wildlife/fisheries agreements, which specify on-the-ground management practices for a specific area (e.g., HCPs, MOU/MOAs, Conservation Agreements):

Agreement	Acres	Miles of Stream
Formal, signed	<u>20,100</u>	
Informal		<u>1 mile</u>
Total Acres*	<u>20,100</u>	

(*Note: Do not double count acres or miles of stream; acres or miles counted as part of one agreement should not be counted again if they are also part of another agreement. Also, the total number of acres listed here cannot exceed the number of acres listed in IA above.)

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D. Land Classification

- Does your organization have a method of land classification? Yes No
- If yes, is this classification system used to map, monitor, or plan for non-timber resources such as wildlife habitat or the conservation of biodiversity (e.g., streamside zones, threatened or endangered species, soils, unique habitat features)? Yes No

E. Written Wildlife Plans

- Do you have a written management plan that incorporates wildlife habitat/biodiversity conservation objectives into your forest management decision process? Yes No

F. Forest Inventory

- Does your organization have a periodic or continuous forest inventory system? Yes No

G. Recreation

- For lands owned or controlled by your organization, how many acres are open to the public for recreation (this includes private leases and public permits). 897,419 (acres)
- Does your organization track the number of people using the land for recreation? Yes No

II. Harvesting and Reforestation - Participant Land

A. How many acres of harvest units that require regeneration were completed in 2000 by:

Harvest Method	Acres	Average Acres Per Clearcut
1. Clearcutting	1392	60
2. Seed Tree/Shelterwood	0	
3. Selection Methods	0	
4. Total Acres Harvested that Require Regeneration	1392	

B. Number of acres harvested in 2000 that do not require regeneration (thinning, sanitation salvage, etc.)? 146 (ac)

C. Of those acres harvested in 2000, how many acres will be:
 Planted or seeded? 1392 (ac)
 Naturally regenerated? ~~5648~~ (ac)
 Total planned* 1392 (ac)

*The total acreage listed here should be equal to the amount listed in IIA4.

D. In 2000 how many acres did you reforest by natural regeneration 4353 (ac) and by:

	Within 1 year of Final Harvest	Within 2 years of Final Harvest	More than 2 years after Final Harvest	Total for 2000 (sum of all three)
Planting	170	417	29	616
Seeding	1000	0	0	1000

E. What % of harvest units requiring regeneration have been successfully regenerated after five full growing seasons post-harvest? 99 %

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III. Research Funding - Internal & External

Category

Forest Health and Productivity

Internal

External

Water Quality

\$

8,000

\$ _____

Wildlife and Fish

\$

\$ _____

Landscape/Ecosystem Management, Biological Diversity

\$

10,000

\$ _____

Other

\$

41,000

\$ _____

IV. Raw Material Supply - Participant Land and Procurement from Other Sources

A. Number of private landowners selling timber (stumpage or logs) directly to your organization in 2000: _____

1. Number of those private landowners who received information directly from your employees on the advantages of reforestation and Best Management Practices (BMPs): _____

B. Number of private landowners who received information on reforestation and BMPs from loggers (or others) who purchased their wood and delivered it to your facilities: _____

C. What percentage (volume basis) of residual suppliers external to your organization, from whom you purchase wood chips, have you contacted to inform them about the SFI and logger and forester training and education objectives?
_____ %

D. Total volume of raw material your manufacturing facilities (including log and chip exports) used that was delivered from:

	% Delivered by Trained Loggers		Volume Units (Please Check Units Reported)	
	Volume			
1. Company land & long-term lease	_____	_____	_____ Bone Dry Tons	_____ Cunits-Whole Tree Chips
2. Other sources	_____	_____	_____ Bone Dry Units	_____ Green Tons
a. Direct purchase from private landowners	_____	_____	_____ Cords	_____ MBF-Doyle
b. Loggers (gatewood)	_____	_____	_____ Cubic Meters	_____ MBF-International 1/4"
c. Wood dealers (yard wood & whole log chips)	_____	_____	_____ Cunits-Chips (CCF)	_____ MBF-Scribner ("C" or "small")
d. All other (public-U.S.)	_____	_____	_____ Cunits-Roundwood	_____ MBF-Scribner ("Large" or "Long")
e. Crown Lands (Canada)	_____	_____	_____ Cunits-Roundwood	_____ MCF-Thousand Cubic Feet
Provincial	_____	_____	_____ Cunits-Sawdust	_____ Other-please specify
Federal	_____	_____		

[Please note: For AF&PA members, the aggregated wood use and forest acres data reported here will also be used in calculating your company's 2001 dues under AF&PA's new value-based dues systems. Be assured that your company's data will be held in strict confidence.]

