

The Conservation Fund Public Monitoring Summary for lands enrolled in Forest Stewardship Council certificate September, 2015

The Conservation Fund monitors all of its properties around the country on an annual basis. For Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) certified properties, the procedure for monitoring is outlined below:

Harvest Activity

The Conservation Fund requires the forest consultant to regularly inspect each active logging job and maintain a weekly monitoring schedule. Using TCF's Harvest Site Review form, the consultant will routinely inspect and record findings and ensure prompt rectification of any issues or concern. Active logging jobs should be visited at least once per week following initial verification of satisfactory performance. After harvests are completed, they will be inspected at least once per year for the next two years, and notes will be included in annual monitoring reports.

Monitoring Plans

Monitoring for each property is broken up into two categories: frequent/informal and annual/formal. Frequent informal monitoring of the resources associated with each property occurs on a regular basis, with foresters and contractors driving roads, assessing erosion control problems, invasive species, trespass, water quality, etc.

The formal monitoring is conducted by the consultant and/or TCF staff annually. The annual monitoring includes a thorough review of road conditions and maintenance needs, invasive species concerns, condition of identified High Conservation Value Forests, condition of identified Representative Sample Areas, and monitoring of current and past (up to 2 years) harvest areas. The post-harvest monitoring is conducted to report on regeneration considerations, soil condition, and whether the prescription was met. Each of these categories are reported on and summarized in a monitoring form by the Forest Operations Manager. A discussion of the monitoring results and follow up actions needed will be held in conjunction with the annual management review and/or the annual report and budgeting process.

Monitoring of Socio-Economic Impact

On an annual basis, as part of the formal annual monitoring documentation, consideration will be given to the socio-economic impact of the certified property being monitored. This will be measured by assessing the volume and acreage of timber sold from the property, the contracted work conducted on the property, and the recreational activities provided by the property. We will not attempt to extrapolate the entire socio-economic impact from these figures, but will track them on an annual basis to inform our changing impact on the community through time.

Monitoring information on a tract by tract basis can be made available upon request.