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FSC Forest Management Audit

Public Summary Report

Audit Conducted By	Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS Tour Alto 4 Place des Saisons COURBEVOIE 92400 France https://certification.bureauveritas.com/wood-scheme-certification-documents-and-standards
Contact Person	Krzysztof Wypij
Report last updated on	10 November 2025
Certificate Holder	Washington State Department of Natural Resources 1111 Washington Street. SE P.O.Box 47014 Olympia Washington 98504-7016 United States www.dnr.wa.gov
Contact Person	Tracy Petroske
Certified Forest Areas	South Puget Sound
FSC certificate registration code	BV-FM/COC-080501
Certificate issue date	14 May 2023
Certificate expiry date	13 May 2028
Audit Sequence	Surveillance 3

This forest has been certified by Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS as meeting the requirements of FSC national forest standard FSC-US Forest Management Standard V1.1.

Certificate Holder and Certification Body Details

Question	Inputs	Units	Validation
Certificate Holder			
1.01 Certificate holder name *	Washington State Department of Natural Resources		OK
1.02.1 Street Address *	1111 Washington Street. SE		OK
1.02.2 Address Line 2	P.O.Box 47014		OK
1.02.3 City *	Olympia		OK
1.02.4 State or Province	Washington State Department of Natural Resources		OK
1.02.5 Postal Code	98504-7016		OK
1.03 Country *	United States		OK
1.04 Contact person full name *	Tracy Petroske		OK
1.05 Email *	Tracy.Petroske@dnr.wa.gov		OK
1.06 Telephone	360-280-3280		OK
1.07 Website *	www.dnr.wa.gov		OK
Certificate Parameters			
1.08 FSC licence code *	FSC-C012959		OK
1.09 Certificate code *	BV-FM/COC-080501		OK
1.10 Former certificate code (if any)			
1.11 Certificate type *	FM/COC		OK
1.12 Group certificate *	No		OK
1.13.1 Initial certification date *	2008-06-25		OK
1.13.2 Most recent certification date *	2023-05-14		OK
1.13.3 Certificate expiry date *	2028-05-13		OK
1.14 Total number of MUs in the scope of certificate *	1		OK
1.15 Total area certified *	176960.00	acre	OK
1.16 Change of scope since previous audit *	No		OK
1.16.1 Nature of scope change			
1.17 Ecosystem services (ES) in the scope *	No		OK
1.26 Continuous Improvement Procedure being followed	No		OK
1.25 Name and/or location of the certified forest area(s)	South Puget HCP Planning Unit		OK
Certification Body			
1.18 Certification body name *	Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS		OK
1.19.1 Street Address *	Tour Alto 4 Place des Saisons		OK
1.19.2 Address Line 2			
1.19.3 City *	COURBEVOIE		OK
1.19.4 State			
1.19.5 Postal Code	92400		OK
1.20 Country *	France		OK
1.21 Contact person full name *	Krzysztof Wypij		OK
1.22 Email *	krzysztof.wypij@bureauveritas.com		OK
1.23 Telephone			
1.24 Website *	https://certification.bureauveritas.com/wood-scheme-certification-documents-and-standards		OK

The evaluation process

Question	Inputs	Units	Validation
Audit Parameters			
2.01 Audit type *	Surveillance		OK
2.01.1 Audit sequence	Surveillance		OK
2.02 Audit start date *	2025-09-29		OK
2.16 First stakeholder consultation date for this audit			
2.03 Audit finish date *	2025-10-02		OK
2.04 Total person days *	4.0		OK
2.05 Date of report *	2025-11-11		OK
2.06 Total area under evaluation *	176960.0	acre	OK
Normative Documents			
2.07 Evaluated international normative document(s)			
2.07.1 Trademark standard FSC-STD-50-001 *	Yes		OK
2.07.2 Group standard FSC-STD-30-005 *	No		OK
2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 *	No		OK
2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 *	No		OK
2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 *	Yes		OK
2.07.6 Pesticides Policy FSC-POL-30-001 *	Yes		OK
2.07.7 Applicable NTFP Standard *	No		OK
2.07.8 CIP FSC PRO 30-011 *	No		OK
2.08 Code(s) of NFSS or INS used *	FSC-US Forest Management Standard V1.1		OK
2.09 Web link to the standard used	https://us.fsc.org/en-us/certification/forest-management-certification		OK
2.10 If applicable, the adaptation process of CB interim standard			
Evaluation Methodology			
2.11 Sampling system employed for the audit			
2.11.1 stratified sampling			
2.11.2 cluster sampling			
2.11.3 random sampling			
2.11.4 systematic sampling	Yes		OK
2.11.5 Other, please specify your input here			
2.12 Rationale for selection of MU/ members, including a clear description of the surveillance schedule that will be implemented by the certification body	For this FMU certificate, sampling followed requirements of FSC-STD-20-007. Sites audited were selected based on active forest management activities (road construction, harvest, silviculture), completed forest management activities since the last audit, site and soil conditions, stakeholder feedback, proximity to water bodies; and HCVs or cultural values, as applicable.		OK
2.13 Documentation reviewed during this audit			
2.13.1 copies of applicable laws	Some		OK
2.13.2 long term management plans	All		OK
2.13.3 technical management guides relating to operations	Some		OK
2.13.4 concession agreements	Not Requested		OK
2.13.5 documentation showing tenure or land-use rights	Some		OK
2.13.6 up to date maps of roads, management sites, etc	Some		OK
2.13.7 inventory records	Some		OK
2.13.8 work instructions	Some		OK
2.13.9 contractor contracts	Some		OK
2.13.10 agreements with affected local communities	Not Requested		OK
2.13.11 agreements with affected Indigenous Peoples, etc	Not Requested		OK
2.13.12 records of payments of royalties, fees, or taxes	Some		OK
2.13.13 records of complaints/disputes and resolution	Some		OK
2.13.14 records of payments to workers	Not Requested		OK
2.13.15 wildlife evaluation records	Some		OK
2.13.16 environmental impacts monitoring records	Some		OK
2.13.17 social impact survey results	Some		OK
2.13.18 results of monitoring forest growth and health	All		OK
2.13.19 harvesting and production records	Some		OK
2.13.20 chemical use records	All		OK

