

THE SFI ANNUAL SURVEY IS COMPLETED ONLINE
THIS DOCUMENT CAPTURES SURVEY CONTENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PREPARING REPORTING DATA.



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE SFI ANNUAL SURVEYS IS AUGUST 15, 2025.

This survey looks back at activities completed in 2024 as well as current and upcoming activities in 2025.

The SFI Annual Survey seeks to understand the **collective impact** of SFI-certified organizations. It does not take the place of an audit, where an individual organization demonstrates how they meet standard requirements.

Individual responses will remain strictly confidential and are only used in aggregate form.

2024-2025 SFI ANNUAL SURVEY

QUESTIONS FOR BOTH SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT & FIBER SOURCING CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS

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QUESTIONS FOR SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS

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1. MY ORGANIZATION'S PROFILE

- 1.1 Select the default area unit (acres or hectares) you will use for this survey, if applicable:**
acres/hectares
- 1.2 Select the default currency (USD or CAD) you will use for this survey:** USD/CAD
- 1.3 Select relevant questions for your organization:**

Sections of the SFI Annual Survey are enabled/disabled dependant on your answer to the following questions. Please answer all SFI Annual Survey questions for all of your forestland and manufacturing facilities, as relevant.

Does your organization own and/or manage forestlands? Yes/No

If yes, Select the region(s) where your organization owns and/or manages forestlands in:

- United States
- Canada
- Other

Does your organization have primary manufacturing operations/mills/log yards? Yes/No

If yes, Select the region(s) where your organization has primary manufacturing operations/mills/log yards:

- United States
- Canada
- Other

If yes, Select the region(s) your organization sources raw material forest content from:

- United States
- Canada
- Other

- 1.4 Select all countries in which you sell products:** _____

LEGAL AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

↓ STANDARD REFERENCE

FOREST MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE 11. AND FIBER SOURCING OBJECTIVE 4. LEGAL AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

Performance Measure 11.2 & 4.2. *SFI-certified organizations shall take appropriate steps to comply with all applicable social laws at the federal, provincial, state, and local levels in the country where the SFI certified organization operates.*

Indicator: 1. Written policy demonstrating commitment to comply with social laws, such as those covering civil rights, equal employment opportunities, gender equality, diversity inclusion, anti-discrimination and anti-harassment measures, workers' compensation, Indigenous Peoples' rights, workers' and communities' right to know, prevailing wages, workers' right to organize, and occupational health and safety.

↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

SFI-certified organizations have policies that explicitly supports gender equality/ diversity inclusion/etc.

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

Compliance with all laws and regulations ensures environmental and social values are protected in forests affected by your certification. This question will show trends over time.

The SFI 2022 SFI Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing Standards require Certified Organizations to develop and implement a written policy demonstrating commitment to comply with social laws, such as those covering civil rights, equal employment opportunities, gender equality, diversity inclusion, anti-discrimination and anti-harassment measures, workers' compensation, Indigenous Peoples' rights, workers', and communities' right to know, prevailing wages, workers' right to organize, and occupational health and safety.

1.5 Which social laws are explicitly referenced in your written policy as per Performance Measure 11.2 (Forest Management) and 4.2 (Fiber Sourcing)?

(check all that apply)

- ☐ Civil rights
- ☐ Equal employment opportunities
- ☐ Gender equality
- ☐ Diversity inclusion
- ☐ Anti-discrimination and anti-harassment measures
- ☐ Workers' compensation
- ☐ Indigenous Peoples' rights
- ☐ Workers' and communities' right to know
- ☐ Prevailing wages
- ☐ Workers' right to organize
- ☐ Occupational health and safety
- ☐ Don't know

SIC COLLABORATION ON STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

1.6 Have you coordinated with an SIC on any SFI standard objectives? Yes/No

- If yes:
 - Please select the SFI Forest Management Objective you are coordinating with an SIC
 - Which SIC(s)?
 - Please select the SFI Fiber Sourcing Objective you are coordinating with an SIC
 - Which SIC(s)?

1.7 What topics should your SIC prioritize? [Text box]

2. FORESTRY RESEARCH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

↓ STANDARD REFERENCE

FOREST MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE 12. AND FIBER SOURCING OBJECTIVE 5. *Forestry Research, Science and Technology. To invest in research, science, and technology, upon which sustainable forest management decisions are based.*

FOREST MANAGEMENT PM 12.1 / FIBER SOURCING 5.1. *Certified Organizations shall individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees, associations or other partners provide in-kind support or funding for forest research to improve sustainable management of forest resources, and the environmental benefits and performance of forest products.*

Indicators:

