

2025 SFI Public Summary Report

Western Forest Products Inc.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Forest Management Standard

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Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) completed a multi-site Maintenance Assessment (A4) on Western Forest Products Inc.’s (“the Company”, “Western”, or “WFP”) including forest management activities on the Mainland Coast operations and the corporate fiber sourcing activities managed by WFP’s Fibre Supply Group based in Nanaimo, BC. 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 primary objective of the assessment was to assess the Company’s SFI management system and to evaluate the Company’s implementation of the SFI Standards in the field.

Client Profile

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. WFP’s SFI certification covers both their Mainland Coast and Nootka Forest Operations as well as fiber sourcing operations for their primary sawmills in British Columbia.

Indicators

Not all indicators in the SFI Forest Management (“FM”) were within scope of this year’s Maintenance Assessment. Objectives 1, 4, and 5 of the SFI Forest Management Standard were not reviewed. These Objectives will be reviewed during the next Recertification Assessment in 2026. There were no substitute indicators.

Assessment Process

The opening meeting for both standards was completed on May 9, 2025. The assessments for both standards took place from May 13 to May 15, May 21 and May 26, 2025. A closing meeting was held on May 26, 2025. A half-day office review for the SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard was conducted on May 14 at the Campbell River location. A full-day office review covering both standards was held on May 21 at WFP’s Campbell River office, followed by a half-day virtual office review on May 26. The office assessment included a review of WFP’s SFI Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing programs. This involved staff interviews and an evaluation of relevant documentation to assess policies, procedures, and the implementation of SFI program requirements.

Fiber sourcing field activities near Zeballos were reviewed on May 14th. A field review of forest management activities occurred on May 15th of WFP’s Mainland Coast Operations. The field audit team visited completed harvesting, road development, and reforestation sites as well five procurement/fiber sourcing units. In total, the assessment team spent 2 days completing office reviews and 2 days of field reviews.

WFP has a multi-site certification for the forest management and a single-site certification for wood fiber procurement in North America including the following: Mainland Coast and Nootka Forest Operations, and Wood Fiber Procurement company-wide in British Columbia. 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.

Summary of Conformance, Findings, and Good Management Practices

FOREST MANAGEMENT

SFI Forest Management Objective	Evidence of Conformity
Objective 1. Forest Management Planning To ensure forest management plans include long-term sustainable harvest levels and measures to avoid forest conversion	Reviewed in the field during 2025 assessment.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 2. Forest Health and Productivity To ensure long-term forest productivity, carbon storage and conservation of forest resources through prompt reforestation, afforestation, minimized chemical use, soil conservation, and protecting forests from damaging agents.	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors, Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, WFP Forest Strategy, post-harvest completion inspections, forest management plans, site plans and field observations.</p> <p>Summary: Reforestation plans are documented primarily in the site plan which is developed for each block and are signed off by the Planning Forester. Site Plans reference the applicable stocking standard and FSP's identify which standards are applicable to the operating area. Accredited silviculture surveyors or other qualified professionals follow survey guidebook directions to verify if these standards have been met. Planting will occur within 2 years of harvest in spring and fall plants. Blocks have a survival survey in the spring or summer following the initial plant.</p> <p>WFP's retention harvesting system considers the biodiversity value associated with reserve areas and restricts the opening size and distance between mature forest. Sensitive soils are identified at the site plan level for each unit and addressed accordingly to reduce soil disturbance. FSP details legal requirements with FRPA legislation. Phase inspections are conducted throughout operations to ensure disturbance levels stay well below the limits.</p> <p>Post harvest completion instructions are developed by the Silviculture Forester onsite and signed off by Harvest or Contract Supervisors when completed. A final cutblock inspection form is completed at time of review by the Silviculture Forester. These are conducted on every block and are designed to confirm prescriptions have been implemented and identify any remedial works.</p>
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 3. Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources To protect the water quality of rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands and other water bodies through meeting or exceeding best management practices.	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors, Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, WFP Forest Strategy, SOPs containing riparian protection measures (i.e., Emergency Preparedness & Response, Planning), pre-work, inspection reports, forest management plans, site plans and field observations.</p> <p>Summary: WFP FSP and SP's prescribe riparian protection measure that conform with FRPA. In some areas and for special sites these buffer requirements are expanded. These instructions are communicated to operators through maps and pre-works. WFP also has a comprehensive set of SOPs for Emergency Preparedness & Response, Grade, Hauling, Sorting & Booming, Pre-Works & Inspections as well as Common SOPs containing general riparian protection measures and are used by both WFP staff and</p>

