

# Maryland Department of Natural Resources

## Forest Service

December 12, 2015



### 2015 Audit & Certification Standard Review

#### **ATTENDANCE**

1. Kenneth Jolly (DNR-MFS)
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##### **2015 Audit Report Actions**

- WMD Roads (Minor CAR) - group discussed the updated roads work on the western state forests. Lostland Run contract has been released. Wallman contracts one and two have been completed. Various other forest road upgrades have been completed or grants approved through the Recreation Trail Grants program.
- Silviculture (Minor CAR) - The focus resulting from the 2015 audit has been Savage River State Forest. The RFP to contract for additional silvicultural work had been drafted and posted but without any interest from the forest management community. The Practical General Management Zone has been refined and that data will be used to re-evaluate the actual annual forest growth available for harvest.

##### **2014 Audit Report Results**

###### **SFI**

- WMD Roads (OFI), now Minor CAR
- Annual review (OFI), closed
- Silviculture (OFI), now Minor CAR

###### **FSC**

- Changes in ownership (reporting)
- Description of commonly used silvicultural systems of the Western Region (OBS)
- Small contract revisions to include safety requirements (Minor)

- Chesapeake Forest SFMP needs to include the 30-day public review process (Minor)
- Retention - native vegetation shall be retained within the harvest unit (Minor)
- SMZ widths (Minor, closed)

### **SFI Standard 2015-2019**

After discussions with our SFI auditor, it was discovered that MD DNR could make our commitment to Indigenous Peoples more clear as per the 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard Indicator 8.1.1 "provide a written policy acknowledging a commitment to recognize and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples."

Each of the Sustainable Forest Management Plans was updated with supporting language and re-posted to the DNR website.

# State Forest Managers Meeting

Pasadena Office

October 20, 2015

10am – 3pm



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11. Emily Wilson (DNR –LAP)
12. Dave Wallenberg (DNR –LAP)
13. Bob Swan (DNR-ITS)
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## AGENDA

1. Forest Certification
  - Review of certification standards & compliance
  - 2014 CARS/OBS/OFI Review
    - Chemical use justification
    - AWP/SFMP connections
    - Stand inventory analysis
    - Description of silvicultural systems (OBS)
    - SFI Silviculture Activity Summary (SFI OFI)
    - Roads maintenance/culvert replacement status (SFI OFI)
  - 2015 CARS/OBS/OFI Review
    - Roads maintenance/culvert replacement status (SFI Minor CAR/FSC OBS)
    - Silviculture (SFI Minor CAR/FSC Minor CAR)
  - SFI annual reporting
    - HCVF re-evaluation
    - State Forest acreages (annual update)
  - FSC chemical restrictions & derogation
2. State Forest Metrics & Quarterly Reports
3. Savage River State Forest RFP
  - a. SRSF markets

4. State Forest Roads – Focus on Western MD
  - Good vs Bad (percentages)
  - Re-evaluate priorities
  - Repurpose roads
  - Funding sources
  - Permit processes
  
5. Timber Sales Online demo/discussion w/ Bob Swan & Jonathan Manley (DNR-ITS)
6. Land purchases and appraisals w/ Emily Wilson & Dave Wallenberg (DNR-LAP)
7. Forest Certification Semi-annual Review (tele-conference dates)
8. Next audit – Week of April 25
9. Next SFM meeting date – Wed, March 16, 2016

## State Forest Managers Meeting

Pasadena Office

March 15, 2016

10am – 3pm



### ATTENDANCE

1. Kip Powers (DNR-MFS)
2. George Eberling (DNR-MFS)
3. Scott Campbell (DNR-MFS)
4. Mark Beals (DNR-MFS)
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9. Don VanHassent (DNR-MFS)

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1. WMD SF harvest area analysis (discussion with Alex & Scott)
2. ID Team dates
  - a. WMD :: Sep 20-22
  - b. ES :: Oct 12
3. FOREST CERTIFICATION PRE-AUDIT
  - Eastern Shore - Wednesday April 6
  - Savage River - Tuesday April 12
  - Potomac Garrett - Wednesday April 13
  - Green Ridge - Thursday April 14
4. FOREST CERTIFICATION AUDIT (April 26-28)
  - Savage River - Tuesday April 26
    - Lakehouse reserved for Tuesday April 26
  - Potomac Garrett - Wednesday April 27
  - Green Ridge - Thursday April 28
    - GRSF closing mtg April 28
5. FSC Document review: have the following docs and/or info prepared to be reviewed onsite:
  - a. Training records (e.g., workshops, conferences, safety courses, etc.);
  - b. Recently complete or active timber harvest planning and monitoring documentation;
  - c. Complaints received;
  - d. Accident records;
  - e. Operational plan(s) for the next 12 months;
  - f. Inventory records;
  - g. Chemical use records (including quantitative data on the use of pesticides and any chemical use forms);

- h. Records of sales of FSC certified products (copies of invoices, bills, shipping documents).
- 6. WMD Roads work list
  - a. Roads inventory & status classification
- 7. FSC audit plan
  - a. This year's assessment will include a review of the following FSC Criteria: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.3, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 5.5, 5.6, 6.2, 6.3, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 7.3, 8.2 and 9.4
- 8. State Forests Invasive Policy
- 9. Next SFM mtg date :: Oct 19 (tentative)

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