1. *Financial or in-kind support of research, collaboratives, or knowledge transfer to address key themes of relevance in the region of operations as identified by Certified Organizations, local stakeholders, communities and/or Indigenous Peoples. Examples could include, but are not limited to, the following topics:*
 - a. *climate change adaptation and mitigation;*
 - b. *water quality and quantity;*
 - c. *biodiversity, forests with exceptional conservation value, and species maintenance and recovery;*
 - d. *landscape ecology;*
 - e. *Indigenous traditional forest-related knowledge;*
 - f. *ecosystem services or non-timber forest products;*
 - g. *community engagement;*
 - h. *forest health and productivity;*
 - i. *support for Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA);*
 - j. *SFI sponsored conservation research;*
 - k. *the role of forests in the bioeconomy, and*
 - l. *or similar themes which build broader understanding of the benefits and effects of sustainable forest management or sustainable supply chains.*
2. *Ensure that knowledge gained through research is shared, to the extent possible, to positively influence sustainable forest management.*

↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

- Since 1995, SFI-certified companies have directly invested more than \$2.1 billion in forest research.
- \$77 MILLION in forest research expenditures were reported by SFI-certified organizations in 2023
- 560 different conservation, community, education & research projects reported by SFI-certified organizations in 2023 with 520 unique partner organizations in multiple sectors
- 78% of research funding is linked to conservation-related objectives

↓ WHY IT MATTERS:

Forest research leads to an improved understanding of the science and practices that can maintain and increase forest health in a rapidly changing environment.

2.1 We met the SFI research objective in 2024 at least in part through our participation in an SFI grant

Enter the following information for an additive table. *Multiple entries possible*

- No
- Yes (select from existing list of SFI Grants)
 - In Kind Funding/External Funding & amount to meet SFI Forestry Research, Science & Technology Objective

2.2 We met the SFI research objective in 2024 at least in part through direct research funding

Enter the following information for an additive table. *Multiple entries possible*

- Key research themes alignment (select all that apply)
 - Climate change adaptation and mitigation
 - Water quality & quantity
 - Biodiversity, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, and species maintenance and recovery (i.e.) Collaboration with Natural Heritage programs) Programs and Conservation Data Centres
 - Landscape ecology
 - Indigenous traditional forest-related knowledge
 - Ecosystem services or non-timber forest products
 - Community engagement
 - Forest health and productivity (including fire management)
 - Support for national or subnational forest inventory analysis (FIA),
 - SFI sponsored conservation research
 - Forest bioeconomy
 - Similar themes which build broader understanding of the benefits and effects of sustainable forest management or sustainable supply chains
- Total funding amount by key theme
 - In Kind Internal Funding/External Funding & amount
- Add Partner Name(s)

2.3 We met the SFI research objective in 2024 through indirect funding through one or more projects or collaborations

Enter the following information for each project. *Multiple entries possible*

PROJECT NAME

- Project Objective
- Short project description
- Key Research themes alignment (select all that apply)
 - Climate change adaptation and mitigation
If yes, SFI is focusing strategic work on this theme. If applicable, please share the unit(s) of measurement or metrics assessed in this project (e.g. # of species) [Text box]
 - Water quality & quantity
 - Biodiversity, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, and species maintenance and recovery
If yes, SFI is focusing strategic work on this theme. If applicable, please share the unit(s) of measurement or metrics assessed in this project (i.e. #of species) [Text box]
 - Landscape ecology
 - Indigenous traditional forest-related knowledge
 - Ecosystem services or non-timber forest products
 - Community engagement
 - Forest health and productivity
 - Support for national or subnational forest inventory analysis (FIA)
 - SFI sponsored conservation research
 - The role of forests in the bioeconomy
 - Similar themes which build broader understanding of the benefits and effects of sustainable forest management or sustainable supply chains
- ⊖ Please List your partner(s):
- Start and end year
- Still active in 2024? Y/N
- State/Province?
- Contribution
 - In Kind Funding/External Funding & amount
 - Direct Internal Funding & amount
- May SFI use this project as an example in communications, to help convey the exemplary work of SFI-Certified Organizations in the areas of conservation, education and community engagement?
 - Share- with our organization's name
 - Share- don't use our organization's name
 - Only use in aggregate

3. OTHER RESEARCH, PROJECTS AND COLLABORATION

In relation to the research requirement, SFI is collecting research-related products from SFI-certified organizations related to key sustainability issues.

3.1 Please share any recent progress reports, websites, grey literature, or published papers associated with reported projects or knowledge gained through collaborative research to positively influence sustainable forest management. (Exempting any previously submitted to SFI).

- No, we don't have any research papers to share
- Yes (please upload or provide URL): _____

Multiple entries possible

3.2 Do you have other projects and collaborations that you want to share with SFI, to help illustrate the extent to which you collaborate to demonstrate the benefits that forests provide such as recreation, habitat provision, and other related outreach and engagement in your network?

Examples of other projects and collaborations include market engagement, community outreach, public engagement, education, etc.)

Enter the following information for an additive table.

- Project name
- Project objective
- Type of project/collaboration/outreach
 - Market engagement
 - Community outreach
 - Public engagement
 - Indigenous engagement
 - Youth Education and Forest Literacy
 - Training on best practices and sustainable forest management (adult audiences)
 - Reaching underserved communities
 - communicating about ecosystem services, recreation, habitat provisioning, and other related outreach and engagement.
 - Other: please describe
- Short project description
 - ⊖ Please List your partner(s):
- Start and end year
- Still active in 2024? Y/N
- State/Province?

