



**SFI Inc. 2012 Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program
World Resources Institute
Forest Certification Clean Water Assessment**

Project Overview

The [World Resources Institute](#) will receive a total of \$35,000 over two years, beginning in 2012, to illustrate how SFI requirements related to best management practices result in improvements in water quality or quantity, and how certification complements government initiatives to protect water resources.

Supporting the SFI Standard

The project will support requirements in the SFI 2010-2014 Standard related to protection of water resources, including Objective 3: Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources; Objective 10: Adherence to Best Management Practices; and Objective 14: Legal and Regulatory Compliance.

Project Partners

In addition to the World Resources Institute, project partners include the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Willamette Partnership and SFI Implementation Committees in the Pacific Northwest and Northern New England regions.

Project Details

The World Resources Institute will compile and disseminate the latest knowledge about the water quality benefits of best management practices relative to minimum practices required by states – with special attention to those related to forest roads – and analyze the role of forest certification. This will help forest managers understand how forest certification can help them achieve improvements in water quality or quantity. The project will also advance understanding of how forest certification complements government initiatives to protect water resources, and how it can generate water quality improvements that could be valued within payments for watershed services program.

The team will give special attention to best management practices related to forest roads and associated stormwater management systems, focusing on the Pacific Northwest and Northern New England regions. It will draw on existing work to help decision-makers such as the Environmental Protection Agency, state natural resource agencies, forest managers, and others identify ranges of expected benefits of best management practices and areas of greatest remaining scientific uncertainty.

About the World Resources Institute

The non-profit [World Resources Institute](#)'s mission is to move human society to live in ways that protect Earth's environment and its capacity to provide for the needs and aspirations of current and future generations. It is currently involved in work to develop forest-based water markets across the United States.