	<p>contractors.</p> <p>GIS data is corroborated in the field during block planning and riparian assessments confirm classifications. WFP has LiDAR data covering most of their operations and probable stream locations have been modeled from this information. This aids in identifying control points and designing roads in a way to minimize impacts on riparian areas.</p> <p>WFP includes requirements in all contracts to comply with WFP's EMS (which describes BMPs) and all legal requirements.</p> <p>WFP has guidelines to address wet-weather events for various areas – wet-weather conditions are addressed in site plans, harvest and road instructions, and pre-works and compliance to wet-weather BMPs is assessed in internal inspections and WFP's Monitoring Program.</p>
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
<p>Objective 4. Conservation of Biological Diversity To manage the quality and distribution of wildlife habitats and contribute to the conservation of biological diversity by developing and implementing stand-and landscape-level measures that promote a diversity of types of habitat and successful stages, and the conservation of forest plants and animals, including aquatic species, as well as threatened and endangered species, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, old-growth forests and ecologically important sites.</p>	<p><i>Reviewed in the field during 2025 assessment.</i></p>
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
<p>Objective 5. Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits To manage the visual impact of forest operations and provide recreational opportunities for the public.</p>	<p><i>Reviewed in the field during 2025 assessment.</i></p>
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
<p>Objective 6. Protection of Special Sites To manage lands that are geologically or culturally</p>	<p><i>Evidence:</i> Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, GIS, and block files including FRPA checklists, AIAs and SPs. Field Observations.</p>

<p>important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.</p>	<p>Summary: WFP Forest Stewardship Plans contain a cultural heritage resource strategy. The Company engages with stakeholders and First Nations to ensure that planning activities are able to manage all known special or culturally sensitive sites. Available special site or cultural information databases will also be consulted to allow for inclusion of any areas not already included in the planning process. Expert advice is sought on a regular basis from First Nations, Registered Professional Biologist's and Geotechnical professionals. Protection measures are specified in WFPs standards for various values including bear dens, nests and Big Trees.</p> <p>Assessments to determine the potential and presence of special sites and strategies for their management are incorporated into harvest area planning. WFP maintains a layer within their GIS for special sites which includes cultural features. This information is used to determine potential harvesting constraints in block planning. GIS layers include: roads/landings/ water layers/geology/special features (e.g. karst)/Visual Quality Objectives/wildlife layers (deer winter range etc.)/arch sites/trappers/community watersheds. Good protection around several special features observed during field audit, all of which were appropriately mapped.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i></p>	
<p>Objective 7. Efficient Use of Fiber Resources To minimize waste and ensure the efficient use of fiber resources.</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, FSPs and SPs, field observations.</p> <p>Summary: Fiber utilization is reviewed during phase and final inspections. Fiber utilization is a key component during undocumented site visits by harvesting supervisors. A portion of WFP's SFI FM certified operations are within the Coast Fiber Recovery Zone which carry increased waste penalties. The size and scale of piles were observed during site visits of several units.</p> <p>Operational controls to ensure efficient use of fiber resources include WFP Cutblock Slash Management Guide Standard, Log Specifications Field Cards, and internal inspections.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i></p>	
<p>Objective 8. Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights To recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional knowledge.</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix WFP Sustainable Forest Management Statement and WFP Indigenous Relationships Policy.</p> <p>Summary: Western has an Indigenous Relationships Policy that is publicly available on the company's website (www.westernforest.com/responsibility/first-nations) which documents their commitment to recognize and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Additionally, Western's Sustainable Forest Management Statement includes a commitment to work collaboratively and in partnership with Indigenous groups. WFP program appears to be robust and is a foundational aspect of WFP SFM program.</p> <p>WFP works within the traditional territories of more than 50 First Nations (FN) on Vancouver Island and the coast of British Columbia. WFP has two Executive positions (Vice President, Indigenous Partnerships and Vice President, Coastal Commercial Relationships) whose role is to build relationships with all FN that have traditional territories overlapping with their operations. The relationship building at the corporate and operations levels requires a cultural understanding, and WFP is working towards developing business relationships with many. Western is actively engaged in collaborative planning with several FN.</p> <p>WFP engages in discussions with FN at the FSP level as well as the individual Cutting Permit ("CP") level. In many areas, Archaeological Overview Assessment's ("AOAs") are done where required and all pre-1846 Culturally Modified Trees ("CMTs") are documented and set aside within blocks when found. There are a variety of other</p>

