



**BCTS**  
BC Timber Sales  
Chinook

## SFI Awareness Information for Staff, Licensees and Contractors

### **Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard (SFIS 2010-2014) Awareness Information for BCTS Staff, Licensees and Contractors**

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program is a comprehensive system of principles, objectives and performance measures developed by professional foresters, conservationists, scientists, and others. The program combines the perpetual growing and harvesting of trees with the long term protection of wildlife, plants, soil and water quality. The SFI Standard spells out the requirements for compliance with the program. The SFI Standard is based upon nine principles that address economic, environmental, cultural and legal concerns with a commitment to continuously improve sustainable forest management. The Sustainable Forestry Board solely governs the content of the SFI Standard, Auditing Procedures and Qualifications.

A Sustainable Forest Management Plan has been developed that is consistent with the 2010-2014 SFI Standard and the BC Timber Sales *Sustainable Forest Management Policy*. This plan integrates performance criteria that direct forest management approaches and includes a framework to ensure achievement of the identified performance measures.

Plans such as Forest Stewardship Plans, Site Plans, Harvest Plans and Road and Bridge Construction Plans are consistent with the SFI Standard.

The Chinook Business Area has achieved certification in its operating areas through ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS). The objectives of the SFI Standard are being delivered on the ground through our EMS. Details about various procedures, checklists, training modules and other aspects of our EMS are available through the following web link:  
[http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/BCTS/areas/TCH/TCH\\_ems.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/BCTS/areas/TCH/TCH_ems.htm)



The Sustainable Forest Management Plan for the Chinook Business Area and the provincial SFM policy are available on the internal and external certification websites.

It is important that staff, licensees and contractors be aware of the implications of both the EMS and the SFI standards and how they affect our daily operations. One of the significant objectives of the SFI Standard is to show continuous improvement throughout all of the aspects of the program. To that end, the Chinook Business Area will conduct ongoing training sessions in both the EMS and SFI programs to ensure that staff, licensees and contractors are kept up to date regarding any developments and/or changes to the standards. The Chinook Business Area also conducts annual Management Reviews to ensure that key EMS and SFI indicators are being achieved. These ongoing training and management review processes will ensure that our forest management activities and the timber we sell will have undergone stringent oversight and will give our clients and customers assurance that they have purchased wood and wood products that have passed the highest standards in the industry.