Multiple entries possible

4. FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING

↓ STANDARD REFERENCE

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Objective 1. Forest Management Planning

To ensure forest management plans include long-term sustainable harvest levels and measures to avoid forest conversion or afforestation of ecologically important areas.

Performance Measure 1.1. Certified Organizations shall ensure that forest management plans include long-term harvest levels that are sustainable and consistent with appropriate growth-and-yield models.

Performance Measure 5.2. Certified Organizations shall manage the size, shape, and placement of clearcut regeneration harvests.

↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

The aggregate data is used to develop content for SFI annual progress reports and provide important data to demonstrate the impact of SFI-certified organizations in forest regeneration in Canada & the USA.

- SFI-certified organizations are required to reforest after harvest (FM Standard Statement)
- Less than one percent of forests certified to the SFI Standard were harvested in 2023

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

This standard requirement ensures that we grow more trees than we harvest, that the forest contributes to larger sustainability goals, and that tree planting activities generate positive ecological outcomes, guaranteeing that forests will last for future generations.

HARVEST

(Answer separately for USA or CANADA –certified Forestland covered under the scope of your SFI certificate)

How many acres/hectares of harvest units were completed last year by:

4.1 Final harvest area: What is the total harvested area completed last year that would qualify as final harvest (the removal of the remaining trees in a stand. It is anticipated that the time between final harvests on a given unit would typically correspond to the planned rotation age of the harvested area). **[ENTER AREA]**

4.2 Intermediate harvest¹ What is the total area harvested last year associated with the following silvicultural techniques [Select type and enter total area]

- ☐ Clearcut/Regeneration Harvest (if selected, enter area)
- ☐ Seed-Tree (if selected, enter area)
- ☐ **Thinning²** (if selected, enter area)
- ☐ Shelterwood (Regular/Irregular) (if selected, enter area)

¹¹ any treatment or tending designed to enhance growth, quality, vigor, and composition of the stand after establishment or regeneration and prior to final harvest

² A cultural treatment made to reduce stand density of trees primarily to improve growth, enhance forest health, or recover potential mortality

- ☐ Single-Tree/Group Selection (if selected, enter area)

4.3 Average Clearcut Area: What was the average area of final harvest that were clear-cut (i. e. even-aged silviculture system)? [ENTER AREA]

If the average is greater than 50 hectares or 120 acres, check all that apply and provide an explanation for each:

- ☐ **Necessary to meet regulatory requirements.** E.g., Government regulations requiring larger harvest areas (please explain):
- ☐ **Achieve ecological objectives (please explain):**
- ☐ **Forest health emergencies or other natural catastrophes:**
- ☐ Response to natural disaster
 - ☐ Disease or Insects (please explain):
 - ☐ Fire salvage (please explain):
 - ☐ Windthrow (please explain):
 - ☐ Hurricane (please explain):
 - ☐ Ice Storms (please explain):
- ☐ Other (please explain)

Please fill in the box below documenting the number and size distribution of clearcuts (OPTIONAL):

Acres/Number	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	50+
0-40						
41-80						
81-120						
121-160						
160+						

CONVERSION OF FOREST COVER TYPES

↓ STANDARD REFERENCE:

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Performance Measure 1.2. *Certified Organizations shall not convert one forest cover type to another forest cover type unless an assessment has been conducted to determine ecological impacts and provide appropriate justification.*

Indicators:

- Certified Organizations shall not convert one forest cover type to another forest cover type, unless the conversion:*

- a. *does not convert native forest cover types that are rare, ecologically important, or that put any native forest cover types at risk of becoming rare; and*
- b. *does not create significant adverse impacts on Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, old growth forests, forest critical to threatened and endangered species, or special sites or ecologically important non-forest eco-systems; and*
- c. *includes objectives for long-term outcomes that support maintaining native forest cover types and ecological function; and*
- d. *is in compliance with relevant national and regional policy and legislation related to land use and forest management.*

↓ EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION

It helps SFI to understand the positive or negative impact of SFI's requirements on forest conversion.

↓ WHY IT MATTERS:

The SFI Forest Management Standard has performance measures related to conversion of forest cover types. Conservation of native forest cover types is a cornerstone of sustainable forestry. In addition, these are important topics for brand owners and the conservation community, who are seeking to reduce risks associated with conversion of forest cover types.