E. Amount of funding your organization provided in 2000 for SFI implementation activities at the state or provincial level \$ _____

F. Number of your employees with SFI responsibilities that have been informed of the SFI Principles and Guidelines and what is expected of them: _____; total number of employees that have SFI responsibilities: _____

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V. Landowner Assistance Programs

A. Landowner Assistance Program Survey for 1999-2000 planting season (Fall of 1999, Spring of 2000)
The following questions should be answered to the best of your ability.

1. Does your organization provide forest management assistance to nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) landowners? If no, then then do not go any further, and return the survey. Yes No
2. Do you supply a forest management plan to your clients? If, no, then go to question 4. Yes No
3. Which of the following are addressed in the management plan that you provide? Check all that apply.
 - Timber Management
 - Wildlife Management
 - Recreational Uses
 - Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM Program
 - Soil and Water Conservation
 - Best Management Practices
 - Endangered Species

4. Number of acres managed by landowners participating in your assistance program. Do not include agricultural or other lands unless they are referenced in the management plan: _____ (acres).
5. What percentage of the acres artificially regenerated with your assistance in the 1999-2000 planting season were completed within 2 years of the final harvest? _____ (%)
6. How many NIPF landowners do you provide forest management advice on a continuing basis, i.e., year after year?

7. How many **other** NIPF landowners did you assist in 1999? _____
7(a). Total number of NIPF landowners assisted in 1999? _____
8. How many NIPF acres were artificially regenerated with your assistance in the 1999-2000 planting season?
Conifer _____ (acres) Hardwood _____ (acres)
9. How many NIPF acres did you assist NIPF landowners in planning for natural regeneration³?
Conifer _____ (acres) Hardwood _____ (acres)
10. How many seedlings did your organization provide to NIPF landowners at no cost in the 1999-2000 planting season?
Conifer _____ (acres) Hardwood _____ (acres)

¹The total number of NIPF landowners enrolled in your landowner assistance program in 1999.
²The total number of NIPF landowners you assisted or provided advice to in 1999. This includes the landowners you provide advice to on a continuing basis (number in question #1) and all others assisted in 1999 (number in question #2).
³Naturally regenerated means that the stand was managed to achieve natural reproduction during 1999.

VI. Voluntary Supplemental Information

Please provide any additional information on projects or programs your organization undertook in 2000 which would be useful to incorporate in the AF&PA Sustainable Forestry Initiative Annual Progress Report.

Company/Licensee	Affirmed by	
	(Signature)	
Corporate Contact (for more information)	(Please print name)	
Title	Phone	Fax

**By February 1, 2001, please return this form to Rick Cantrell, AF&PA
AF&PA ♦ 1111 19th St., NW ♦ Suite 800 ♦ Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202/463-2432 ♦ Fax: 202/463-2708 ♦ E-mail: Rick_Cantrell@afandpa.org**

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New for 2000. **1)** The annual AF&PA Landowner Assistance Program Survey has been incorporated into the SFI Progress Report Survey under Section V to promote consistency in reporting and avoid multiple data requests from AF&PA members. The AF&PA landowner Assistance Committee has been conducting the survey since 1990 and the data collected has been invaluable in demonstrating the industry's strong record on reforestation and in assisting non-industrial landowners. This survey was voluntary in 1999, but is required for reporting on 2000 activities if your organization generated a landowner assistance program. **2)** The AF&PA SFI Executive Committee also directed AF&PA to begin collecting data on certifications conducted or being conducted by SFI program participants domestically and abroad.

Question: Which AF&PA member companies and licensees must complete this report?