The evaluation process

Question	Inputs	Units	Validation
2.13.21 communications with stakeholders	Some		OK
2.13.22 purchasing and sales documentation	Some		OK
2.13.23 Integrated pest management	Some		OK
2.13.24 ESRA	All		OK
2.13.25 agreements with group members	Not Applicable		OK
2.13.26 CIP: Self-Conformity Check Results	Not Applicable		OK
2.13.27 CIP: Action Plan	Not Applicable		OK
2.13.28 CIP: Self-Monitoring Results	Not Applicable		OK
2.13.98 Other, please specify			
2.13.99 Further information on documents reviewed			
2.14 Additional techniques employed for evaluation			
2.15 Geographically relevant tools employed by the auditing team for evaluation			
2.15.1 FSC GIS Portal			
2.15.2 Google maps, Bing maps and similar			
2.15.3 Global Forest Watch			
2.15.4 GPS tracking devices (including GPS-enabled smartphones)	Yes		OK
2.15.5 Desktop GIS tools QGIS, ArcGIS	Yes		OK
2.15.6 CB´s own GIS system	Yes		OK
2.15.7 CH's own GIS system			
2.15.8 Drones, UAVs or similar			
2.15.9 Other, please specify Your input here			
2.17 Means of stakeholder engagement			
2.17.1 Face to face meetings	Yes		OK
2.17.2 Virtual meetings			
2.17.3 Contacted by phone	Yes		OK
2.17.4 Email, or letter	Yes		OK
2.17.5 Notice published in the national and/or local press			
2.17.6 Notice published on relevant websites			
2.17.7 Local radio announcements			
2.17.8 Local customary notice boards			
2.17.9 Social media broadcast			
2.17.10 Other, please specify Your input here			
2.18 Stakeholder groups engaged in audit			
2.18.1 Economic interests	Yes		OK
2.18.2 Social interests	Yes		OK
2.18.3 Environmental interests	Yes		OK
2.18.4 FSC-accredited certification bodies active in the country			
2.18.5 National and state forest agencies			
2.18.6 Experts with expertise in controlled wood categories			
2.18.7 Research institutions and universities			
2.18.8 FSC regional offices, FSC network partners, registered standard development groups and NRA working groups in the region			
2.18.9 Forest workers, contractors	Yes		OK
2.18.10 Local communities, residents	Yes		OK
2.18.11 FME personnel	Yes		OK
2.18.12 Indigenous Peoples	Yes		OK
2.18.13 Other, please specify Your input here			
Certification Decision			
2.19 Difficulties identified during the evaluation	None		OK

The evaluation process

Question	Inputs	Units	Validation
2.20 Conditions (corrections of minor non-conformities) or pre-conditions (corrections of major non-conformities) associated with the certification decision			
2.20.1 No specific condition *	Yes		OK
2.20.2 Correction of minor NCRs issued within required timelines *	No		OK
2.20.3 Correction of major NCRs issued within required timelines *	No		OK
2.20.4 Correction of the pre-conditions to certification identified *	No		OK
2.20.5 Other			
2.21 Lead auditor opinion			
2.21.1 The certificate holder's system of management, if implemented as described, is capable of ensuring that all of the requirements of the applicable standard(s) are met over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the evaluation. *	Yes		OK
2.21.2 The certificate holder has demonstrated, subject to correction of the identified non-conformities, that the described system of management is being implemented consistently over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the certificate. *	No		OK
2.22 Auditor recommendation for the certificate holder's management system and performance			
2.22.1 A certificate can only be issued/reissued/maintained when all identified Major CARs are closed *	No		OK
2.22.2 The FM system of the evaluated enterprise does not comply with the provisions and standards of FSC. Due to the number of identified major non-compliances the auditors recommend the immediate suspension of the certificate *	No		OK
2.22.3 Other			
2.23 Certification decision *	Maintain		OK
2.24 Decision detail	Based on client's evaluation result and information included in audit report and audit checklist, the decision is to maintain FSC FM/COC certificate validity. No pending NCs.		OK
2.25 Decision date *	2025-12-09		OK
2.26 Decision making entity *	FSC FM HUB of Bureau Veritas Certification Holding		OK

Personnel / audit team

3.01 Name *	3.02 Role *	Person Days		Expertise				3.07 Profile
		3.03 Prep / pre-evaluation *	3.04 On-site *	3.05.1 Forestry	3.05.2 Ecology	3.05.3 Sociology	3.05.4 Environment	3.05.5 Economics	3.06 Auditor UAN (enter 0 if none) *	
Jim Colla	Audit team leader	0.00	4.00	Yes	Yes	Yes			ASI1V6EM64	Mr. Colla is a career forester with over 45 years experience, he has been an FM and COC auditor since 2008
Pawel Synowiec	Witnessing auditor	0.00	4.00	Yes	Yes				ASI1KLLPIM	Lead auditor in the field of FSC forest management, full-time employee of Bureau Veritas Polska, higher education in the field of

Audit itinerary

4.01 Audit Itinerary Item Start Date	4.02 Hours	4.03 MUs or members	4.04 Activities	4.05 Site detail	Type of Site																
					4.06.1 Office	4.06.2 Seed orchards	4.06.3 Nursery	4.06.4 Protected area	4.06.5 Production forest area	4.06.6 Workers' amenities	4.06.7 Areas used by local communities and indigenous peoples	4.06.8 Water courses	4.06.9 Forest roads	4.06.10 Chemical storage sites	4.06.11 HCVs	4.06.12 Monitoring sites	4.06.13 Logging trails	4.06.14 Restoration area	4.06.15 Pesticide application area	4.06.16 Other, please specify
2025-09-29	8.00	South Puget HCP Planning Unit	Opening meeting and document review of selected indicators P1-9, final field site selections		Yes				Yes												
2025-09-30	8.00	South Puget HCP Planning Unit	Field tour	Elbe Hills Unit: Jeckle, Flat Top, Beaver Creek, Fernda, RR Creek, Lost Glove				Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes		
2025-10-01	8.00	South Puget HCP Planning Unit	Field tour	Hood Canal Unit: Plumb Bob, Kristine, Lil Wrangler, Missing Elf, Winch, Oak Patch				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
2025-10-02	8.00	South Puget HCP Planning Unit	Follow up document review P1-9 and stakeholder consultation and interviews; prepare audit findings, closing meeting		Yes																

Forest management enterprise information

Question	Inputs	Units
Forest Area		
5.01 Area certified both to FSC and another scheme (specify if non-PEFC)		
5.01.1 Area certified both to FSC and another scheme (PEFC Endorsed) *	176960.00	acre
5.01.2 Other certification scheme used (Non-PEFC) - name	SFI	
5.01.3 Other certification scheme used (Non-PEFC) - area certified		acre
5.02 Brief description of any area of forest over which the certificate holder has some responsibility, whether as owner (including shared or partial ownership), manager, consultant or other responsibility) which the certificate holder has chosen to exclude from the scope of the certificate, together with an explanation of the reason.	In 2019 DNR applied to excise work centers in six locations, the Meridian Seed Orchard, the Tumwater Compound and the Webster Nursery from their certified area. The certificate area at that time was 176,207 acres. Some of the area included in the above is outside the boundaries of the certified forest lands and, as such, a total of 47 acres of certified forest lands were excised.	
5.03 Area of forest owned/managed but excluded from MUs in the scope of certification		
5.03.1 According to FSC-POL-20-003 *	47	acre
5.03.2 Other reasons *	0	acre
5.04 Explanation as to how MUs designated as SLIMF meet the eligibility criteria as a SLIMF (as per FSC-STD-01-003)		
Forest Workers		
5.05 Male forest workers *	128	
5.06 Female forest workers *	50	
5.07 Average wage in USD paid to males employed in managerial positions during the last calendar year		USD
5.08 Average wage in USD paid to females employed in managerial positions during the last calendar year		USD
5.09 Number of males employed in managerial positions during the last calendar year		
5.10 Number of females employed in managerial positions during the last calendar year		
5.11 Total number of local community members employed through management activities, including contractors, during the last calendar year		
5.12 Number of accidents since previous audit	5	
5.13 Direct costs in USD associated with forest management induced to comply with the requirements for FSC certification		USD
Impacted Parties		
5.15 Third parties related/impacted by forest management activities		
5.15.1 Third parties related/impacted by forest management activities (Local Communities) *	Yes	
5.15.2 Third parties related/impacted by forest management activities (Traditional Peoples) *	No	
5.15.3 Third parties related/impacted by forest management activities (Indigenous Peoples) *	No	