4.4 Did you convert one forest cover type to another forest cover type as defined by Indicator 1.2.1? Yes/No

If yes, please provide the following information about the conversion:

- ☐ I. Extent of forest cover types converted (acres/hectares rounded to the nearest 100, state/province where conversion occurred)
- ☐ II. What considerations were included in your landscape assessment for the (deemed appropriate) conversion:
 - A response to address forest health issues such as pests or pathogens, proactive consideration of anticipated impacts of fire or climate change, reforestation challenges, or riparian protection needs.
 - Site productivity economics, and/or stand quality.
 - Ecological impacts of the conversion at the site and landscape scale, as well as consideration for any appropriate mitigation measures
 - Appropriate consultation with local communities, Indigenous Peoples, and other stakeholders who could be affected by such activities.
- ☐ III. Extent (acres/hectares) and location (state/province) of forest removed from total certified area under the scope of your forest management certificate due to conversion, if applicable. [text box]

5. FOREST HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY

REFORESTATION

↓ STANDARD REFERENCE:

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: *Objective 2. Forest Health and Productivity*

To ensure long-term forest productivity and conservation of forest resources through prompt reforestation, afforestation, deploying integrated pest management strategies, minimized chemical use, soil conservation, and protecting forests from damaging agents.

Performance Measure 2.1. *Certified Organizations shall promptly reforest after final harvest.*

↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

- ↓ The aggregate data is used to develop SFI annual progress reports and provide important data to demonstrate the impact of SFI-certified organizations toward forest regeneration in Canada & the USA.
- SFI-certified organizations are required to reforest after harvest (FM Standard Statement)
 - 1 Billion Trees were planted by SFI-certified Organizations in 2023
 - Less than one percent of forests certified to the SFI Standard were harvested in 2023

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

Ensures that forests remain healthy and resilient which will result in better outcomes across the range of forest values, including providing a reliable and renewable source of sustainably managed fiber for consumer products.

(Answer separately for USA & CANADA –certified Forestland covered under the scope of your SFI certificate)

Activities and five-year assessment for reforestation activities for certified forest areas.

Note on the "Reforestation Clock":

For even-aged silviculture, the regeneration "clock" starts after the entire harvest unit is harvested or the planned harvest unit sale has been completed (see guidance under completed harvest units above). Do not include areas that were replanted due to poor seedling survival.

Please report on the area successfully established as of the 5-year point following conclusion of harvest as defined herein.

5.1 What PERCENTAGE of area (acres or hectares) reported as final harvest experience adequate regeneration (natural, planted and direct seeding) within the five-year window? (enter total percentage regenerated) _____%

The above-reported percentage represents the following total AREA regenerated within the five-year window? (enter total area in acres or hectares):

Reforestation Data for [USA and CANADA collected separately]
TOTAL REFORESTATION IN 2024 – (USA and/or Canada in a separate table)

Note that your area units (Acres/Hectares) are selected for this survey in the profile section)

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	Enter area for each category
5.2 Total Area Planted in 2024	
5.3 Total Area with Direct Seeding in 2024	
5.4 Total Area left for Natural Regeneration in 2024 (include area of overstory removal to promote natural regeneration).	

MINIMIZED CHEMICAL USE

 ↓ **STANDARD REFERENCE:**

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Performance Measure 2.2. *Certified Organizations shall have a program to minimize chemical use required to achieve management objectives while protecting employees, neighbors, the public and the environment, including wildlife and aquatic habitats.*

 ↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

Minimizing chemical use is the best way to minimize potential hazards from chemicals in forests. It's important for SFI to demonstrate that Certified Organizations are limiting chemical use to exceptional circumstances.

 ↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

The SFI Forest Management Standard has performance measures related to chemical use. Minimizing chemical use is one important strategy to ensure long-term forest health and productivity, and conservation of forest resources. In addition, these are important topics for brand owners and the conservation community, who seek to reduce the risks associated with chemical use in forests.

5.5 Do you use a WHO 1A or 1B ³pesticide in your operations?

Yes No

If Yes, Please provide the name of the pesticide used and the rationale for why no other viable alternative was available: _____

Do you continue to use it? No Yes, Please Explain:

Do you have plans to stop using it? Yes No , Please Explain: _____

The following questions seek to understand your organization's chemical use program per Performance Measure 2.2.

³ Linked to WHO 1A and 1B pesticides list: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/332193/9789240005662-eng.pdf?ua=1>

5.6. How does your organization minimize chemical use required to achieve management objectives? [multiselect]

- Direct stem-injection
- Biological controls
- Physical barriers
- Physical vegetation removal (e.g., brushing)
- Sanitation harvest
- Other (please, explain)

5.7. How does your organization identify and use the least-toxic and narrowest-spectrum pesticides necessary to achieve management objectives? [text box]
SOIL PRODUCTIVITY & SOIL HEALTH

 ↓ **STANDARD REFERENCE**

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Performance Measure 2.3. *Certified Organizations shall implement practices that protect and maintain forest and soil productivity and soil health.*

 ↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

Soil health is essential to forest productivity and ecosystem function. Healthy soils support many ecological functions including tree and plant growth, nutrient cycling, control of forest and plant pests, and the regulation of water and air resources. A new indicator in the SFI Forest Management standard (Indicator 2.3.5) requires the use of practices that protect and maintain soil health in addition to soil productivity. To assist certified organizations with implementing these practices new guidance was developed.