All AF&PA member companies and licensees which own forestland or have long-term lease land must complete and submit this form annually.

Question: Should the information be based on the fiscal or calendar year?

The information can be based on either, whichever is more convenient for you.

Question: How accurate must the data submitted be?

The data reported should be based on the best information available. In some cases, especially in the first years of implementation, this may be your best estimate.

Question: How will the information be used?

All information and data is strictly confidential, to be released only in aggregate form. Permission to use participant-specific information may be requested by AF&PA for use as noteworthy examples of compliance. All forms with participant-specific information will be destroyed after the data is aggregated.

Objectives Compliance Questions 1–6

Questions 1 through 6 are designed to determine overall progress with the most fundamental components of the Sustainable Forestry Standard Principles and Objectives on participant-owned land or long-term leased land. As such, each question can be answered “yes” or “no.” If you answer “no,” however, please include an explanation of how your organization intends to implement the SFI or how your organization is using the flexibility provided in the SFI Standard Objectives for site-specific situations. You do not need to complete this pledge form if you do not own timberland or have long-term lease land.

Many of these questions ask if your organization has “defined and implemented its own policies, programs, and plans.” How your organization defines its policies, programs and plans is strictly an internal exercise. AF&PA does not need to see any documentation other than answers to questions 1-6. Each organization determines the appropriate level of internal documentation required for its operation.

Progress Report Questions I through VI

Questions I through VI have generated significant discussion regarding interpretation of terms and practices. Below is guidance regarding some of the most commonly asked questions related to interpretation. Your own interpretations, definitions and judgment will be required. Consider if your approach is “consistent with the spirit and intent of the SFI program” and if it is defensible and credible in the eyes of your peers.

Q.I.A. A forested area is classified as “forestland” if it is at least one acre in size and contains ten percent tree cover.

Q.I.C. A formal agreement is one that is signed by both the member company or licensee and the cooperating agency, foundation, or non-governmental organization that specifies on-the-ground management practices for a identified land base. An informal agreement includes one of the above criteria—signed, specified on-the-ground management practices, or identified land base. Do not double count acres or miles of stream; acres or miles counted as part of one agreement should not be counted again if they are also part of another agreement.

Q.I.D. A land classification system is any process by which land is divided into discrete ecological or functional units. Assignment into these units or “classes” can be based on soils, forest type, stand age, topography, vegetation, etc. The system may or may not be map-based.

A land classification system, with emphasis on wildlife and ecological values, is any process by which land is divided into discrete ecological or functional units. Assignment into these units or “classes” can be based on soils, forest type, stand age, topography, vegetation, etc. The system may or may not be map based. From an ecological viewpoint, the goal of employing a land classification system is to promote, through mapping and quantification, the evaluation and planning of habitat diversity in space and time.

Q.II This question is directed solely at harvest and regeneration activities on participant-owned and long-term lease land. A long-term lease is one that extends beyond a single rotation. If the number of years specified in or remaining on a lease is less than one rotation, the lands covered by such a lease would be considered “non-industrial” lands for SFI compliance and reporting requirements.

Q.II.A. “Completed in 2000” refers to units where harvesting was completed in 2000. For example, harvesting activities might have begun in a unit in 1999, but were not finished until 2000; in this case, harvested acres would be reported as “completed in 2000.”

Q.II.A.1. Definition of “clearcut.” A variety of definitions exist for the term “clearcut.” In order of preference, the following definitions should be used:

- ◆ First, use the legal definition within the state in which harvesting activities took place;
- ◆ Second, if no legal definition exists within the state, use the Society of American Foresters (SAF 1998) definition: *Clearcutting is a regeneration or harvest method that removes essentially all trees in a stand;*

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- ◆ Third, if the SAF definition is deemed to be inappropriate for your operations, use a company-specific definition that is consistent with the spirit and intent of the SFI.

Q.II.D. The replanting “clock” starts after the entire unit is harvested or sale has been completed (see guidance under (Q.II.A)). Do not include areas that were replanted due to poor seedling survival. “Failed plantation” data are ultimately captured in Q.II.E.