Forest management enterprise information

Question	Inputs	Units
5.15.4 Third party description (existence, interests or activities etc.)	Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) DNR manages over 2 million acres of working forest on state trust lands for habitat, clean water and sustainable revenue to support trust beneficiaries, including construction of facilities for public K-12 schools and state universities. DNR's mission is to manage, sustain, and protect the health and productivity of Washington's lands and waters to meet the needs of present and future generations. Forest management is directed by the Policy for Sustainable Forests (PSF), Washington Forest Practices Act, DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan for Forested State Trust Lands, and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The volume of timber offered for sale is guided by a Sustainable Harvest Calculation, authorized by the state Board of Natural Resources. Following harvests, DNR invites bids on silviculture contracts to replant state trust forests with tree seedlings from the Webster Forest Nursery. To expand knowledge of successful forest management techniques, DNR conducts research in the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF).	
5.16 Services provided to local communities		
5.16.1 water source *	Yes	
5.16.2 recreation *	Yes	
5.16.3 training *	Yes	
5.16.4 road maintenance *	No	
5.16.5 other, please specify	The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (Washington DNR) manages state forest lands for a variety of public trusts (i.e., local communities) which fund state-wide school construction, universities, state institutions, and county services. Forest management is directed by the Policy for Sustainable Forests (PSF), and DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which is a contractual agreement with the U.S. Federal Services (United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which include DNR-managed forested state trust lands within the western part of the State as well as lands on the east slopes of the Cascade Range. DNR carries out the planning and implementation of forest management activities through a hierarchy of planning processes. All of which is subject to a public review process by local communities.	
Environmental Values		
5.17 Area of forest classified as High Conservation Value forest *	79171.00	acre
5.18 HCVs Present		
5.18.1 HCV1 Species diversity *	Yes	
5.18.2 HCV2 Landscape-level ecosystems and mosaics *	No	
5.18.3 HCV3 Ecosystems and habitats *	Yes	
5.18.4 HCV4 Critical ecosystem services *	Yes	
5.18.5 HCV5 Community needs *	No	
5.18.6 HCV6 Cultural values *	Yes	
5.19 Environmental safeguards relevant to forest operations		
5.19.1 buffer zone *	Yes	
5.19.2 chemical use control *	Yes	
5.19.3 conservation area set aside *	Yes	
5.19.4 erosion control *	Yes	
5.19.5 other, please specify		
5.20 Description of environmental safeguards	The Washington Forest Practices Code is a set of rules established by the Forest Practices Board under the Forest Practices Act (RCW 76.09) to regulate forest activities on private and state land to protect public resources (water quality, fish habitat, etc.) and maintain a healthy forest products industry.	
Commercial Stocks		
5.21 Total growing stock of broadleaves	348,342.0	MBF
5.22 Total growing stock of conifers	4,007,549.0	MBF
5.23 Species selection and rationale		
5.23.1 fast growing *	Yes	
5.23.2 pest & disease resistant *	Yes	
5.23.3 climate change *	Yes	
5.23.4 other, please specify	only native species	
Management Changes		

Forest management enterprise information

Question	Inputs	Units
5.24 The main obstacles to meeting the requirements of FSC certification	None, the regulatory requirements in Washington State generally meet or exceed FSC requirements.	
5.25 Main changes in forest management implemented to comply with requirements for FSC certification	None related to FSC. However, in January 2025, the Commissioner of Public Lands instituted a six-month 'pause' on DNR timber harvests in certain structurally complex mature forests. During the pause, During the pause, DNR employed various technologies to better identify and map the characteristics of the forests the agency manages to effectively meet DNR's Policy for Sustainable Forests target of 10 to 15 percent of older forests in 70-100 years by the end of the HCP	
5.26 Main strengths and weaknesses with respect to the overall conformity with the Forest Stewardship Standard used for the evaluation		
Group Management	**Only required for Group Certificates**	
5.27 Total number of group members		
5.28 Group members located in more than one country		
5.29 Maximum manageable number of group members		
5.30 Number of members sampled annually by group entity		
5.31 Sampling system implemented by the group entity		
5.31.1 stratified sampling		
5.31.2 cluster sampling		
5.31.3 random sampling		
5.31.4 systematic sampling		
5.31.5 other, please specify		
5.32 Group entity's sampling system employed to select MUs for evaluation, and its implementation		
5.33 Responsibilities for implementation of the applicable standard(s) in the group		
5.33.1 Management planning		
5.33.2 Forest protection		
5.33.3 Silviculture		
5.33.4 Harvesting		
5.33.5 Sales & marketing		
5.33.6 Use of trademark		
5.33.7 Stakeholder engagement		
5.33.8 Training		
5.33.9 Ecosystem services impacts		
5.34 Elaboration of responsibilities of group entity, members and contractors, include ecosystem services if applicable		

Management Units

Area Units: acre

7.01 MU name *	7.02 Forest zone *	7.03 SLIMF type *	7.04 Tenure-ownership *	7.05 Tenure-management *	7.06 Centroid Latitude *	7.07 Centroid Longitude *	7.08 Total production forest area *	7.09 Total non-production forest area *	7.10 Total area of MU *	7.11 Natural Forest area *	7.12 Plantation area *	7.13 Replanted Forest area *	7.14 Natural regenerated forest area *	7.15 Conservation area *	7.16 Strictly protected area *	7.17 NTFP area *	7.18 Area with ecosystem services claims	7.19 Annual allowable cut (AAC) *	7.19.1 Units *
Number of Valid Entries:	**1**	**Area Totals**					**176,355.00**	**605.00**	**176,960.00**	**176,960.00**	**0.00**	**9,657.00**	**167,303.00**	**65,593.00**	**13,578.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**		
South Puget HCP Planning Unit	Temperate	Non-SLIMF	State	State	47.20430000°	121.99150000°	176,355.00	605.00	176,960.00	176,960.00	0.00	9,657.00	167,303.00	65,593.00	13,578.00	0.00	0.00	104,867.00	MBF