5.8 What practices has your organization implemented that protect and maintain soil productivity and soil health?

(select all that apply):

- ☐ Use of low pressure equipment on sensitive soil sites
- ☐ Seasonal harvesting on sensitive soil sites
- ☐ Designated equipment trails to reduce soil compaction
- ☐ Use of logging slash on equipment trails
- ☐ Use of erosion control techniques for harvest units on steeper slopes (e.g. water bars on equipment trails; skidding parallel to contours)
- ☐ Others (please describe)

6. PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER RESOURCES

 ↓ **STANDARD REFERENCE**

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Objective 3. Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources

To protect the water quality and water quantity of rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and other water bodies.

Performance Measure 3.1. *Certified Organizations shall meet or exceed all applicable federal, provincial, state and local water quality laws and meet or exceed best management practices.*

Indicator: 1. Program to implement federal, state, or provincial water quality best management practices during all phases of management activities.

Performance Measure 3.2. *Certified Organizations shall implement water, wetland, and riparian protection programs based on climate, soil type, terrain, vegetation, ecological function, harvesting system, state best management practices (BMPs), provincial guidelines and other applicable factors.*

Indicator: 1. Program addressing management and protection of water quality of rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, other water bodies and riparian areas during all phases of management.

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

Protecting water quality and quantity is a fundamental principle of sustainable forestry. This management practice helps provide safe and abundant water for downstream communities and freshwater ecological systems.

WATER QUALITY

6.1 Our organization has a program that meets or exceeds all applicable federal, provincial, state and local water quality laws and meets or exceeds best management practices during all phases of management activities as per PM 3.1 (check all that apply):

- ☐ *Planned temporary shut-downs (free text option),*
- ☐ *Alternative harvesting plans and sites (free text option),*
- ☐ *Others (please describe)*

6.2 Does your organization collect data on water quality (e.g. temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, nitrogen, phosphorus, total suspended solids)? YES/NO IF YES, what data does your organization collect? *[Text box response]*

WATER QUANTITY

6.3 Our organization has implemented water, wetland, and riparian protection programs based on climate, soil type, terrain, vegetation, ecological function, harvesting system, state best management practices (BMPs), provincial guidelines and other applicable factors to protect water quantity within the area of our SFI certificate as per PM 3.2. (check all that apply):

- ☐ *Within watersheds monitoring clear-cut area as a percentage of the total area (free text option),*
- ☐ *Increased riparian management areas near hydrologically active (or sensitive) areas (free text option),*
- ☐ *Establishment of machine-free zones (free text option),*
- ☐ *Others (please describe)*

7. CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

↓ **STANDARD REFERENCE**

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Objective 4. Conservation of Biological Diversity

To maintain or advance the conservation of biological diversity at the stand- and landscape-level and

across a diversity of forest and vegetation cover types and successional stages including the conservation of forest plants and animals, aquatic species, threatened and endangered species, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, old-growth forests, and ecologically important sites.

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS**

Ensures that forests are managed to protect wildlife habitat and conserve biological diversity, which are increasingly important to meet materiality expectations relative to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria, in addition to sustainability expectations of customers and the public.

7.1 Please select the following areas that have been identified on your land (See SFI Definitions for each):

Please describe, in a sentence or two, the forest cover types on your selection(s). (e.g., long leaf pine, old growth)

OPTIONAL: Provide the extent of these areas [Acres/Hectares]

(multiple choice, select all that apply)

- ☐ rare, or trending rare, [ecologically important](#), native forest cover types [Describe & Area (optional)]
- ☐ [Forests of Exceptional Conservation Value](#) (FECV) [Describe & Area (optional)]
- ☐ Old growth forests [Describe & Area (optional)]
- ☐ forest critical to [federally listed threatened and endangered species](#), [Describe & Area (optional)]
- ☐ [special sites](#) (e.g, sites that include geologically unique or *culturally important* features.) [Describe & Area (optional)]
- ☐ Ecologically important non-forest ecosystems (e.g., grasslands) [Describe & Area (optional)]

7.2 OPTIONAL: Provide the extent of conservation easements on the SFI Certified Landbase: [Text Box]

8. MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL QUALITY AND RECREATIONAL BENEFITS

AREA AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR RECREATION

↓ **STANDARD REFERENCE**

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Objective 5. Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits

To manage the visual impact of forest operations and provide recreational opportunities for the public.

Performance Measure 5.4. *Certified Organizations shall support and promote recreational opportunities for the public.*

↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

The aggregate data is used to develop content for SFI annual progress reports and provide important data to demonstrate that SFI-certified working and sustainable forests provide amazing recreational access and opportunities.

In 2023, 98% of forests certified to the SFI Standard are available to the public for outdoor recreation.

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

There is a growing emphasis on expanding access to nature for all communities in both Canada and the USA. Understanding the amount of SFI Certified forestland available for public recreation helps to build the case that working and sustainably managed forests are also valuable and widely available for recreational opportunities.

