



**Bureau Veritas Certification
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Forestry Audit Report (SF63)**

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Contract Number:	HQ	Certification Audit:		Re-Certification Audit:		Surveillance: (Indicate visit # or Pre-Assessment)	(1)
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Audit Summary

The opening meeting was held at the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WA DNR) office in Castle Rock, Washington on June 19, 2007. Lislie Sayers, Certification Coordinator, Allen Estep, Services PSF/SFI Lead, Gretchen Nicholas, Land Management Division Manager, Eric Schroff, Region Manager, Eric Wisch, Assistant Region Manager, Julie Sackett, Assistant Region Manager, Daniel Friesz, Region Biologist, Donelle Mahan, Region Biologist, Noelle Nordstrom, Region Biologist, Farra Vargas, Project Manager, Bob Johnson, Project Sales Manager were in attendance. WA DNR staff knowledgeable about the operations for each site was available for all portions of the audit. Vincent Corrao, Lead Auditor Certified Forester and Greg Bassler, Team Auditor Certified Forester conducted the audit. Non-conformances and the requirements for clearing them, opportunities for improvement, and notable practices were discussed.

The scope of the WA DNR surveillance audit included all the lands managed by WA DNR in their Pacific Cascade and South Puget Sound Region and included Objectives 1, 5, 6, 7, and 13. The audit began with a document review at the WA DNR Castle Rock office and following the document review proceeded directly into the field. The Audit Plan and logistics were reviewed and the sites confirmed to conduct the field portion of the audit in a timely manner. The closing meetings were confirmed and one is to be held at the WA DNR Castle Rock office on June 20, 2007 at the completion of the field audit. The final closing meeting will be June 28, 2007 at the WA DNR Olympia office. The surveillance audit is to verify the ongoing effectiveness of WA DNR's SFI program and to demonstrate conformance to the policies and procedures on WA DNR lands.

The WA DNR's operations are located on the west side of the Cascade Mountains in southwestern Washington. The Pacific Cascade and South Puget Sound Regions are very productive tree growing areas in Washington. The WA DNR manages approximately 734,000 acres within this very productive forest ecosystem.

The field portion of the audit began on June 19, 2007 and concentrated on Objectives 1, 5, 6, and 7. A total of 39 sites were visited during the audit. The audit was conducted on WA DNR forestry operations and the sites visited provided a variety of practices on both completed and active operations. WA DNR sells stumpage for the majority of their sales and encourages and uses contract loggers that are trained and knowledgeable on the requirements of the SFI standard.

BVC auditors found WA DNR SFI Coordinator Lislle Sayers to be very effective in managing the SFI program, preparing a very well developed audit plan and schedule. The staff has done a good job of implementing the SFI standard. The staff clearly understands the requirements of the Washington Forest Practices. The WA DNR Habitat Conservation Plan, Policy for Sustainable Forests, Planning and Tracking System and documents in the field files were used to verify conformance. WA DNR meets the SFI requirements and continues to effectively implement the 2005-2009 SFI Standards in their forestry operations.

WA DNR did not have any substitution or modifications to any of the Indicators. A review of previous audits was conducted to verify the effectiveness of previous audit findings and to evaluate WA DNR's past performance. There were no trends in the SFI implementation of the field audit or document review that would indicate that any particular area needs special attention. A SF 61 has been completed and contains specific information and audit notes.

The auditor was impressed on how well organized and prepared the WA DNR staff were for conducting the audit. The audit proceeded through the sites on a timely basis and the SFI guides were very knowledgeable of the sites, activities and history of the operations.

The audit findings included:

Non-conformances issued: No non-conformances were issued during the audit.

Opportunities for Improvements: OFI's are weaknesses in the program that may lead to a non-conformance in the future if activities are not monitored for effectiveness.

One Opportunity for Improvement was identified during the surveillance audit.

1.) Objective 3, PM 3.1, Indicator 2 -WA DNR should require that all logging contractors have spill kits on site and be trained on how to contain and clean-up spills.

Notable Practices: NP's are practices and actions that are exemplary and indicate a strong commitment to the SFI intent and to continual improvement of their program.