Q.II.E. This question is designed to provide information on regeneration successes across all regeneration categories: planting, seeding & natural regeneration. As an example, for the time frame ending 12-31-00, list the percentage of harvest units that have adequate regeneration after five complete growing seasons post-harvest.

Q.III List the amount of funding your organization provided this year for forest-related research within your organization (internal) and outside your organization (external) through grants, in-kind assistance, cooperatives, etc. Do not include your normal annual dues to state, regional or national trade associations; these will be separately researched and aggregated by AF&PA. Internal research funding includes salaries for forest-related research staff. While it is difficult in many instances to identify to which category research funding should be allocated, use your best judgment as to the primary intent of the given research project or effort. If you find it impossible to allocate research funding to the categories listed, list the total funding you provided in the “other” category and note as such.

Q.IV.A. “Landowners selling timber directly to your company or organization” means those private landowners with which your organization has a contractual relationship to purchase or harvest timber (i.e., stumpage or logs). Report purchases of timber from public lands in Question IV.D.2(d).

Q.IV.B. Your best estimate of the number of landowners who received information from those loggers (or others) from whom you purchased wood (gatewood). The intent of this question is to document that SFI participants have provided information to loggers, suppliers, and landowners on the advantages of reforestation and best management practices.

Q.IV.D. In this question AF&PA is seeking the volume of raw material (roundwood and whole log chips) your manufacturing facilities (including log and chip exports) used sourced directly from the forest. Volumes do not have to be absolutely precise; they should be rounded to the nearest unit. Please specify the units (board feet, cubic feet, cords, tons, etc.) you are reporting by checking the appropriate line.

Table 1 contains the multipliers that are used by AF&PA staff to convert various volume units to “thousands of cubic feet” for reporting totals. If you are converting volumes for this report, you may want to use the appropriate multiplier from Table 1. Of course, you may use your own if you have a more accurate multiplier or conversion factor for your specific region and species.

Also, through this question AF&PA is seeking to determine the percentage of that raw material delivered by “trained and educated loggers.” A logger is considered “trained and educated” if he/she meets the requirements adopted by the SFI State or Provincial Implementation Committee in the state or province in which he/she is operating (also, see enclosed white paper on logger training). In some cases, especially with material purchased through wood dealers, the percent of raw material delivered by trained loggers may be estimates. The intent is to demonstrate that AF&PA members and SFI program licensees have provided information on the benefits of logger training to suppliers and have assisted suppliers who are interested in training programs. Report purchases of timber from public lands in D.2(d).

Q.IV.E. Include all funding your organization provided in 1998 to SFI State or Provincial Implementation Committees and others for logger training and education and all other SFI implementation activities at the state or provincial level.

Q.IV.F. Your best estimate of the number of your employees involved in forest management and mill management that have SFI responsibilities and have been informed about the SFI and what is expected of them. Also list the total number of your employees that have SFI responsibilities and are involved in forest and mill management.

Q.VI. Please provide any additional information on projects or programs your organization undertook in 2000 which would be useful to incorporate in the AF&PA Sustainable Forestry Initiative annual progress report, such as: a list and description of special sites designated; miles of streams restored; unique efforts in wildlife conservation; acres open to public access; landowner assistance programs; land or financial donations; cooperative projects; and assistance to the Project Learning Tree or Tree Farm programs.

Please return forms to Rick Cantrell, American Forest & Paper Association, 1111 19th Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036, by February 1, 2001. If you have any questions, please call Rick Cantrell at 202-463-2432, fax: 202-463-2708, e-mail: rick_cantrell@afandpa.org.

Table 1. Volume Multipliers for Converting to Thousand Cubic Feet (MCF)

Bone Dry Tons	0.0713	Cunits-Chips (CCF)	0.1000	MBF-Doyle	0.2220
Bone Dry Units	0.0825	Cunits-Roundwood	0.1000	MBF-International 1/4"	0.1460
Cords	0.0750	Cunits of Sawdust	0.1470	MBF-Scribner ("C" or "Small")	0.1650
Cubic Meters	0.0353	Cunits-Whole Tree Chip	0.1260	MBF-Scribner ("Large" or "Long")	0.1450
		Green Tons	0.0315	MCF-Thousand Cubic Feet	1.0000