8.1 Please complete the table with total portion of area open to the public for recreation - fee-based or not.

- % of certified forest area open to the public for recreation
- are the areas which are open to recreation on your lands fee based, or not fee based?

9. RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS

↓ **STANDARD REFERENCE**

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Objective 8. Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights

To recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional knowledge.

Performance Measure 8.1 *Certified Organizations shall recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights.*

Indicators:

1. *Certified Organizations shall develop and implement a written policy acknowledging a commitment to recognize and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples. This policy shall provide reference to a program that includes:*
 - c. *Appropriate training of personnel and contractors so that the Certified Organization is competent to fulfill their responsibilities under Objective 8 of the Forest Management Standard.*

↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

43,000 People within SFI-Certified Organizations have received training to recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights since 2022.

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

Recognizing and respecting the Indigenous Peoples' rights supports relationship building, co-stewardship of forest resources, and shared benefits from sustainably managed forests.

- ☐ There are no federally-recognized tribes in our state (skip to next section).

9.1 Specific to 8.1.1.c, how many total personnel and contractors have received training to fulfill their responsibilities under Objective 8? [ADD TOTAL #]

- Of this total, how many of these personnel and contractors received (or will receive) this training in 2025?
- Of this total, what percentage does this represent of all personnel with responsibilities to implement Objective 8?
- Of this total, what percentage does this represent of all contractors working with your organization with responsibilities to implement Objective 8?

9.2 Please provide more details about your training program:

- Please provide the titles of personnel and contractors with responsibilities to implement Objective 8 who receive training specific to 8.1.1.c.
- Are Indigenous rights-holders involved in the development and/or delivery of training?
- Is training specific to 8.1.1.c tailored to your organization's different geographic locations, to reflect their unique operating circumstances?
- Is training specific to 8.1.1.c tailored to different roles within your organization to reflect individuals' unique responsibilities with respect to implementing Objective 8?
- In what format do you conduct your training? (select *all that apply*: *online*, *in-person*, *other*: _____)
- At what frequency do you provide training specific to 8.1.1.c? [select all that apply: quarterly, annually, every other year, as needed/impromptu]
- What is the average length of training? [1- 2 hrs, half day, 1 day, 2 days, 3-4 days, other: _____]

COLLABORATING WITH SFI ON INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

As an independent, non-profit sustainability organization, SFI is committed to building and promoting forest-focused collaborations rooted in recognition and respect for Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional knowledge. We firmly believe that inclusive, collaborative approaches to policy, program and relationship development lead to real progress on the ground and a positive difference in people's lives. You can read SFI'S INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITMENT: ADVANCING RESPECTFUL FOREST-FOCUSED COLLABORATION on the SFI website.

We are interested in how you are working with indigenous communities. **This is an optional question.**

9.3 Would you be interested in collaborating with SFI to develop case studies and/or communications materials that highlight some of your positive initiatives with respect to Indigenous Relations and Objective 8? (OPTIONAL) [Yes/No]

If yes, who would be the most appropriate point of contact within your organization? [open text]

10. CLIMATE SMART FORESTRY

Certified organizations will be required to report annually to SFI on progress toward achieving climate change strategies and plans (Indicator 9.1.4) and measures to mitigate climate change associated with forest operations (Indicator 9.2.4).

Guidance was developed to assist certified organizations in identifying options for addressing stored carbon and greenhouse gas emissions. Importantly, the Objective points to existing elements of the SFI Forest Management Standard that contribute favorably to the certified organization's adaptation plan as well as those that contribute to opportunities to mitigate climate change drivers associated with forest operations.

↓ STANDARD REFERENCE

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: Objective 9: Climate Smart Forestry

To ensure forest management activities address climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.

Performance Measure 9.1 *Certified Organizations shall individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees or other partners identify and address the climate change risks to forests and forest operations and develop appropriate adaptation objectives and strategies. Strategies are based on best scientific information.*

Indicators:

1. *Based on best scientific information, Certified Organizations shall identify climate change risks and prioritize them based on the likelihood, nature, severity of their expected impact to their forest lands or forest tenures.*
2. *Certified Organizations shall develop an adaptation plan to address priority climate change risks, via effective implementation of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard requirements for potential adaptive management including:*
 - a. periodic updates of forest inventory and recalculation of planned harvests as appropriate to account for changes in growth due to productivity increases or decreases, including improved data, long-term drought, fertilization, climate change, or*
 - b. access to growth and yield modeling capabilities;*
 - c. documented harvest trends within long-term sustainable levels identified in the forest management plan, and*
 - d. appropriate research, testing, evaluation, and deployment of improved planting stock, including varietal seedlings.*
3. *Certified Organizations shall document how their adaptation plan objectives and strategies fit within broader regional climate adaptation strategies and plans, where they exist.*
4. *Certified Organizations shall report annually to SFI Inc. their progress towards achieving climate change adaptation strategies and plans.*

Performance Measure 9.2 *Certified Organizations shall individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees or other partners identify and address opportunities to mitigate the effects associated with its forest operations on climate change.*

Indicators:

1. *Based on best scientific information, Certified Organizations shall identify and address opportunities to enhance the climate benefits associated with forest management operations on the forests they own or manage via effective implementation of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard requirements such as: a. Objective 2 – Forest Health and Productivity; Objective 10 – Fire Resilience*

and Awareness; and/or other silvicultural or operational practices to enhance the climate benefits associated with the forest operations.

