Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification Review

Public

Presentation

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Why Forest Stewardship Council?

- Gold Standard of Forest Certification

- The World Wildlife Fund Canada is one of the founders of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Protects Forests and Wildlife

Only certification requiring- HCVF’s, PA’s

Protects Aboriginal Peoples' Rights

Requires Consultation

Protects Community & Worker's Rights

Requires Consultation, fair compensation; protects their health, safety and livelihoods; and allows them to organize under international labor conventions.

Transparency, Accountability & Independent Verification

For each FSC Forest Management certificate, a public summary is posted publicly online.

Worldwide Credibility

FSC is supported by Greenpeace, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Canada Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS), and The Sierra Club of Canada.

Market Acceptance

CIBC, Scotiabank and RBC all have procurement policies requiring FSC certification. RONA, Home Depot, and Indigo Books & Music have wood and paper policies that require FSC certification of products and suppliers.

High Conservation Value Forest Category 1

Forests having significant biodiversity, endangered Species and or threatened or Sensitive species.

- SLS Identified 7 groups on the FMA

High Conservation Value Forest Category 2

Large landscape-level Forests

- SLS identified 2 large landscape level forests on the FMA

High Conservation Value Forest Category 3

Forests that are in or contain rare, threatened or endangered ecosystems

- SLS identified 3 groups on the FMA

High Conservation Value Forest Category 4

Areas that provide basic ecosystem services in critical situations.

- SLS identified 2 HCVF's

High Conservation Value Forest Category 5

Areas fundamental to meeting basic needs of local communities such as subsistence, irreplaceable amounts of income, food or other benefits from the forest.

- No areas were identified

High Conservation Value Forest Category 6

Areas critical to local communities' traditional cultural identity.

- SLS has identified sites recorded with Alberta Culture and Community Spirit as HCV's. Additional site specific values brought forward by First Nations will be considered as HCV's.

Protected Areas?

- FSC requires a protected areas network to conserve representative ecosystems.
- The Gap Analysis is used to identify shortfalls in the protected areas network within and surrounding the FMA.
- Work with interested parties in evaluation of the gap analysis and candidate selection.
- Identify candidate protected areas to fill gaps, SLS commits to no harvest and SLS advocates for legal protection status.

Forestry and Biodiversity?

Sustainable spatial harvest sequence

Stand level forest retention in harvest areas

HCVF management strategies

Protected Areas Network

= Conservation of Biodiversity

September 2011Assessment Process

- All 10 Principles, 56 Criteria and 202 Indicators of the National Boreal Standard
- Chain of Custody
- FMA 0100038 and B9 Quota Areas

September 2011Assessment Process

- Visited 34 sites – on the ground
  - 3.0 auditor days in the field
  - 13.0 auditor days in the office and with external parties
  - Open house information session and evening stakeholder meetings
- Interviews:
  - FNs: 8 individuals from 5 Communities
  - 56 interested people
  - Total: 64
- 20 Surveys

September 2011Assessment Process

- June 2012- 295 page critique provided

Four Major Non Conformances

- 4.4.1 Meaningful Public Participation
- 6.34. 2012 Seral Age Class Cover Types
- 6.1.7 Benchmark 2012 with PIC
- 6.4.1 Peer-review PA Gap Analysis
- Multiple minor nonconformance's

Progress

- 4.4.1 Updated its approach to public participation
- 6.34. Updated the 2012 forest cover maps
- 6.1.7 Compared current forest cover types with PIC benchmarks.
- 6.4.1 Completed PA Gap Analysis-under peer and public review and is seeking PA advocacy
- SLS is working on various procedural and operational changes to meet minor NCR's
- MCV-assessment scheduled for August 2013