Main commercial timber species included in scope of the certificate

8.01 Species *	8.02 Product code *	8.03 Trade name	8.04 Harvest planned in current calendar year *	8.04.1 Units *	8.05 Remarks	8.06 Sold with FSC Claim in previous calendar year *	8.06.1 Units *
Pseudotsuga menziesii	W1.1 Roundwood (logs	Douglas-fir	87,040.00	MBF		71,265.00	MBF
Tsuga heterophylla (Raf.) Sarg	W1.1 Roundwood (logs	Western Hemlock	14,681.00	MBF		11,985.00	MBF
Pinus spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs	mixed coniferous	2,097.00	MBF	includes Pinus spp, Abies spp, Thuga spp.	1,712.00	MBF
Populus spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs	mixed deciduous	524.00	MBF	includes Populus spp, Acer spp, Alnus spp	428.00	MBF

NTFP - non-timber forest products

9.01 Species *	9.02 Product code of NTFP *	9.03 Trade name	9.04 Current annual harvest	9.04.1 Units

Pesticide use since previous audit/year

Pesticide Restrictions Data Last Updated				3/31/2021			
10.01 Active ingredient *	**10.02 Restriction**	**10.03 Applied area ***	**10.03.1 Units ***	**10.04 Reason for use ***	**10.05 Quantity of ingredient ***	**10.05.1 Units ***	**10.06 Summary of ESRA ***
clopyralid	Unrestricted	2,977.00	acre	control of competing vegetation and/or protection of vegetation/seedlings and/or inasives control. Chemical applied in combination with other chemicals listed.	325.00	US gallons	Use of forest chemicals is regulated under WA-222-38 010-040. WDNR has developed a specifc ESRA for this pestcide that meets FSC-POL-30-001a V3. Permitted use as per FSC-POL-30-001a V3. Application is broadcast foliar with backpack sprayers applied by trained workers in PPE. Application to native, non-native and/or invasive brush and weed species to reduce competing vegetation of planted seedlings. Pre-work stakeholder engagement, public information, spray signage, pre-work conference between CH & contractor to discuss contractual obligations (e.g., health & safety of workers, environmental safeguards, treatment logistics, on-site emergency equipment, incident reporting), monitoring during application, following chemical label
imazapyr	Unrestricted	1,266.00	acre	control of competing vegetation and/or protection of vegetation/seedlings and/or inasives control. Chemical applied in combination with other chemicals listed.	221.00	US gallons	Use of forest chemicals is regulated under WA-222-38 010-040. WDNR has developed a specifc ESRA for this pestcide that meets FSC-POL-30-001a V3. Application is broadcast foliar with backpack sprayers applied by trained workers in PPE. Application to native, non-native and/or invasive brush and weed species to reduce competing vegetation of planted seedlings. Pre-work stakeholder engagement, public information, spray signage, pre-work conference between CH & contractor to discuss contractual obligations (e.g., health & safety of workers, environmental safeguards, treatment logistics, on-site emergency equipment, incident reporting), monitoring during application, following chemical label guidance related to water reduce risk. Chemical is not highly volatile, is non-toxic to mammals, birds and fish
trichlopyr	Unrestricted	1,024.00	acre	control of competing vegetation and/or protection of vegetation/seedlings and/or inasives control. Chemical applied in combination with other chemicals listed.	186.00	US gallons	Use of forest chemicals is regulated under WA-222-38 010-040. WDNR has developed a specifc ESRA for this pestcide that meets FSC-POL-30-001a V3. Application is broadcast foliar with backpack sprayers applied by trained workers in PPE. Application to native, non-native and/or invasive brush and weed species to reduce competing vegetation of planted seedlings. Pre-work stakeholder engagement, public information, spray signage, pre-work conference between CH & contractor to discuss contractual obligations (e.g., health & safety of workers, environmental safeguards, treatment logistics, on-site emergency equipment, incident reporting), monitoring during application, following chemical label guidance related to water reduce risk. Chemical is not

Pesticide use since previous audit/year

Pesticide Restrictions Data Last Updated				3/31/2021			
10.01 Active ingredient *	**10.02 Restriction**	**10.03 Applied area ***	**10.03.1 Units ***	**10.04 Reason for use ***	**10.05 Quantity of ingredient ***	**10.05.1 Units ***	**10.06 Summary of ESRA ***
sulfometuron	Unrestricted	774.00	acre	control of competing vegetation and/or protection of vegetation/seedlings and/or inasives control. Chemical applied in combination with other chemicals listed.	72.00	US gallons	Use of forest chemicals is regulated under WA-222-38 010-040. WDNR has developed a specifc ESRA for this pestcide that meets FSC-POL-30-001a V3. Application is broadcast foliar with backpack sprayers applied by trained workers in PPE. Application to native, non-native and/or invasive brush and weed species to reduce competing vegetation of planted seedlings. Pre-work stakeholder engagement, public information, spray signage, pre-work conference between CH & contractor to discuss contractual obligations (e.g., health & safety of workers, environmental safeguards, treatment logistics, on-site emergency equipment, incident reporting), monitoring during application, following chemical label
glyphosate	Restricted	1,638.00	acre	Control of competing vegetation for site preparation and inasives. Chemical applied in combination with other chemicals listed.	463.00	US gallons	Use of forest chemicals is regulated under WA-222-38 010-040. WDNR has developed a specifc ESRA for this pestcide that meets FSC-POL-30-001a V3. Application is broadcast foliar with backpack sprayers applied by trained workers in PPE. Application to native, non-native and/or invasive brush and weed species to reduce competing vegetation of planted seedlings. Pre-work stakeholder engagement, public information, spray signage, pre-work conference between CH & contractor to discuss contractual obligations (e.g., health & safety of workers, environmental safeguards, treatment logistics, on-site emergency equipment, incident reporting), monitoring during application, following chemical label guidance related to water reduce risk. Chemical is not highly volatile, is non-toxic to mammals, birds and fish and does not introduce substantial risk to the ability to harvest NTFP. The risk to HCVF's is low as it may be

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Question	Inputs
11.28 Description of the forest	
11.29 Description of the management system	
11.01 Legislative, administrative and land use context of the forest operation	
11.02 Roles of responsible government agencies involved in aspects of forest management	
11.03 Ownership and use-rights (both legal and customary) of lands and forest of external parties other than the certificate holder	
11.04 Non-forestry activities being undertaken within the area evaluated, whether they are undertaken by the certificate holder or by some other party (e.g. mining, industrial operations, agriculture, hunting, commercial tourism, etc.)	
11.04.1 mining	
11.04.2 industrial operation	
11.04.3 agriculture	
11.04.4 hunting	
11.04.5 commercial tourism	
11.04.6 other, please specify	

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Question	Inputs
11.05 Forest management objectives	
11.06 Land use and ownership status of the forest resource	
11.07 Socio-economic conditions of the forest management	
11.08 Brief description of forest composition	
11.09 Profile of adjacent lands	
11.09.1 urban	
11.09.2 agriculture	
11.09.3 wetland	
11.09.4 mining	
11.09.5 desert	
11.09.6 pasture	
11.09.7 orchards	
11.09.8 other, please specify	
11.10 Management structure of the certificate holder	
11.11 Division of forest management responsibilities	