2. *Based on best scientific information, Certified Organizations shall identify and address opportunities to enhance ecosystem resilience for the forests they own or manage via effective implementation of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard requirements including:*
 - a. *prompt reforestation or planned natural reforestation as per Indicator 2.1.1*
 - b. *adequate regeneration and appropriate actions to correct understocked areas, and*
 - c. *evaluation for afforestation of areas that are not ecologically important, and*
 - d. *protection of desirable or planned advanced regeneration during harvest and the retention of vigorous trees during partial harvest.*
3. *Based on best scientific information, Certified Organizations shall develop a program to identify and address greenhouse gas emissions within their operational control.*
4. *Certified Organizations shall report annually to SFI Inc. their measures to mitigate climate change associated with forest operations.*

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS**

Sustainably managed forests are a well-recognized and effective tool to reduce and mitigate the harmful effects of a changing climate, and in turn climate change also poses significant risks to forests. This objective supports climate-informed silvicultural approaches and operations targets for SFI certified forests, and facilitates the ability of SFI and Certified Organizations to communicate positive outcomes from climate smart forestry objectives.

10.1 Which of the following components has your organization included in your adaptation plan to address priority climate change risks per SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Performance Measure 9.1?

- ☐ *Updates (periodic) of forest inventory and recalculation of planned harvests to account for changes in growth due to productivity increases or decreases;*
- ☐ *Access to growth and yield modeling capabilities;*
- ☐ *Documented harvest trends within long-term sustainable levels identified in the forest management plan;*
- ☐ *Research, testing, evaluation, and development of improved planting stock, including varietal seedlings.*
- ☐ *Other (Please Specify):* _____

10.2 What adaptation strategies has your organization conducted to address climate change risks to forestry operations per SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Performance Measure 9.1 (Note: there are more detailed questions on fire in the Fire Resilience and Awareness section of the survey.)

- ☐ *Adjusted to shorter harvest seasons due to spring thaw and shorter winters*
- ☐ *Changed road layout and design to address spring thaw and shorter winters.*
- ☐ *Adjusted timing of operations due to increased peak flow, extended wet seasons or flood conditions*
- ☐ *Changed to larger culverts or bridge structures to accommodate higher peak flows and flood conditions*
- ☐ *Changed road layout and design to resist washouts from floods*
- ☐ *Adjusted timing of operations due to fire risk*

- ☐ *Changed road layout and design to create systemic fire breaks*
- ☐ *Other plans and actions (PLEASE SPECIFY) [Text Box]*

10.3 What GHG reduction strategies has your organization implemented to address climate change risks to forestry operations as per SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Performance Measure 9.2?

- ☐ *Modified site preparation techniques and equipment use to reduce soil carbon losses due to soil disturbance, compaction, tillage*
- ☐ *Identified alternative uses for forest residuals and logging waste*
- ☐ *Reduced fossil fuel use from equipment and vehicles*
- ☐ *Increased equipment maintenance or other improvements (age or type)*
- ☐ *Improved equipment or configuration of equipment (size and type)*
- ☐ *Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)*

10.4 What forest management strategies has your organization implemented to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change as per SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Performance Measure 9.1 and 9.2?

(please select all that apply):

Note: there are more detailed questions on fire in the Fire Resilience and Awareness section of the survey.

- ☐ *Prompt reforestation or planned natural reforestation as per Indicator 2.1.1;*
- ☐ *Adequate regeneration and appropriate actions to correct understocked areas, and*
- ☐ *Evaluation for afforestation of areas that are not ecologically important, and*
- ☐ *Protection of desirable or planned advanced regeneration during harvest and the retention of vigorous trees during partial harvest*
- ☐ *Planned thinning or other silvicultural practices to enhance forest growth*
- ☐ *Species selection to enhance forest resilience*
- ☐ *Increased monitoring of forest health (e.g., pests, invasive species, disease)*
- ☐ *Addressed novel or emerging concerns (e.g., range shifts) in pest species or invasive species*
- ☐ *Implemented reforestation and regeneration strategies:*
 - ☐ *Planted and/or selected future-adapted trees to enhance forest resilience (e.g., drought tolerant, pest resistant)*
 - ☐ *Selected future-adapted seed(ling)s*
 - ☐ *Protected advanced regeneration of future adapted species during harvest*
 - ☐ *Assisted migration of tree species (e.g., planted oaks north of their existing range)*
 - ☐ *Other: (Please Specify) [Text Box] _____*
- ☐ *Based on risk, implemented management techniques to reduce undesirable impacts of wildfire (e.g., prescribed fire, cultural burning, thinning, hazardous fuel reduction)*
- ☐ *Corrected understocked areas*
- ☐ *Modified forest harvest for climate change mitigation (e.g., carbon storage benefit)*
 - ☐ *Extended rotations*
 - ☐ *Increased retention*
 - ☐ *Retained large-diameter trees*
 - ☐ *Retained vigorous trees during partial harvest (e.g. thinning)*
 - ☐ *Increased areas of reserves*
 - ☐ *Other: (please Specify) [Text Box]*
- ☐ *Other Practices (PLEASE SPECIFY): [Text Box]*