	<p>initiatives going on such as providing cedar logs for canoes and Non-Timber Forest Products are being harvested/picked. WFP's GIS includes some areas of known high value sites, when those areas are shared with the Company.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i></p>	
<p>Objective 9. Climate Smart Forestry To ensure forest management activities address climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff, Climate Change Mitigation Strategies for Healthy, Resilient Forests and Carbon Modelling Report and Reforestation Prescription Standard.</p> <p>Summary: WFP has done extensive investigation into analyzing and identifying key risks to its forestry operations posed by climate change. WFP has developed mitigation strategies for each of the climate risk priorities and how they fit into broader regional climate adaptation strategies and plans where they exist. The organization has developed a comprehensive carbon modelling program to track its scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions. This reporting has received additional third-party verification. WFP has committed to reporting their progress towards achieving climate change adaptation strategies and plans through the SFI Annual Survey.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i></p>	
<p>Objective 10. Fire Resilience and Awareness To limit susceptibility of forests to undesirable impacts of wildfire and to raise community awareness of fire benefits, risks, and minimization measures.</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors, SFI FM Evidence Package, Fire Hazard Assessment Standard, SOPs, and BC Wildfire engagement documents.</p> <p>Summary: Foresters receive annual wildfire training and fire is a topic addressed throughout the Timberlands & Fiber Supply EMS Training. WFP contractors conduct weather monitoring and have fire equipment on every harvest unit during fire season. WFP has Emergency Preparedness and Response SOP to provide guidance on fire events and other environmental incidents. WFP is an active participant for numerous engagements with the British Columbia Wildfire Service and other Forest Licensees to raise awareness on all aspects of wildfire.</p> <p>WFP foresters work to reduce incidence and severity of wildfire where practicable. They actively participate in salvaging dead or unhealthy stands to reduce fire hazard.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i></p>	
<p>Objective 11. Legal and Regulatory Compliance To comply with applicable federal, provincial, state and local laws and regulations.</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (WFP Trained Logger List –SFI FS Risk Assessment, WFP FSC Risk Assessments, WFP CoC Procedures, WFP WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, WFP MERC MR –Environmental Policy, EMS Compliance Log and field visits.</p> <p>Summary: WFP has a comprehensive EMS program in place which includes legal and regulatory commitments, procedures to ensure compliance, defined roles and responsibilities, internal auditing of activities and review and revision of legal compliance by Senior Management. Forest management regulatory updates are communicated through the organization to relevant staff when they occur. These updates are provided to WFP through individuals in working groups and through COFI and Quickscribe.</p> <p>The Company also monitors websites, and changes to relevant laws and regulations. The Certification & EMS Manager conducts periodic reviews of changes to relevant laws and regulations and will determine if changes are required to programs or procedures to facilitate compliance. Any documentation changes will be made in accordance with EMS document control procedures.</p> <p>The Company complies with Provincial and Federal social and labor legislation in</p>

	Canada. A variety of WFP corporate policies are in place to ensure conformance including a health and safety policy, an annual employee code of conduct sign-off and policies for bullying and harassment and workplace violence. The Company is Safe Certified with the Forest Safety Council of British Columbia.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 12. Forestry Research, Science and Technology To invest in forestry research, science and technology, upon which sustainable forest management decisions are based and broaden the awareness of climate change impacts on forests, wildlife and biological diversity.	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, WCSIC Meeting Summaries, WFP website.</p> <p>Summary: Western is an active participant in the research community by supporting, participating, and maintaining membership to the WCSIC and FP Innovations. In addition, the company performs their own internal investigation of management techniques. Western's Saanich Forestry Centre nursery has supported community reforestation projects and research, contributing to climate resilience and supporting biodiversity.</p> <p>Staff are members of various professional associations, including Forest Professionals BC and are involved in continuing education to continually improve sustainable forest management in the Company's area of operations. Management is informed by current science, and information is shared through staff training and communications.</p>
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 13. Training and Education To improve the implementation of sustainable forestry practices through appropriate training and education programs.	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, WFP Trained Logger List –SFI FS Risk Assessment, WFP FSC Risk Assessments, WFP CoC Procedures, WFP WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, WFP MERC MR</p> <p>Summary: WFP has a Sustainable Forest Management policy. It includes a commitment to Sustainable Forest Management and to the principles of SFI.</p> <p>The WFP EMS Manual Appendix 5 describes the Roles and Responsibilities of the various staff and departments with regards to the SFI program. Roles are well defined including tasks and responsibilities. Training requirements are found in the Training Table document and include EMS and SFI Fiber Sourcing and Manufacturing CoC SOPs.</p> <p>The WFP Training matrix identifies all the training requirements of woodlands staff and contractors. The frequency of review and listings of the specific SOPs required by position are included. Training records are maintained to ensure all active workers are competent in their tasks.</p> <p>WFP Fiber Sourcing Information Package (developed consistent with WCSIC Wood Producer Package and Training Policy) is given to all contractors. The materials include WFP's EMS training including SOPs. All contractors are trained in WFP's EMS prior to any work being conducted on WFP harvest units - either on their managed tenures or on stumpage sales.</p> <p>The WCSIC Training Policy and Wood Producer Information Package identify criteria and delivery mechanisms for wood producers. The WCSIC website also contains links to sources of training material. WFP conducts annual training to address continual improvement and informs contractors when appropriate training courses are available.</p>
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 14. Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, WCSIC member roster, WCSIC website, WFP website and reporting line.</p>

<p>To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry through public outreach, education and involvement, and to support the efforts of SFI Implementation Committees.</p>	<p>Summary: The Company encourages forest landowners to participate in forest management certification programs through the distribution of the WCSIC Wood Producer Information Package. WFP has a certified Chain of Custody which tracks all certified fiber from large and small landowners.</p> <p>WFP representatives have attended WCSIC meetings, support the WCSIC financially, and have participated in internal working groups focused on various initiatives.</p> <p>WFP conducts tours of its facilities and forest management activities from time to time and provides in-kind support to public engagement and outreach initiatives (e.g., classroom visits, teacher tours, logger sporting competitions, tree planting events). The company also maintains recreation sites, trails, and maintains resource roads utilized by the public and guide outfitters.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i></p>	
<p>Objective 15. Public Land Management Responsibilities To participate and implement sustainable forest management on public lands.</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, Western FSP and SPs.</p> <p>Summary: As WFP manages multiple public tenures across Vancouver Island and the BC Coast, the company is involved in a variety of planning and management efforts including Land Use Orders and FRPA, Forest Stewardship Plan Consultations, Permits (CP, RP, SUP, etc.), PMP Consultations, Information Sharing and Engagement, Timber Supply Review, Stakeholder meetings and information sharing.</p> <p>WFP works with government on several fronts to conduct operations on Crown land. The FSP and CP process requires regular communication with the MoF to ensure the approval of these documents which are required for operations to proceed. At a higher-level WFP's Senior Biologist works with government scientists and land use planners on the development and implementation of biodiversity specific plans. WFP's main Silviculture Research Forester oversees a long-term research project on broadcast fertilization of cedar and hemlock. The data from this will eventually lead to new growth & yield curves for similar treatments in TASS and TIPSy and will feed into the government TSR process.</p> <p>WFP is required to seek input from local stakeholders prior to harvesting, including First Nations, trappers and guides, watershed groups, adjacent landowners, and others. WFP makes Forest Operations Map (FOM) available for public review and comment as part of specific cutting or road permits review and approval process. FOMs that are available for public review and comment are posted on WFP's website with an online comment form.</p> <p>Specific consultation takes place during the development of Forest Stewardship Plans, Pest Management Plans, permits (CP, RP, SUP, etc.), Information Sharing & Engagement (FN's), and Timber Supply Reviews. Additionally, as part of their CSA SFM certification covering other divisions, WFP maintains Public Advisory Groups (PAG's) which meet regularly (both in person and remotely) to discuss WFP's operations and SFM efforts.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i></p>	
<p>Objective 16. Communications and Public Reporting To increase transparency and to annually report progress on conformance with the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard.</p>	<p>Evidence: Review of SFI survey submission records, SFI database.</p> <p>Summary: PwC is responsible for producing the summary audit report and submitting it to SFI on behalf of WFP. It can be found at: https://www.sfidatabase.org Western has responded to SFI's annual progress report surveys. Records for the SFI report are stored in several databases including LRM, GIS, financial records, research documents and communication records.</p>

No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 17. Management Review and Continual Improvement To promote continual improvement in the practice of sustainable forestry by conducting a management review and monitoring performance.	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff. MERC Management Review meeting minutes, EMS Manual - Management Review Process, Audits – Internal and External</p> <p>Summary: WFP Timberlands EMS Manual describes the multi-level management review process in place across all operations. Agendas for each level of management review are set in the EMS Manual and meet the Standards’ requirements. Certification findings, progress on action items, internal/external audit findings, revisions to procedures, roles and responsibilities and other incidents/business are standing discussion topics. Action items generated from management reviews are entered in LRM to ensure completion.</p> <p>The Corporate Management Environmental Review Committee (MERC) is required to conduct a management review annually, however, in practice it is conducted twice per year. The latest Timberlands MERC meeting was April 22nd, 2025. There are operations level management reviews which are required to be conducted twice per year.</p> <p>The 2025 Head Office & Fibre Supply EMS, CSA, and SFI internal audit was conducted April 9-11, 2025. The audit team was led by a third-party environmental consultant. The audit report was dated April 15, 2025. The report was robust and included a summary of the internal audit findings and conclusions.</p> <p>Western’s Certification and EMS Manager performs internal audits for the Timberland operations within the scope of SFI certification. The Mainland Coast Forest Operation (MCFO) internal audit was conducted on-site April 25th, 2025, against the requirements of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard and applicable WFP procedures.</p>
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	

FIBRE SOURCING

SFI Fiber Sourcing Objective	Evidence of Conformity
Objective 1. Biodiversity in Fiber Sourcing To address the practice of sustainable forestry by conserving biological diversity.	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, SFI Fibre Sourcing Information Package, SFI FS Risk Assessment, WFP FSC Risk Assessments, WFP CoC Procedures, WFP WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, and site visits.</p> <p>Summary: The majority of volume that WFP purchases is through Crown sources which fall under the <i>Forest & Range Practices Act</i> (“FRPA”) and purchases from private lands generally fall under the <i>Private Managed Forest Land Act</i> (“PMFLA”) both of which address biodiversity issues.</p> <p>The WFP SFI FS Procurement Package goes to all suppliers and includes BMP information around the conservation of biological diversity, including links and references to Canadian Species at Risk Act, BC Species & Ecosystem Explorer, NatureServe Explorer, and other BMP guides. The Standing Timber Procurement Team works with community to support local conservation efforts.</p> <p>WFP Fiber Sourcing group has good knowledge of Sustainable Forest Management (“SFM”) practices in BC. Staff EMS training includes information on T&E species and other biodiversity issues.</p> <p>All sources are subject to a “Risk Assessment” at the time of purchase and where warranted,</p>