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Question	Inputs
11.12 Use of contractors by the certificate holder	
11.12.1 silviculture	
11.12.2 road building	
11.12.3 harvesting	
11.12.4 transportation	
11.12.5 forest protection	
11.12.6 pest and disease control	
11.12.7 other, please specify	
11.13 Training implemented by the certificate holder	
11.14 Silvicultural system/regime implemented by the certificate holder	
11.15 Technique used for harvesting operations of the certificate holder	
11.15.1 mechanized harvesting	
11.15.2 manual harvesting	
11.15.3 semi-mechanized harvesting	
11.15.4 animal hauling	
11.15.5 other, please specify	
11.16 Management strategy for the identification and protection of rare, threatened and endangered species	
11.17 Forest monitoring methods implemented by the certificate holder	
11.17.1 forest inventory	
11.17.2 drone monitoring	
11.17.3 remote sensing	
11.17.4 social survey	
11.17.5 sampling plots	
11.17.6 other, please specify	
11.18 Elaboration of Monitoring of growth, yield and forest dynamics including change of fauna and flora	

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Question	Inputs
11.19 Environmental and social impacts, and costs, productivity, and efficiency	
11.20 Explanation of the assumptions (e.g. silvicultural) on estimate of the maximum sustainable yield for the main commercial species	
11.21 Reference to the source of data (e.g. inventory data, permanent sample plots, yield tables) on which estimates are based	
11.22 Investments and measures taken for the prevention and control of natural hazards (fires, storm, flood, disease, pests, pathogens etc.) during the last calendar year	
11.23 The risk of products from non-certified sources (including any areas specifically excluded from the scope of the certificate) being mixed with products from the forest area evaluated	

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Question	Inputs
11.23.1 Description of segregation controls implemented	
11.24 Explanation of the control (tracking and tracing) systems in place that address the risk identified	
11.25 The documentation or marking system that allows products from the certified forest area to be reliably identified	
11.25.1 documents with transportation	
11.25.2 tree mark	
11.25.3 bar code or quadratic code	
11.25.4 other, please specify	
11.26 Elaboration of the chain of custody documentation or marking system	
11.27 The final point or forest gate of the certified product	
11.27.1 log yard	
11.27.2 road side	
11.27.3 other, please specify	

Stakeholder comment(s)

12.01 Stakeholder group	12.02 Stakeholder description	12.03 Stakeholder's comment	12.04 Notified before audit?	12.05 Interviewed during this audit?	12.06 CB's follow up
Indigenous Peoples	local tribe	WDNR sales are available for review and comment, they are cognizant of our needs, they let us know if they find things during sale planning that may be of interest to us, they are good to work with.	No	Yes	Thanked stakeholder, confirms P3 conformance.
Environmental interests	WNHP and NAP environmental managers.	Complimentary of DNR staff who completed a WHNP Site Survey for upcoming timber sales adjacent to the natrual areas that may result in a possible NA expansion.	Yes	Yes	Thanked stakeholders, confirms P6 and P9 conformance.
FME personnel	Multiple region and local staff interviewed	Enjoy the work, team approach, open dialogue and professional development	Yes	Yes	Numerous staff interviewed, thanked them for the feedback. Confirms P5 conformance
Economic interests	Timber sale purchasers	Purchaser complimentary of staff at DNR and willingness to work to resolve issues and put up sales. Concerned about future availability of sales we depend on, e.g., the 'pause'.	Yes	Yes	Thanked the stakeholders for their comments, noted the pause assessment has been completed. Confirms P4 and P6 conformance.
Forest workers, contractors	Logging contractor for the purchaser	It is getting tougher make a living logging, small piece size on this job requires a lot of handling. Staff is good to work with though, we stay on top of resource protection.	No	Yes	Thanked the stakeholder for their comments, confirms P4 and P6 conformance.
Local communities, residents	local resident	Asked if the unit being visited was going to be a housing development	No	Yes	WDNR responded that WDNR lands cannot be converted and will be reforested, confirming P6 conformance.
Economic interests	Leaseholder for NTFP	Long term lease holder to harvest NTFPs; glad for the opportunity, employ several contractors in the local community.	Yes	Yes	Thanked the stakeholder for the comments, confirming P4. Noted the lease agreeement has not been updated in many years, OBS issued under P2

Complaint(s) received

13.01 Received date *	13.02 First received by *	13.03 Complainant *	13.04 Complaint detail *	13.05 Open/Closed *	13.06 Actions *	13.07 Close date *

Nonconformities/Observations raised

14.01 Unique Finding number *	14.02 CB Non-conformity Ref	14.06 Grading *	14.07 Open / Closed *	14.08 Standard *	14.09 Clause *	14.03 Issue date *	14.04 Due date *	14.05 Close date *	14.10 Requirement *	14.11 Description of audit finding *	14.12 Corrective action taken by the auditee	14.13 CB's review of corrective actions
2023-C012959-01		Obs	Closed	NFSS	6.5.d	13-10-2023		12-10-2024	The transportation system, including design and placement of permanent and temporary haul roads, skid trails, recreational trails, water crossings and landings, is designed, constructed, maintained, and/or reconstructed to reduce short and long-term environmental impacts, habitat fragmentation, soil and water disturbance and cumulative adverse effects, while allowing for customary uses and use rights. This includes: sediment discharge to streams is minimized;	During the site visits, auditors observed on one steep slope road (B-Line Rd), DNR had installed "speed" bumps to slow the velocity of run off water and direct it into the ditch before reaching the low point of the road (bridge). Auditors noted that the bridge deck was collecting water and when trucks crossed, the silt collected from the road was spilling into the water course. Interviews with DNR staff indicated the "speed bumps" were recently installed and they were working with Forest Practices to monitor the success of the "speed bumps" in preventing run off into the water course.	In response to the OBS the WDNR has installed a diversion strip on hill before the bridge. The strip is diverting water and sediment away from the bridge.	Auditors returned to the B Line bridge, the strip is diverting water and sediment away from the bridge. There is still some water collecting at the bridge, due to the nature of the asphalt road which has developed shallow wheel ruts along the road, but there is no sediment entering the stream.
2025-C012959-02		Obs	Open	NFSS	2.1.b	2025-10-02			The forest owner or manager identifies and documents legally established use and access rights associated with the FMU that are held by other parties	Floral green and bough harvesting lease on 3,200 acres. Auditor met the lease holder on-site, he well explained harvesting and payment provisions and demonstrated how salal is harvested, (not active at present). The lease template has not changed in many years and contains some clauses that are no longer applicable		

