



## SFI 2022 Forest Management and Fibre Sourcing Policy Woodlands Operations

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**Sinclar Group Forest Products is committed to the responsible stewardship of the forest and the environment throughout our operations.**

In conducting our business, our company and its employees are committed to:

1. practicing sustainable forestry to meet the needs of the present while promoting the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by practicing a land stewardship ethic that integrates reforestation and the managing, growing, nurturing and harvesting of trees for useful products, and for the provision of ecosystem services such as the conservation of soil, air and water quality and quantity, climate change adaptation and mitigation, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats, recreation and aesthetics.
2. providing for regeneration after harvest and maintain the health and productive capacity of the forest land base, and to protect and maintain long-term soil health and productivity. In addition, to protect forests from economically, environmentally or socially undesirable impacts of wildfire, pests, diseases, invasive species and other damaging agents and thus maintain and improve long-term forest health and productivity.
3. protecting and maintaining the water quality and quantity of water bodies and riparian areas and conforming with forestry best management practices to protect water quality, to meet the needs of both human communities and ecological systems.
4. managing forests in ways that protect and promote biological diversity, including animal and plant species, wildlife habitats, ecologically and culturally important species, threatened and endangered species (i.e., Forests with Exceptional Conservation Values) and native forest cover types at multiple scales.
5. managing the visual impacts of forest operations, and to provide recreational opportunities for the public.
6. managing lands that are geologically or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.
7. complying with applicable federal, provincial and local forestry and related environmental laws, statutes, and regulations.
8. supporting advances in sustainable forest management through research, science and technology.
9. improving the practice of sustainable forestry through training and education programs.
10. broadening the practice of sustainable forestry on all lands through community involvement, socially responsible practices, and through recognition and respect of Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional forest-related knowledge.
11. broadening the understanding of forest certification to the Forest Management Standard by documenting certification audits and making the findings publicly available.
12. continually improving the practice of forest management, and monitoring, measuring and reporting performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.
13. using and promoting sustainable forestry across a diversity of ownership and management types in Canada that is both scientifically credible and socially, environmentally, and economically responsible and avoiding sourcing from controversial sources both domestically and internationally.
14. communicating our sustainable forest management and environmental performance to our directors, shareholders, employees, local and first nations communities, customers, stakeholders and other interested parties.
15. minimizing adverse environmental impacts and striving to prevent pollution.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

Greg Stewart,  
President  
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