

# State Forest Managers Meeting

March 9, 2021

Remote



## ATTENDANCE:

Kenneth Jolly, George Ebeling, Scott Campbell, Jesse Morgan, Sean Nolan, Matt Hurd, Mike Schofield, Alex Clark, Justin Arseneault, Jeff Simcoe, Jack Perdue

## AGENDA

### 1. Forest Certification 2021 Nonconformances

- **Minor**

- For the Savage River State Forest (SRSF) and Potomac-Garrett State Forest (PGSF) Management Plans, the sections that describe forest modeling are not consistent with descriptions by field staff on how those are being implemented in operational planning.
- Regarding the use of DNR Forest Service templates – Forest Managers did not use the correct template when producing contracts for timber sales.

- **Major**

- 3 contract templates were found to have problems/omissions.
  1. One has been removed as a duplicate
  2. One has been revised
  3. One is still in question (<\$5,000) regarding Master Logger requirement
  4. Another was drafted for COC format

- **Observations**

- It could be improved how Compartment and Stand Silvicultural proposals in the Annual Work Plan (AWP) link to the corresponding Timber Sale Contract #s (TS#) that are enacted.
- The process for nominating new HCVs or RSAs could be clarified so that roles and responsibilities are better defined for the general public. Stakeholders appear to have mistakenly understood that DNR forestry staff alone make these determinations and were apparently not aware of a prescribed process for nominating HCVs.

### 2. Review of Certification Standards & Compliance

- Transition to SFI 2022 standard
  - i. Wildfire
  - ii. Climate change
- Pesticide use and ESRAs
  - i. Review FSC pesticide restrictions
  - ii. ESRA for pesticides used

### 3. 2022 Audit

- Auditors: Beth Jacqmain and Tucker Watts (2017), April 19-21, with Eastern Shore focus.
- FSC Principle 3 & 8. SFI Principles 8 and

### 4. 2022 Internal Silvicultural Audit – early March 29-31, April 5

### 5. AWP Public Review – status report

- Eastern Shore Forest Products
- Old Growth Network
- Garrett Trails

6. **Recreation Information** – Jeff Simcoe
  - AWP Resource Impact Assessment: Recreation profile
  - timber sale contract recreation revisions
  - EA recreation revisions
  - Trail closure communications
7. **Representative Sample Areas (RSAs)** analysis 2022 - Justin Arseneault
8. Timber Sale Contract templates — revisions online
9. Pesticide updates list
10. Contracts date reminder
11. Silvah 8 training — June 2022
12. Chesapeake Forest /Pocomoke State Forest & Forest Certification RFP — Matt Hurd
13. **Next SFM meeting date** – Wed, October 19, 2022

# Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard 2022

## CLIMATE CHANGE

OBJECTIVE 9 – PERFORMANCE MEASURES 9.1, 9.2

### **FORESTS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND STORING CARBON**

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

**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.

**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.

## FIRE RESILIENCE AND AWARENESS

OBJECTIVE 10 – PERFORMANCE MEASURES 10.1, 10.2

The objective has two Performance Measures.

**Performance Measure 10.1** requires that on the forests they own or manage, Certified Organizations 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** requires that Certified Organizations individually or through cooperative efforts involving government agencies, SFI Implementation Committees, Project Learning Tree, or other partners, engage in efforts to raise awareness of the benefits of fire management and minimization of undesirable impacts of wildfire and take action to address these important topics.