10.5 Within your operational control, what sources of greenhouse gas emissions has your organization included in your program to identify and address your greenhouse gas emissions as per SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Performance Measure 9.2.3?

Select all that apply:

- Forest carbon pools and fluxes (**e.g., aboveground biomass**): **Yes / No / In progress**
- Harvested wood products (e.g., life cycle analyses): **Yes / No / In progress**
- Emissions in forestry operations (e.g., **fertilizer, fuel consumption by equipment and transportation**): **Yes / No / In progress**
- Operational emissions (e.g., **purchased energy for buildings and infrastructure**): **Yes / No / In progress**
- Other sources of emission (please add): **Yes / No / In progress**

Does your org has a greenhouse inventory on at least part of your land base? YES/NO

- If yes, is it for
 - o All of your land base, option to comment
 - o part of your land base, option to comment

Do you have any land enrolled in a carbon project or other type of carbon credit market-based activity?

Yes/No, If Yes, Comment:

10.6 What resources / methods did you or a consultant use to inventory identify and address greenhouse gases within your operational control as per Performance Measure 9.2.3? (OPTIONAL)

Use the upload feature to share documents: (upload option for pdf, xls, csv,.doc)

Type in other references or websites: _____

SFI is compiling informational resources, models and tools to create guidance and additional references to share with SFI-certified organizations to support the Climate Smart Forestry Objective.

11. FIRE RESILIENCE AND AWARENESS

↓ STANDARD REFERENCE

SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD: 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.

Performance Measure 10.1 *On the forests they own or manage, Certified Organizations shall limit susceptibility to undesirable impacts of wildfire, promote healthy and resilient forest conditions through management techniques, actions and/or policies, and support restoration of forests following wildfire damage.*

Performance Measure 10.2 *Certified Organizations shall individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving government agencies, SFI Implementation Committees, Project Learning Tree, or other partners, engage in efforts to raise awareness of and take action towards benefits of fire management and minimization of undesirable impacts of wildfire.*

↓ **EXAMPLE ON HOW WE WILL USE THIS INFORMATION**

42% of SFI-Certified Organization raise awareness of the benefits of fire management through youth education.

Forests certified to the SFI Forest Management are addressing fire risk proactively through risk assessments, and best practices to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire.

The implementation of the Fire Resiliency and Awareness Objective in the SFI Forest Management standard has resulted in a shift toward more consistent risk assessments and best practices to prevent catastrophic fire.

↓ **WHY IT MATTERS:**

There is acute public awareness of the risk that the increasing number and severity of fires poses to forests and their communities. By demonstrating proactive management of fire risk, SFI-certified forests can protect public safety and human health while continuing to provide forest products, habitat for wildlife, carbon storage, clean air, and purified water.

11.1 Has your organization developed a fire risk analysis to date as per Performance Measure 10.1? YES/NO

If yes, what resources / methods did you use to conduct this assessment? [FREE TEXT]

11.2 What management techniques has your organization used to limit susceptibility to undesirable impacts of wildfire on forests your organization owns or manages (check all that apply):

- ☐ Prescribed fire (enter area),
- ☐ Cultural burning (enter area)

- ☐ Systemic fire breaks (enter area)
- ☐ Planting/Selection of fire-adapted tree species, as appropriate for the landscape (enter area)
- ☐ Thinning (enter area)
- ☐ Hazardous fuel reductions (enter area)
- ☐ Other (PLEASE SPECIFY) (enter area)

11.3 After a wildfire, what management techniques, actions and/or policies did your organization do to promote healthy and resilient forest conditions and support restoration of forests (check all that apply)?

- ☐ Salvage logging (enter area)
- ☐ Specific actions for erosion control or slope stability (Please describe) (enter area)
- ☐ Prompt reforestation of burned areas (enter area)
- ☐ Other (PLEASE SPECIFY) (Enter area)

11.4 How does your organization take action and engage in efforts to raise awareness of the benefits of fire management and the minimization of undesirable impacts of wildfire as per PM 10.2?

(Check all that apply):

- ☐ Supported/participated in youth education, please explain and provide example(s)
- ☐ Included in organization's training programs, please explain and provide example(s)
- ☐ Involved in community fire prevention programs, please explain and provide example(s)
- ☐ Participated in existing programs promoting fire management benefits, please explain
- ☐ Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

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