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	P1	**Forest management shall respect all applicable laws of the country in which they occur, and international treaties and agreements to which the country is a signatory, and comply with all FSC Principles and Criteria.**	**0**	
	C1.01	Forest management shall respect all national and local laws and administrative requirements.	0	Operations are regularly inspected, at least weekly when active, by WDNR foresters to check for regulatory compliance. All sites demonstrated full compliance with applicable WFPA and HCP requirements.
	C1.02	All applicable and legally prescribed fees, royalties, taxes and other charges shall be paid.	0	WDNR is a public agency that manages trust lands for benefits of the endowed public institutions. As a public agency DNR does not directly pay property taxes. Private lessees pay leasehold tax and the natural areas program pays 'Payments in Lieu of Taxes' (PILT) for NAP and NRCA sites.
	C1.03	In signatory countries, the provisions of all binding international agreements such as CITES, ILO Conventions, ITTA, and Convention on Biological Diversity, shall be respected.	0	WDNR complies with all relevant elements of this Indicator. No CITES species present.
	C1.04	Conflicts between laws, regulations and the FSC Principles and Criteria shall be evaluated for the purposes of certification, on a case by case basis, by the certifiers and the involved or affected parties.	0	No known conflicts or known or reported.
	C1.05	Forest management areas should be protected from illegal harvesting, settlement and other unauthorized activities.	0	Under the Forest Practices Act, there is a division responsible for ensuring regulatory requirements are met. The FPA officers approve timber sale applications and carry out compliance inspections on forest operations. Additionally, as above (1.1a) field staff regularly inspect forest operations for compliance with HCP and FPA. DNR also has an enforcement Division: DNR Police. The DNR Police oversee public safety, assets and the environment through enforcement on all DNR lands. Auditors did not observe any non-compliances with past harvest operations during site visits.
	C1.06	Forest managers shall demonstrate a long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria.	0	WDNR is a state agency which is required to abide by all State laws and regulations in the management of these trust lands. These laws and regulations cover all aspects of the FSC Policy of Association (FSC-POL-01-004). WDNR cannot sign off or endorse the Policy of Association as it relates to an international treaty that has yet to be ratified by the federal government.
	C1.07		0	
	C1.08		0	
	P2	**Long-term tenure and use rights to the land and forest resources shall be clearly defined, documented and legally established.**	**0**	
	C2.01	Clear evidence of long-term forest use rights to the land (e.g. land title, customary rights, or lease agreements) shall be demonstrated.	0	The non-timber lease template has not changed in many years and contains some clauses that are no longer applicable. Auditor met the lease holder on-site, he well explained harvesting and payment provisions and demonstrated how salal is harvested, (not active at present). The lease template has not changed in many years and contains some clauses that are no longer applicable, OBS issued.
	C2.02	Local communities with legal or customary tenure or use rights shall maintain control, to the extent necessary to protect their rights or resources, over forest operations unless they delegate control with free and informed consent to other agencies.	0	
	C2.03	Appropriate mechanisms shall be employed to resolve disputes over tenure claims and use rights. The circumstances and status of any outstanding disputes will be explicitly considered in the certification evaluation. Disputes of substantial magnitude involving a significant number of interests will normally disqualify an operation from being certified.	0	DNR Title & Records Office maintains scanned and indexed documents including deeds, leases, contracts, permits, agreements, road plans, and commissioner orders. DNR works with the Attorney General's Office to resolve legal disputes. The AG's office documents cases involving litigation in their database. See AG website for description of legal services provided to DNR (link only): "The division provides a broad spectrum of client advice, dispute resolution and litigation services to DNR, which manages 7 million acres of forest, range, commercial, agricultural, conservation and aquatic lands." No new litigation involving tenure or use rights since 2016 in the South Puget Planning Unit.

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	C2.04		0	
	C2.05		0	
	C2.06		0	
	P3	**The legal and customary rights of indigenous peoples to own, use and manage their lands, territories, and resources shall be recognized and respected.**	**0**	
	C3.01	Indigenous peoples shall control forest management on their lands and territories unless they delegate control with free and informed consent to other agencies.	0	
	C3.02	Forest management shall not threaten or diminish, either directly or indirectly, the resources or tenure rights of indigenous peoples.	0	The FME employs two full-time Cultural Resource Specialists along with the Tribal Relations Manager who are responsible for the protection of 36 archeological and historical sites within the FMU. Training is conducted through the “onboarding” intranet for FME staff. The FME Cultural Resource specialists conduct lecture series about tribal values (e.g. History of Capital Forest). Identification of culturally modified trees and subsequent notification of local tribes.
	C3.03	Sites of special cultural, ecological, economic or religious significance to indigenous peoples shall be clearly identified in cooperation with such peoples, and recognized and protected by forest managers.	0	
	C3.04	Indigenous peoples shall be compensated for the application of their traditional knowledge regarding the use of forest species or management systems in forest operations. This compensation shall be formally agreed upon with their free and informed consent before forest operations commence.	0	
	C3.05		0	
	C3.06		0	
	P4	**Forest management operations shall maintain or enhance the long-term social and economic well-being of forest workers and local communities.**	**0**	
	C4.01	The communities within, or adjacent to, the forest management area should be given opportunities for employment, training, and other services.	0	

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	C4.02	Forest management should meet or exceed all applicable laws and/or regulations covering health and safety of employees and their families.	0	Evidence from the renewal audit has not changed for this Indicator. Auditor checked training records for three DNR staff and found regular training is taking place that is relevant to their job responsibilities. Audit check of Timber sale agreements list clause G-116.1 under SFI that requires at least one person on site that has completed an approved training program. Auditors did not view any active operations. A check of the WA Contract Logger Association against audit timber sales visited found each of the contractors on the list of qualified contractors. Auditor did not view unsafe conditions during the active operation inspected.
	C4.03	The rights of workers to organize and voluntarily negotiate with their employers shall be guaranteed as outlined in Conventions 87 and 98 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).	0	
	C4.04	Management planning and operations shall incorporate the results of evaluations of social impact. Consultations shall be maintained with people and groups (both men and women) directly affected by management operations.	0	No change to the evidence from the renewal audit. DNR's State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) Center assists DNR programs and regions to conduct clear, concise and consistent evaluations, coordinate public review, and ensure proper SEPA records. At a statewide level, DNR makes decisions on projects or other actions on DNR-managed state lands and for activities regulated by DNR on other lands, such as forest practices and mining reclamation. Forest Practices Application (FPA) Environmental checklist addresses impacts to public. The FPA process also has a public review process where interested parties can comment on any activity requiring an FPA (timber harvest and road construction, aerial site prep spray). Auditor also reviewed survey documentation on Natural Area Program, whihc is linked ot HCVF assessments.
	C4.05	Appropriate mechanisms shall be employed for resolving grievances and for providing fair compensation in the case of loss or damage affecting the legal or customary rights, property, resources, or livelihoods of local peoples. Measures shall be taken to avoid such loss or damage.	0	
	C4.06		0	
	C4.07		0	
	C4.08		0	
	P5	**Forest management operations shall encourage the efficient use of the forest's multiple products and services to ensure economic viability and a wide range of environmental and social benefits.**	**0**	
	C5.01	Forest management should strive toward economic viability, while taking into account the full environmental, social, and operational costs of production, and ensuring the investments necessary to maintain the ecological productivity of the forest.	0	Expenditures include all management costs, and all habitat and recreation and other social and environmental services provided to the community. By statute, WDNR must maintain its commitment to responsible forest and land management while fulfilling societal demands and expectations Variance reports compare actual spending to what is noted in the spending plan for each region/division.
	C5.02	Forest management and marketing operations should encourage the optimal use and local processing of the forest's diversity of products.	0	The well-established and large forest products industry in the region keeps most products within 100 miles of the forest. Some specialty products may find markets further afield, 150 to 200 miles, such as veneer or over-sized logs. 3 types of sales ensure the best-fit for each sale: stumpage sales, scale sales sold from decks, and pay-as-cut. The sale type is delineated using a matrix to isolate the best fit for a given sale circumstance.

