

Forest Certification Management Review

Maryland DNR Forest Service
Chesapeake Forest Audit

Salisbury, Maryland
July 14, 2005
9:30am – 12:00pm

Agenda

1. Conduct Senior Management Review of 2005 SFI Surveillance Audit.
2. Develop Action Plan and assign tasks to items identified during the Audit.

Notes

1. Senior Management Review of SFI Surveillance Audit conducted.
2. Operation Order "Policy for SFI Management Review and Continual Improvement" approved. Incorporate by reference new Management Review Policy into the Chesapeake Forest management plan.
3. SFI 1.1 and 4.1.2 – Initiate collaborative effort with Heritage to develop long-term ESA management prescriptions and delineate potential acreages under each prescription. Model the results of these prescriptions (e.g., various ESA management scenarios) to develop a range of estimates of timber yields, with the goal of ensuring long term sustainability and support of local economic communities. (Cross reference with FSC CAR 2005.2).
4. SFI 2.4.1 – Insert into Chesapeake Forest Policy & Procedures Manual a reference noting that it is our policy to contact and work with MDA Forest Pest specialists to identify and resolve insect and disease management issues.
5. SFI 4.2.2 - Obtain subscription to electronic versions of Regional Journals of Applied Forestry to facilitate better access to current / pertinent research.
6. SFI 7.1.1 - Reference new Board of Public Works policy to improve merchandizing and utilization.
7. SFI 10.1.2 - Adjust MS-22 job descriptions for appropriate staff to include performance of Sustainable Forest Initiative and FSC requirements, e.g., Sustainable Forest Initiative steering committee, and annual reports.
8. SFI 12.1.2 - Create a Sustainable Forestry information sheet (stuffer sheet) for loggers and timber sale contracts.
9. SFI 12.1.5 - Define High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) in consultation with appropriate external expertise. Mapping rules must also be defined to map HCVF. Cross reference with FSC CAR 2005.5 (as well as with the results of ESA review - SFI 1.1).

10. SFI 13.1.2 – Place annual summary on DNR website. Include county payments. Research potential for advertising forest product sales on website. Put monitoring reports on DNR website. Link DNR website to Sustainable Forestry Board and FSC webpage that displays the Chesapeake Forest audit reports.
11. SFI 13.1.3 – This item has been done via the completion of the new Operation Order.
12. Status of establishing a hunting area for non-wheel-chaired disabled hunters was discussed; a new proposal is included/under review in the FY07 AWP.
13. Feasibility of combining Chesapeake Forest and Pocomoke Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) to gain operational efficiencies was discussed. The CAC will utilize the same citizen member/representative categories as developed for State Forests.