	field inspections are conducted to ensure BMPs are being implemented, and that operations meet FRPA requirements around biodiversity, soil conservation, and riparian management.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
<p>Objective 2. Adherence to Best Management Practices</p> <p>To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry through the use of best management practices to protect water quality.</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, SFI Fiber Sourcing Information Package, WFP Trained Logger List - SFI FS Risk Assessment, WFP FSC Risk Assessments, WFP CoC Procedures, WFP WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, and site visits.</p> <p>Summary: For all purchased timber/stumpage, the WFP EMS or other equivalent SFI certified systems are followed which includes BMPs (SOPs). The timber procurement program includes an initial assessment of each potential sale to assess timber quality, logistics and other factors including resource values, and a WCSIC Risk Assessment is completed for all timber purchases (may be multiple blocks).</p> <p>Additionally, all the road building (if any) and harvesting activities are carried out under WFP's EMS and the relevant SOPs. The EMS also includes harvest inspections which are carried out by WFP staff at the various offices which administer the timber sales on behalf of the WFP procurement group.</p> <p>The Chain of Custody Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which includes the FSC and PEFC risk assessment and Chain of Custody training information provides additional rigor around fiber sourcing with respect to BMPs and sustainable forest practices.</p> <p>At present, the majority of the WFP verifiable monitoring system is described in the CoC procedures under the Verification of Fiber Supply section - it consists of supplying Fiber Sourcing Information and training package, WCSIC Risk Assessment for each timber purchase and field inspection forms to assess levels of compliance with BMPs across WFP timber sales.</p>
<p><i>No Nonconformities were identified related to this objective. One Opportunity for Improvement was identified related to this objective:</i></p> <p>OFI Description: To promote the use of best management practices (BMPs) among fiber suppliers, Western Forest Products provides an SFI Fiber Sourcing Information Package (version January 2023) with its supplier purchase agreements. The package includes website references to relevant BMP resources; however, some of the referenced links are broken or outdated. Additionally, the contact information for Western Forest Products included in the package is no longer current. The company may wish to update the Information Package to ensure that fiber suppliers have access to up-to-date BMP information.</p> <p>WFP Response: Manager, Certification and EMS has updated the SFI Fibre Sourcing Information Package and distributed to WFP Fibre Sourcing staff.</p> <p>PwC Response: PwC reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the corrective action. No further action required. The status of this assessment finding is CLOSED.</p>	
<p>Objective 3. Use of Qualified Resource and Qualified Logging Professionals</p> <p>To encourage forest landowners to utilize the services of qualified logging professionals, certified logging</p>	<p>Evidence: Interviews with WFP staff and contractors. Review of WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, SFI Fiber Sourcing Information Package, WFP Trained Logger List - SFI FS Risk Assessment, WFP FSC Risk Assessments, WFP CoC Procedures, WFP WCSIC Risk Assessment forms</p> <p>Summary: The WFP training program includes WFP CoC SOP (procedures for log purchases), Fiber Sourcing Information package (including BMPs), training program for suppliers, and EMS training is mandatory for all WFP staff and contractors. SOPs are available to all vendors.</p> <p>The log supply agreement and standing timber purchase agreement contain an "SFI Certification" section that states the requirement to adhere to BMPs, the Fiber Sourcing</p>

professionals (where available) and qualified resource professionals.	Information Package and all applicable laws. A list of trained loggers is maintained within the EMS files. A list of trained Fiber Suppliers is maintained (through record of circulation of the FS Information Package to suppliers).
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 4. Legal and Regulatory Compliance To comply with applicable federal, provincial, state and local laws and regulations.	See SFI Forest Management Objective 11.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 5. Forestry Research, Science and Technology To invest in forestry research, science and technology, upon which sustainable forest management decisions are based and broaden the awareness of climate change impacts on forests, wildlife and biological diversity.	See SFI Forest Management Objective 12.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 6. Training and Education To improve the implementation of sustainable forestry practices through appropriate training and education programs.	See SFI Forest Management Objective 13.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 7. Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry	See SFI Forest Management Objective 14.

through public outreach, education and involvement, and to support the efforts of SFI Implementation Committees.	
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 8. Public Land Management Responsibilities To participate and implement sustainable forest management on public lands.	See SFI Forest Management Objective 15.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 9. Communications and Public Reporting To increase transparency and to annually report progress on conformance with the SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard.	See SFI Forest Management Objective 16.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 10. Management Review and Continual Improvement To promote continual improvement in the practice of sustainable forestry by conducting a management review and monitoring performance.	See SFI Forest Management Objective 17.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	
Objective 11. Avoid Controversial Sources To manage the risk of sourcing fiber from controversial sources	Evidence: WFP Policies, WFP Chain of Custody SOP, Risk assessments, Interviews with staff, WFP SFI FS Evidence Package, Procurement Summary Report, Procurement contracts Summary: WFP has mechanisms in place to control and monitor the sourcing of fiber areas to ensure no ineligible inputs come into the system from biodiversity hotspots, and high-biodiversity wilderness areas. WFP operates a Due Diligence System (DDS) to gather information regarding its supplies to risk assess. The DDS is documented in WFP's COC SOP. There have been no substantiated concerns pertaining to the fiber sourcing operations and management system.
<i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.</i>	

Specific good management practices are noted below:

- 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.

Conclusion

The Company has maintained conformance with the requirements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Fiber Sourcing Standard [2022] and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Forest Management Standard [2022]. The Certificate can be obtained by contacting the WFP Environment Team by email at environment@westernforest.com More information on WFP’s sustainable forestry program can be found at: <https://www.westernforest.com/responsibility/environment/certification/>

The next SFI Assessment will be a Recertification Assessment in the late Spring of 2026. The registration expires on November 5, 2026.