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	C5.03	Forest management should minimize waste associated with harvesting and on-site processing operations and avoid damage to other forest resources.	0	Timber sale contracts contain clauses pertaining to debris clean up (S-030 or S-035) and failure to remove forest products and excessive timber breakage. The current lack of a pulp market makes selling small diameter or cull logs difficult.
	C5.04	Forest management should strive to strengthen and diversify the local economy, avoiding dependence on a single forest product.	0	WDNR has a diverse forest management program that includes timber sales and non-timber forest products sales. DNR has a lease program for NTPF, mineral, oil and gas; property leases; rock, sand and gravel; and special use leases all of which generate revenue.
	C5.05	Forest management operations shall recognize, maintain, and, where appropriate, enhance the value of forest services and resources such as watersheds and fisheries.	0	Forest management operations follow the objectives in the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). DNR works with the Department of Fish & Wildlife to enhance forest services and resources.
	C5.06	The rate of harvest of forest products shall not exceed levels which can be permanently sustained.	0	Sustainable harvest targets are evaluated annually. DNR has long term data to demostrate the actual harvest levels are at or below the AAC. Due to the 'pause', harvest for FY24 and FY25 will be below targets.
	P6	**Forest management shall conserve biological diversity and its associated values, water resources, soils, and unique and fragile ecosystems and landscapes, and, by so doing, maintain the ecological functions and the integrity of the forest.**	**0**	
	C6.01	Assessment of environmental impacts shall be completed - appropriate to the scale, intensity of forest management and the uniqueness of the affected resources - and adequately integrated into management systems. Assessments shall include landscape level considerations as well as the impacts of on-site processing facilities. Environmental impacts shall be assessed prior to commencement of site-disturbing operations.	0	SEPA checklists are completed for each timber sale. The auditor confirmed checklists were reviewed and in place. A review of the HCP against timber sale prescriptions confirm compliance with 6.1a and this Indicator. Impacts to the environment are identified in the HCP and addressed in operations plans and prescriptions. The HCP EIS investigates three alternatives and analyzes the impacts of each on the management plan objectives including environmental, ecological and social.
	C6.02	Safeguards shall exist which protect rare, threatened and endangered species and their habitats (e.g., nesting and feeding areas). Conservation zones and protection areas shall be established, appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management and the uniqueness of the affected resources. Inappropriate hunting, fishing, trapping and collecting shall be controlled.	0	No change to the evidence for this Indicator. The audit visited examples where Climate Change Act funding is supporting NSO restoration through improving habitat for northern flying squirrel (NFS), primary prey of the NSO. The project involved adjusting harvest prescriptions and installing NFS nesting boxes and monitoring to see if nest boxes are used by the squirrels.The objective for the project is “if we build the habitat, they will come” and if there are NFS present, the hope is that eventually NSO will return. To date there is evidence of use by NFS but no observations of NSO.
	C6.03	Ecological functions and values shall be maintained intact, enhanced, or restored, including: a) Forest regeneration and succession. b) Genetic, species, and ecosystem diversity. c) Natural cycles that affect the productivity of the forest ecosystem.	0	See comments in 6.02 above. In addition to the HCP landscape objectives, detailed site specific objectives are identified in each UMP reviewed in the audit. The auditor visited both VDT and VRH timber sales where prescriptions were designed to meet HCP objectives consistent with this indicator. DNR, through Climate Committment Act (CCA) funding, has established PSP’s on recent plants to monitor tree survival and competition. Auditors viewed sites where Df and Ce have been planted to maintain natural diversity (Harrington Rocks proposed PCT site, Crow Bait PSPs). Auditors observed TS prescriptions are tailored to the habitat, values, tree types, terrain and ecological systems present on the site. All contracts reviewed during the audit contain clauses specific to tree retention (i.e., 5 large structurally unique trees per acre and 3 snags/ac).
	C6.04	Representative samples of existing ecosystems within the landscape shall be protected in their natural state and recorded on maps, appropriate to the scale and intensity of operations and the uniqueness of the affected resources.	0	
	C6.05	Written guidelines shall be prepared and implemented to: control erosion; minimize forest damage during harvesting, road construction, and all other mechanical disturbances; and protect water resources.	0	

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	C6.06	Management systems shall promote the development and adoption of environmentally friendly non-chemical methods of pest management and strive to avoid the use of chemical pesticides. World Health Organization Type 1A and 1B and chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides; pesticides that are persistent, toxic or whose derivatives remain biologically active and accumulate in the food chain beyond their intended use; as well as any pesticides banned by international agreement, shall be prohibited. If chemicals are used, proper equipment and training shall be provided to minimize health and environmental risks.	0	
	C6.07	Chemicals, containers, liquid and solid non-organic wastes including fuel and oil shall be disposed of in an environmentally appropriate manner at off-site locations.	0	WDNR timber sales, silviculture or road construction contracts include clauses (S-130 and S-130.1) related to hazardous materials. Interviewed purchasers and forest workers were aware of the procedures to contain a spill and reporting hierarchy. Forestry workers knew what a reportable spill is. Field sites visited had properly stored fuels and there was no evidence of equipment leaks. There is no on-site bulk storage of any chemicals.
	C6.08	Use of biological control agents shall be documented, minimized, monitored and strictly controlled in accordance with national laws and internationally accepted scientific protocols. Use of genetically modified organisms shall be prohibited.	0	WDNR does not use biological control agents.
	C6.09	The use of exotic species shall be carefully controlled and actively monitored to avoid adverse ecological impacts.	0	WDNR does not use exotic species.
	C6.10	Forest conversion to plantations or non-forest land uses shall not occur, except in circumstances where conversion: a) entails a very limited portion of the forest management unit; and b) does not occur on high conservation value forest areas; and c) will enable clear, substantial, additional, secure, long term conservation benefits across the forest management unit.	0	WDNR does not convert forests to plantations or non-forest use.
	P7	**A management plan - appropriate to the scale and intensity of the operations - shall be written, implemented, and kept up to date. The long term objectives of management, and the means of achieving them, shall be clearly stated.**	**0**	
	C7.01	The management plan and supporting documents shall provide: a) Management objectives. b) Description of the forest resources to be managed, environmental limitations, land use and ownership status, socio-economic conditions, and	0	
	C7.02	The management plan shall be periodically revised to incorporate the results of monitoring or new scientific and technical information, as well as to respond to changing environmental, social and economic circumstances.	0	
	C7.03	Forest workers shall receive adequate training and supervision to ensure proper implementation of the management plan.	0	
	C7.04	While respecting the confidentiality of information, forest managers shall make publicly available a summary of the primary elements of the management plan, including those listed in Criterion 7.1.	0	
	C7.05		0	
	C7.06		0	
	P8	**Monitoring shall be conducted - appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management - to assess the condition of the forest, yields of forest products, chain of custody, management activities and their social and environmental impacts.**	**0**	

