



2009 Progress Report Forms For

Public Agency, Conservation Group, and Other Non-Industrial Forest Landowners

Please complete and return by March 15, 2010 to:

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- 2009 Reforestation^v Activities and Five Year Assessment^v (Section 1 is for U.S., Section 2 is for Canada)
 - Reforestation Data for the United States (list in acres only; to convert from hectares, multiply by 2.471)

TABLE 4.1

Regeneration Type	Within 1 year of Final Harvest (acres)	Within 2 years of Final Harvest (acres)	More than 2 years after Final Harvest (acres)	Total for 2009 (sum of all three-acres)	Percent of Harvest Units Regenerated After 5 Growing Seasons
1. Artificial					
a. Planting	906	+ 451	+ 301	= 1,658	
b. Direct Seeding	433	+ 0	+ 0	= 433	
2. Natural	Acres In 2009				
a. All types	5,107				
3. Artificial and Natural					
a. All types					100%

- Reforestation Data for Canada (list in acres only; to convert from hectares, multiply by 2.471)

TABLE 4.2

Regeneration Type	Within 1 year of Final Harvest (acres)	Within 2 years of Final Harvest (acres)	More than 2 years after Final Harvest (acres)	Total for 2009 (sum of all three-acres)	Percent of Harvest Units Regenerated After 5 Growing Seasons
1. Artificial					
a. Planting		+	+	=	
b. Direct Seeding		+	+	=	
2. Natural	Acres In 2009				
a. All types					
3. Artificial and Natural					
a. All types					%

III. Research Funding – Internal & External^{vi} —(\$US and \$Canadian)

TABLE 5.

Category	Funding–United States		Funding–Canada	
	Internal (\$US)	External (\$US)	Internal (\$Canadian)	External (\$Canadian)
A. Forest Health & Productivity		\$24,000		
B. Water Quality				
C. Wildlife and Fish		\$5,000		
D. Landscape/Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity		\$6,000		
E. All Other				

IV. SFI Implementation Committee Support

- Funding provided in 2009 for SFI program implementation activities at the state or provincial level (include all funding your organization provided in 2009 to SFI Implementation Committees and others for logger training and education and all other SFI program implementation activities at the state or provincial level):
 - Support for U.S. SFI Implementation Committees (USD) \$1,000
 - Support for Canadian SFI Implementation Committees (CAD) _____

V. Conservation Partnerships

Since 1995, SFI-certified organizations have contributed more than \$1 billion (US) for research activities to improve the health, productivity and responsible management of forest resources. These conservation partnerships are key to responsible forest management, and SFI Inc. acknowledges them in a number of ways, including through conservation awards. Is your organization currently involved in any conservation partnerships/projects?

- o Yes No
- o If yes, please describe below and/or with attachments. The description should include: name of project; partners involved; conservation objective; start date; (estimated) completion date; total project cost; your organization's contribution; other. Note: Please only list projects that were active or concluded in 2009/2010. If you are reporting more than one project, please copy and paste the below table as often as needed.

TABLE 7.

Project Name	
Short Project Description	
Partners	
Conservation Objective	
Start Date (estimated)	
Completion date (estimated)	
Total Project Cost	
Contribution	
Other	

VI. SFI Label Use

SFI Inc. often features companies that use SFI on-product labels, and shows samples of these products, in publications and other market outreach materials that raise awareness of the value of certification. If we can feature your organization/products, please forward SFI-labeled samples to Amy Doty, 900 17th Street, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006.

VII. Government Relations (optional)

As part of our SFI 2010 strategy, SFI Inc will work with governments at the local, state/provincial and federal levels to enhance recognition of the value of the SFI program across public and private lands and certified and uncertified lands through our fiber sourcing program, our forest management standard and key outreach activities such as conservation projects, Habitat for Humanity and research. Information regarding your organization's involvement in government programs, partnerships and projects would be helpful for SFI to support your work and develop further opportunities to build strong relationships with governments to increase understanding and support of the SFI program. SFI Inc. is also interested in any challenges or unexplored opportunities to build those relationships and ensure strong support of the SFI program and acceptance of SFI certified forest products.

TABLE 8.

Current projects involving government	
Opportunities to involve government moving forward	
Current challenges related to SFI and government acceptance	

VIII. Profile

SFI Inc. is often asked for short profiles on SFI Program Participants. If possible, please provide a brief profile of your organization including product information in the space below or with attachments.

SEE ATTACHED

IX. Off-Shore Fiber

Currently, data collection for the SFI program report includes only U.S. and Canadian information. However, SFI is interested in how much fiber Program Participants procure from offshore and use in manufacturing facilities in the U.S. or Canada that are enrolled in the SFI program. The SFI definition of procurement is: Acquisition of roundwood (sawlogs or pulpwood) and field-manufactured or primary-mill residual chips, pulp, and veneer to support a forest products manufacturing facility.

- o Does your company procure off-shore fiber (outside U.S./Canada)? Yes No
- o If yes, how much fiber used by your manufacturing facilities in the US or Canada enrolled in the SFI program is procured from off-shore (please specify units-green tons, MCF, etc.)?

X. Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering

Forest tree biotechnology includes the study of genes and genomes and the asexual insertion of genes into trees, or, genetic engineering (GE). Genetically engineered plants are regulated in the US by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). To date APHIS has approved the use of 70 products including two trees (papaya and plum), but no forest trees have been submitted for approval at this time.

