

## **Western Forest Products Inc. – La-kwa sa muqw Forestry Limited Partnership & Tsawak-qin Forestry Limited Partnership**

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As a component of Western Forest Products Inc.'s ongoing commitment to sustainable forest management and forest certification, an assessment team from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) conducted a CAN/CSA Z809-16 Maintenance Assessment (A4) on the Timberlands Corporate Office and a sample of the multisite forest management processes including the Defined Forest Areas (DFA) of Mid Island (by and through La-kwa sa muqw Forestry Ltd., as the general partner and for the sole benefit of La- kwa sa muqw Forestry Limited Partnership), and Port Alberni (by and through Tsawak-qin Forestry Inc., as the general partner and for the sole benefit of Tsawak-qin Forestry Limited Partnership). The assessment was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The assessment determined that Western Forest Products Inc. had successfully implemented a Sustainable Forest Management System and developed Sustainable Forest Management ("SFM") Plans that met the requirements of the CAN/CSA Z809-16 Standard for Sustainable Forest Management. The assessment results demonstrate Western Forest Products Inc.'s strong commitment to Sustainable Forest Management on the lands that it manages.

### **Background Information**

WFP is an integrated Canadian company sustainably managing forests and manufacturing wood products on the coast of British Columbia and in Washington State. The Company has an annual available harvest of approximately 5.8 million cubic meters of timber, of which approximately 5.64 million cubic meters is from Crown lands. WFP has six sawmills with an annual lumber production capacity of approximately 780 million board feet. Principal activities conducted by the Company include timber harvesting, reforestation, milling logs into lumber and wood chips, and value-added remanufacturing.

The scope of their CAN/CSA Z809-16 Standard for Sustainable Forest Management certificate is as follows:

The multisite forest management processes, including planning, harvesting, road construction, silviculture and transportation of logs managed through the Timberlands Corporate and the timberlands offices managing the Defined Forest Areas (DFA) of North Island, Mid Island (by and through La-kwa sa muqw Forestry Ltd., as the general partner and for the sole benefit of La- kwa sa muqw Forestry Limited Partnership), Englewood, Port Alberni (by and through Tsawak-qin Forestry Inc., as the general partner and for the sole benefit of Tsawak-qin Forestry Limited Partnership) and Stillwater.

Certification to the CAN/CSA Z809-16 Standard (the "Standard") requires independent third-party audits. PwC uses a rotational assessment approach where the central office is assessed annually, and the locations are sampled on a 3-year rotating schedule that conforms to the International Accreditation Forum Inc.'s Mandatory Document 1.

An assessment team from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP conducted the assessment. The Lead Assessor was James Lucas, RPF, EMS (LA). The additional assessment team members were Nick Beals, RPF, EMS (LA), and Tyler Doucet, EMS (LA). The assessment team was accompanied by WFP's certification representative, Jonathan Flintoft, RPF.

The team met with and interviewed staff and contractors, conducted field observations, and examined the SFM Plans, Forest Stewardship Plans, site plans, GIS data, block files, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), monitoring information, and the minutes and operating procedures of the Public Advisory Groups. The team conducted field assessments to assess the company's planning, harvesting, silviculture, road construction, road maintenance, road deactivation, and fuel management.

## Good Management Practices

The assessment team identified five Sustainable Forest Management practices that exceeded expectations. A sample of the good management practices are listed below:

- Riparian protection (high stumping and delineation of wet areas) was very good on a number of harvest units within the La-kwa sa muqw Division.
- WFP has implemented a “passive” road inspection approach by asking all staff and employees who travel on company roads, to report any issues they see to support the road inspection process. This includes updates to the WFP EMS Level 1 training package.
- WFP has created a 25-year seed orchard plan for the Saanich tree nursery. This includes supporting efforts to address climate change and ongoing forest health issues across their operations.
- WFP delivers robust species at risk training annually to timberland operations staff on species identification, species of conservation concern, and the company's SOPs.
- Companywide carbon footprint analysis which covers scope 1-3 emissions and meets the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard.

## Nonconformities

The assessment team identified no nonconformities against the Standard and Western Forest Products Inc. policies.

## Opportunities for Improvement

The assessment team also identified two opportunities for improvement for Western Forest Products Inc.'s consideration. The following list is a representative sample of their suggestions:

All Opportunities for Improvement will be followed up by the assessment team at the next assessment.

- CSA Indicator 5.2.3 Level of Direct and Indirect Employment – The calculation uses a baseline coefficient calculated in 2018 and compares it to actual exposure (hours worked). La-kwa sa muqw Division may wish to review the coefficient to ensure that the numbers are still relevant.
- 7.4.6 Operational procedures and control – Generally road maintenance was up to date and effective across the La-kwa sa muqw Division. On one completed (including final inspection) harvest unit, a culvert was plugged and there was evidence of overland flow across the road surface (~150 m), downhill from the culvert location. While there was no evidence of material entering any stream channels, WFP may wish to assess this blockage to determine if remedial action is needed at that location. The culvert was subsequently pulled, and the finding was CLOSED.

## Conclusion

The Western Forest Products Inc. has maintained conformance with the requirements of the CAN/CSA Z809-16 Standard. The Certificate can be obtained by contacting Mr. Jonathan Flintoft, RPF of Western Forest Products Inc. at [environment@westernforest.com](mailto:environment@westernforest.com). More information on Western Forest Products Inc.'s sustainable forestry program can be found at: <https://www.westernforest.com/responsibility/environment/certification/>.

The next Assessment will be a Recertification Assessment in the late Spring of 2026. The registration expires on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.