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	C8.01	The frequency and intensity of monitoring should be determined by the scale and intensity of forest management operations as well as the relative complexity and fragility of the affected environment. Monitoring procedures should be consistent and replicable over time to allow comparison of results and assessment of change.	0	
	C8.02	Forest management should include the research and data collection needed to monitor, at a minimum, the following indicators: a) Yield of all forest products harvested. b) Growth rates, regeneration and condition of the forest. c) Composition and observed changes in the flora and fauna. d) Environmental and social impacts of harvesting and other operations. e) Costs, productivity, and efficiency of forest management.	0	No change to the evidence for this Indicator. Auditor reviewed the DNR datacube and found it contains all the required elements for monitoring yields of products harvested, growth rates, and regeneration. WDNR has a comprehensive forest health monitoring program that is supported through collaboration with other state agencies and local counties within the FMU. DNR monitors all forest roads for adherence to the Forest Practices Rules. Auditors reviewed the FPHCP Annual Report for FY23. Auditors noted there are separate reports for County Income, Economic Forecasts, Mill Surveys and Timber Harvest Reports for the State.
	C8.03	Documentation shall be provided by the forest manager to enable monitoring and certifying organizations to trace each forest product from its origin, a process known as the "chain of custody".	0	No change to the evidence for this Indicator. Auditor checked all TS agreements on sites visited and with purchasers interviewed to confirm contain the FSC-certified clause and that all prodcut is transparently traceable from the forest to the mill. Ther is no mixing as truck tickets and log brands are required. All timber is sold on the stump. DNR produces a variety of reports that enables tracing of harvested material that auditors reviewed. Auditor also reviewed annual reports that summarize volumes delivered to local mills.
	C8.04	The results of monitoring shall be incorporated into the implementation and revision of the management plan.	0	
	C8.05	While respecting the confidentiality of information, forest managers shall make publicly available a summary of the results of monitoring indicators, including those listed in Criterion 8.2.	0	
	P9	**Management activities in high conservation value forests shall maintain or enhance the attributes which define such forests. Decisions regarding high conservation value forests shall always be considered in the context of a precautionary approach.**	**0**	
	C9.01	Assessment to determine the presence of the attributes consistent with High Conservation Value Forests will be completed, appropriate to scale and intensity of forest management.	0	
	C9.02	The consultative portion of the certification process must place emphasis on the identified conservation attributes, and options for the maintenance thereof.	0	
	C9.03	The management plan shall include and implement specific measures that ensure the maintenance and/or enhancement of the applicable conservation attributes consistent with the precautionary approach. These measures shall be specifically included in the publicly available management plan summary.	0	
	C9.04	Annual monitoring shall be conducted to assess the effectiveness of the measures employed to maintain or enhance the applicable conservation attributes.	0	No change to the evidence for this Indicator. Documents reviewed in the renewal audit are still relevant as are the web links. DNR has a robust monitoring program for HCVs. Auditor visited two sites where projects were initiated or are planned to enhance habitat for NSO. VHR units and the impact of this type of harvest is being monitored annually for impact on NFS (NSO prey). WDNR works with other organizations, other departments, state and federal agencies to monitor the status of a specific HCV. One of which, an oak Natural Area, was inspected this audit.
	P10	**Plantations shall be planned and managed in accordance with Principles and Criteria 1-9, and Principle 10 and its Criteria. While plantations can provide an array of social and economic benefits, and can contribute to satisfying the world's needs for forest products, they should complement the management of, reduce pressures on, and promote the restoration and conservation of natural forests.**	**0**	
	C10.01	The management objectives of the plantation, including natural forest conservation and restoration objectives, shall be explicitly stated in the management plan, and clearly demonstrated in the implementation of the plan.	0	

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	C10.02	The design and layout of plantations should promote the protection, restoration and conservation of natural forests, and not increase pressures on natural forests. Wildlife corridors, streamside zones and a mosaic of stands of different ages and rotation periods, shall be used in the layout of the plantation, consistent with the scale of the operation. The scale and layout of plantation blocks shall be consistent with the patterns of forest stands found within the natural landscape.	0	
	C10.03	Diversity in the composition of plantations is preferred, so as to enhance economic, ecological and social stability. Such diversity may include the size and spatial distribution of management units within the landscape, number and genetic composition of species, age classes and structures.	0	
	C10.04	The selection of species for planting shall be based on their overall suitability for the site and their appropriateness to the management objectives. In order to enhance the conservation of biological diversity, native species are preferred over exotic species in the establishment of plantations and the restoration of degraded ecosystems. Exotic species, which shall be used only when their performance is greater than that of native species, shall be carefully monitored to detect unusual mortality, disease, or insect outbreaks and adverse ecological impacts.	0	
	C10.05	A proportion of the overall forest management area, appropriate to the scale of the plantation and to be determined in regional standards, shall be managed so as to restore the site to a natural forest cover.	0	
	C10.06	Measures shall be taken to maintain or improve soil structure, fertility, and biological activity. The techniques and rate of harvesting, road and trail construction and maintenance, and the choice of species shall not result in long term soil degradation or adverse impacts on water quality, quantity or substantial deviation from stream course drainage patterns.	0	
	C10.07	Measures shall be taken to prevent and minimize outbreaks of pests, diseases, fire and invasive plant introductions. Integrated pest management shall form an essential part of the management plan, with primary reliance on prevention and biological control methods rather than chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Plantation management should make every effort to move away from chemical pesticides and fertilizers, including their use in nurseries. The use of chemicals is also covered in Criteria 6.6 and 6.7.	0	
	C10.08	Appropriate to the scale and diversity of the operation, monitoring of plantations shall include regular assessment of potential on-site and off-site ecological and social impacts, (e.g. natural regeneration, effects on water resources and soil fertility, and impacts on local welfare and social well-being), in addition to those elements addressed in principles 8, 6 and 4. No species should be planted on a large scale until local trials and/or experience have shown that they are ecologically well-adapted to the site, are not invasive, and do not have significant negative ecological impacts on other ecosystems. Special attention will be paid to social issues of land acquisition for plantations, especially the protection of local rights of ownership, use or access.	0	
	C10.09	Plantations established in areas converted from natural forests after November 1994 normally shall not qualify for certification. Certification may be allowed in circumstances where sufficient evidence is submitted to the certification body that the manager/owner is not responsible directly or indirectly of such conversion.	0	
	C10.10		0	
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C1.01	1.1.2 CB should enter the list of indicators checked here		
C1.02	1.2.1 Can be either full NFSS or just those elements audited		
C2.01	2.1.1 Number the indicators like this Principle.Criterion.Indicator		
C2.01	2.1.2 That will ensure the conformancy results are picked up automatically in sheet 18 P&C		
C2.01	a) Entries that are not numbered using this convention will be treated as sub-indicators		
C2.01	b) Sub-indicators will be treated as part of the same indicator above		

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