Are you:

- o Currently doing research with GE trees? Yes No
- o Planning any research with GE trees? Yes No
- o Planning commercial plantings of GE trees? Yes No
 - if yes, year of anticipated deployment _____
- o What % of your current US and Canadian supply is from GE trees? _____%
 - What do you project your % will be in 5 years? _____%
- o What % of your current off shore supply is from GE trees? _____%
 - What do you project your % will be in 5 years? _____%

XI. Please use the space below to address any other issues or ideas you may have for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program.

ENDNOTES

ⁱ A forested area is classified as “forestland” if it is at least one acre in size and contains 10 percent tree cover.

ⁱⁱ These questions are directed solely at harvest and regeneration activities on participant-owned lands, lands under long-term lease to the participant, or lands for which the participant has forest management responsibilities. A long-term lease is one that extends beyond a single rotation – lands would not be included if the number of years specified in or remaining on a lease is less than one rotation.

ⁱⁱⁱ Only refer to units where harvesting was completed in 2009. This includes harvesting activities that were started in 2008 and completed in 2009, but not those that were still underway by the end of 2009 calendar/fiscal year.

^{iv} There are a variety of definitions for the term “clearcut.” In order of preference, the following definitions should be used:

- First, use the legal definition within the state or province in which harvesting activities took place.
- Second, if no legal definition exists within the state or province, use the Society of American Foresters (SAF 1998) definition: “Clearcutting is a regeneration or harvest method that removes essentially all trees in a stand.”
- Third, if the SAF definition is deemed inappropriate, you can use a company-specific definition that is consistent with the spirit and intent of the SFI program. Please include the definition with your report.

^v The replanting “clock” starts after the entire unit is harvested or the sale has been completed (see end note iii). Do not include areas that were replanted due to poor seedling survival. The last column (five-year regeneration success) is designed to provide information on regeneration successes across all regeneration categories: planting, seeding and natural regeneration. As an example, for the time frame ending 12-31-09, list the percentage of harvest units that have adequate regeneration after five complete growing seasons post-harvest.

^{vi} List the amount of funding in \$US or \$Canadian your organization provided in the calendar/fiscal year for forest-related research within your organization (internal) and outside your organization (external) through grants, in-kind assistance, cooperatives, etc. 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 to identify the primary intent of the project so you can include it in the appropriate research category. If this is not possible, use the “other” category.

St. Louis County Land Department Profile

Trust Lands Managed for the People of St. Louis County
Protecting environmental values
Performing public services
Producing products for people
Providing for the future
A Public Enterprise Trust

Vision

St. Louis County Land Department's vision is to provide the optimum combination of benefits from State tax forfeited trust lands through leadership and a commitment to a standard of excellence in the management of State Tax Forfeited Trust Lands for the people of St. Louis County.

Mission

The mission of the St. Louis County Land Department is to promote, enhance and protect St. Louis County State Tax Forfeited Trust lands by providing professional expertise in the use of sound land management principles for:

- Financial return to the county and taxing districts;
- Performing public services;
- Maintaining and improving forest health and productivity;
- Providing raw material for local industry;
- Providing opportunity for tourism and recreation;
- Protecting wildlife habitat, soil resources, and water quality; and
- Providing for scientific research.

The Department is dedicated to long-term management of the State Tax-Forfeited Trust for the economic, social, and ecological benefit of the people of St. Louis County. The Land Department's vision hinges on the concept of sustainability, in other words, protecting the natural environment while enhancing economic opportunity and community well-being.

Programs

The Department's core function is to administer approximately 900,000 acres of State Tax Forfeited Trust Lands for the benefit of the County, School Districts and Townships in accordance with Minnesota Statute. Management of an enterprise fund of this nature requires fiduciary responsibility, innovation, and flexibility to accomplish core functions successfully.

Core Programs include:

- Forest Management;
- Tax Forfeited Land Administration;
- Special Sites;
- Extractives; and
- Recreation.

Forest Management

Management techniques such as planned tree removal from the forest, using improved trees, established inventory and land classification systems for analysis to better understand the dynamics of the forest have contributed to the county's success.

The value of forest products manufactured in Minnesota is increasing. The demand for wood products is increasing from wood products manufacturers to supply a greater market share of wood products produced in Minnesota.

Acquisition of lands vital to effective management of the State tax forfeited land base will play an increasingly important role as large land management organizations liquidate some of their land holdings.

Tax Forfeited Land Administration

State tax forfeited land covers approximately 900,000 acres of St. Louis County's 4.5 million acres. State tax forfeited ownership is fragmented; certain areas in the County have large, contiguous blocks of State tax forfeited land, while other areas have small scattered parcels.

- Working closely with cities, towns and municipalities with the use of State tax forfeited lands in their planning efforts.
- Promoting efficient economic use of State tax forfeited land.

Special Sites

St. Louis County contains many sites on its landscape that merit special protection or management. Preserving and protecting cultural sites, threatened and endangered species, and rare or unique forest stands is an integral part of the management strategy of the St. Louis County Land Department. The Department actively designates examples of these sites as "special sites".

Extractives

Aggregate resources, by their nature, are not renewable. Depletion of the resource would not only impact Land Department operations, but could significantly impact the economy in the area.

The Department has conducted an inventory of potential gravel resources in the county. County wide, we are anticipating further assistance from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This will provide a base on which long range aggregate resource planning can be done.

Recreation

The rural character and natural landscapes of St. Louis County provide numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Land Department:

- Administers a Recreation Cabin Lease Program;
- Administers a Recreation Grant Program; and
- Cooperates with public and private agencies to develop recreational opportunities.