Four Notable Practices were identified during the surveillance audit.

1.) Objective-4, PM 4.1, Indicator 6- The WA DNR has developed a Weighted Old Growth Habitat Index to protect older age class trees that meet old growth criteria. Training in using the Weighted Old Growth Habitat Index and identifying old growth areas has been implemented and used in the field (i.e. Boomer Unit 1).

2.) Objective- 5, PM 5.1, Indicator 1- The WA DNR has a very well developed visual management process and it is implemented effectively on the landscape.

3.) Objective 6, PM 6.1, Indicator 1- WA DNR development of the handbook "Identifying Cultural Resources" and using it as the training guideline is an excellent document and process for training field staff for identifying cultural and historical sites within the ownership.

4.) Objective 9, PM 9.1, Indicator 1- The WA DNR has engaged in many research and development studies concerning threatened and endangered habitat, biodiversity, road maintenance and repair, and water quality issues.

The surveillance audit schedule has been discussed and has been documented on an SF 17 to insure that all Objectives will be completed for meeting certification requirements.

The closing meeting for the first portion of the surveillance audit was held at the WA DNR office on June 20, 2007. Lislle Sayers, Certification Coordinator, Allen Estep, Services PSF/SFI Lead, Gretchen Nicholas, Land Management Division Manager, Eric Schroff, Region Manager, Eric Wisch, Assistant Region Manager, Julie Sackett, Assistant Region Manager, Daniel Friesz, Region Biologist, Donelle Mahan, Region Biologist, Noelle Nordstrom, Region Biologist, Farra Vargas, Project Manager, Bob Johnson, Project Sales Manager were in attendance for the Pacific Cascade Region.

The final closing for both the Pacific Cascade and South Puget Sound Region was held June 28, 2007 at the WA DNR Olympia Office. Lislle Sayers, Certification Coordinator, Allen Estep, Services PSF/SFI Lead, Gretchen Nicholas, Land Management Division Manager, Farra Vargas, Project Manager, Jed Herman, Product Sales & Leasing Division Manager, Tami Miketa, Land Management Assistant Division Manager, Dennis Carlson, South Puget State Lands Management, Technical Operations Manager and WA DNR staff were present for the closing. The audit findings were presented and discussed at the closing meeting.

Bureau Veritas Certification recommends that Washington Department of Natural Resources and Bureau Veritas continue certification.

Summary of Audit Findings:											
Stage 1 Audit Dates:	From: June 19, 2007				To: June 20, 2007						
Stage 2 Audit Dates:	From: June 20, 2007				To: June 28, 2007						
Number of SF02's Raised:			Major:			Minor:					
Is a follow up visit required:		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date(s) of follow up visit:					
Follow-up visit remarks:											
Team Leader Recommendation:											
All NCR's now cleared:		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proceed to/Continue Certification		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date:	June 28, 2007										
Standard(s) audit conducted against:											
1)	SFI 2005-2009 Edition			3)	SFI Surveillance (1)						
2)				4)							
Team Leader (1):			Team Members (2, 3, 4...)								
Vincent P. Corrao			2) Greg Bassler								
			3)								
			4)								
			5)								
Scope of Supply: (scope statement must be verified and appear in the space below)											
"Washington State Department of Natural Resources Forest Land Management Operations"											
Accreditation's:		SFI 2005-2009 Forestry Operations									
Number of Certificates:		1									
Acres (ha) within the scope of this audit:			734,000 acres			Location of these acres: (State, province)		Washington operations			
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Company Name and Site:		SF02#:
Contract #:	Department / Process:	Team Leader:
Date:	Standard and Clause#:	Team Member:
Major	Minor	Other Documents (if applicable):
		Company Representative:
REQUIREMENT OF AUDITED STANDARD:		
OBSERVED NONCONFORMITY:		
ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION (to be completed by the Company)		
Proposed Completion Date:	Actual Completion Date:	Company Representative:
Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action Response:		
CLEARANCE REPORT (to be completed by BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION)		
Corrective Action Accepted	Yes	
	No	
Nonconformance Downgraded	Yes	
	No	
Follow Up Comments:		
Auditor:		Date: