

FSC Forest Management Audit

Public Summary Report

Audit Conducted By	SCS Global Services 2000 Powell Street Ste. 600 Emeryville CA 94608 United States of America www.scsglobalservices.com
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Report last updated on	25 November 2024
Certificate Holder	Irving Woodlands, LLC (IWLLC) PO Box 240 Fort Kent ME 04743 United States of America www.jdirving.com
Contact Person	Scott MacDougall
Certified Forest Areas	Irving Woodlands, LLC (IWLLC)
FSC certificate registration code	SCS-FM/COC-00121N
Certificate issue date	25 November 2024
Certificate expiry date	24 November 2029
Audit Sequence	Re-Evaluation

Certificate Holder and Certification Body Details

Question	Inputs
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Certificate Holder

1.01 Certificate holder name *	Irving Woodlands, LLC (IWLLC)
1.02.1 Street Address *	PO Box 240
1.02.2 Address Line 2	
1.02.3 City *	Fort Kent
1.02.4 State or Province	ME
1.02.5 Postal Code	04743
1.03 Country *	United States of America
1.04 Contact person full name *	Scott MacDougall
1.05 Email *	macdougall.scott@jdirving.com
1.06 Telephone	
1.07 Website *	www.jdirving.com

Certificate Parameters

1.08 FSC licence code *	FSC-C041515
1.09 Certificate code *	SCS-FM/COC-00121N
1.10 Former certificate code (if any)	
1.11 Certificate type *	FM/COC
1.12 Group certificate *	No
1.13.1 Initial certification date *	2009-12-08
1.13.2 Most recent certification date *	2024-11-25
1.13.3 Certificate expiry date *	2029-11-24
1.14 Total number of MUs in the scope of certificate *	1
1.15 Total area certified *	519,350.1 ha
1.16 Change of scope since previous audit *	No
1.16.1 Nature of scope change	
1.17 Ecosystem services (ES) in the scope *	No
1.25 Name and/or location of the certified forest area(s)	

Certification Body

1.18 Certification body name *	SCS Global Services
1.19.1 Street Address *	2000 Powell Street Ste. 600
1.19.2 Address Line 2	
1.19.3 City *	Emeryville
1.19.4 State	CA
1.19.5 Postal Code	94608
1.20 Country *	United States of America
1.21 Contact person full name *	Brendan Grady
1.22 Email *	bgrady@scsglobalservices.com
1.23 Telephone	+1.510.452.8000
1.24 Website *	www.scsglobalservices.com

The evaluation process

Question	Inputs
Audit Parameters	
2.01 Audit type *	Re-Evaluation
2.01.1 Audit sequence	
2.02 Audit start date *	2024-10-08
2.16 First stakeholder consultation date for this audit	
2.03 Audit finish date *	2024-10-11
2.04 Total person days *	9.0
2.05 Date of report *	2024-11-25
2.06 Total area under evaluation *	519,350.1 ha
Normative Documents	
2.07 Evaluated international normative document(s)	
2.07.1 Trademark standard FSC-STD-50-001 *	Yes
2.07.2 Group standard FSC-STD-30-005 *	No
2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 *	No
2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 *	No
2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 *	No
2.07.6 Pesticides Policy FSC-POL-30-001 *	Yes
2.07.7 Applicable NTFP Standard *	No
2.07.8 CIP FSC PRO 30-011 *	No
2.08 Code(s) of NFSS or INS used *	FSC-STD-USA-01-2010
2.09 Web link to the standard used	https://connect.fsc.org/document-centre/documents/resource/234
2.10 If applicable, the adaptation process of CB interim standard	

The evaluation process

Question	Inputs
Certification Decision	
2.20 Conditions (corrections of minor non-conformities) or pre-conditions (corrections of major non-conformities) associated with the certification decision	
2.20.1 No specific condition *	Yes
2.20.2 Correction of minor NCRs issued within required timelines *	NA
2.20.3 Correction of major NCRs issued within required timelines *	NA
2.20.4 Correction of the pre-conditions to certification identified *	NA
2.20.5 Other	
2.21 Lead auditor opinion	
2.21.1 The certificate holder's system of management, if implemented as described, is capable of ensuring that all of the requirements of the applicable standard(s) are met over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the evaluation. *	Yes
2.21.2 The certificate holder has demonstrated, subject to correction of the identified non-conformities, that the described system of management is being implemented consistently over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the certificate. *	NA
2.22 Auditor recommendation for the certificate holder's management system and performance	
2.22.1 A certificate can only be issued/reissued/maintained when all identified Major CARs are closed *	NA
2.22.2 The FM system of the evaluated enterprise does not comply with the provisions and standards of FSC. Due to the number of identified major non-compliances the auditors recommend the immediate suspension of the certificate *	NA
2.23 Certification decision *	Recertify
2.24 Decision detail	
2.25 Decision date *	2024-11-25
2.26 Decision making entity *	SCS Global Services

Management Units

Area Units: ha

7.01 MU name *	7.02 Forest zone *	7.03 SLIMF type *	7.04 Tenure-ownership *	7.05 Tenure-management *	7.06 Centroid Latitude *	7.07 Centroid Longitude *	7.08 Total production forest area *	7.09 Total non-production forest area *	7.10 Total area of MU *
Number of Valid Entries:					Area Totals				
	1						489,779.70	29,570.38	519,350.08
Irving Woodlands, LLC (IWLLC)	Temperate	Non-SLIMF	Private	Private	47.22154100	-68.75569700	489,779.70	29,570.38	519,350.08

Main commercial timber species included in scope of the certificate

8.01 Species *	8.02 Product code *	8.03 Trade name	8.05 Remarks
Acer spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Red & Sugar Maple
Acer spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Red & Sugar Maple
Fraxinus spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Black Ash
Fraxinus spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Black Ash
Betula spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Yellow Birch
Betula spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Yellow Birch
Fagus grandifolia	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	American Beech
Fagus grandifolia	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	American Beech
Quercus rubra	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Northern Red Oak
Quercus rubra	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Northern Red Oak
Populus spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Big Leaf & Trembling Aspen
Populus spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Big Leaf & Trembling Aspen
Picea spp.	W1 Rough wood	Spruce	White, Red, Black & Norway Spruce
Picea spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Spruce	White, Red, Black & Norway Spruce
Abies balsamea	W1 Rough wood	Fir	Balsam Fir
Abies balsamea	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Fir	Balsam Fir
Thuja occidentalis	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Cedar	Northern White Cedar
Pinus strobus	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	White Pine	Eastern White Pine
Pinus resinosa	W1 Rough wood	Red Pine	Red Pine
Tsuga canadensis (L.) Carr.	W1 Rough wood	Hemlock	Eastern Hemlock

Pesticide use since previous audit/year

10.01 Active ingredient *	10.02 Restriction	10.03 Applied area *	10.04 Reason for use *	10.05 Quantity of ingredient *	10.06 Summary of ESRA *
imazapyr	Unrestricted	3,295.8 ha	Primarily for control of a broad range of herbaceous, ruderals up through woody competition from poplar to maple during site preparation prior to planting.	3,853.5 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.
sulfometuron	Unrestricted	5,505.7 ha	Primarily for control of grass and ruderal competition either during site preparation or conifer release operations.	9,656.6 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.
metsulfuron	Unrestricted	3,295.8 ha	Primarily for control of herbaceous, ruderal and raspberry types of competition during site preparation.	0.3 metric tonnes	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.
aminopyralid	Unrestricted	74.1 ha	Primarily for control of woody and amino inhibitor resistant types of competition during site preparation.	37.9 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.
glyphosate	Restricted	2,259.0 ha	Primarily for control of pests such as raspberry & shrubs and some woodies like poplar and pin cherry. Primarily used in follow up conifer release applications but may	10,319.0 litres	Glyphosate is a restricted, highly hazardous pesticide (HHP) based on its classification in the Chronic Toxicity hazard group and demonstration of the potential for carcinogenic properties (Criterion 3) per the FSC Pesticides Policy (FSC-POL-30-001 V3-0 EN) and Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.
indaziflam	Unrestricted	86.2 ha	Primarily for control of amino inhibitor resistant types of competition during site preparation or release.	18.9 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.
trichlopyr	Unrestricted	64.7 ha	Primarily for control of maple competition. Primarily used in follow up conifer release applications.	302.8 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.
tebufenozide	Unrestricted	2,681.0 ha	Control of larval feeding during L4 through L6 stages of spruce and fir.	1,570.9 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.

Stakeholder comment(s)

12.01 Stakeholder group	12.02 Stakeholder description	12.03 Stakeholder's comment	12.04 Notified before audit?	12.05 Interviewed during this audit?	12.06 CB's follow up
Forest workers, contractors	Logging contractor	I have worked on these lands for 7 years with our company. It is of the highest paying jobs in the area. We work 40-48 hrs. per week, 4 days/week. Staff receive a salary that is above minimum wage. We run two twelve-hour shifts. Proforma gives us our goals. Irving keeps us working in up and down times.	No	Yes	Per review of the organization's Proforma system, working hour, wage, insurance, and other assumptions are consistent with the stakeholder's comments. Confirmed via review of https://www.maine.gov/labor/docs/2024/posters/minwage/minimumwage2024_English%20final%20rev%2012.13.2023.pdf (viewed 11 October 2024). In addition to comments, the audit team verified that communications equipment, spill kits, first aid kits, and fire suppression was available on all active harvest site inspected. All machinery inspected was in good working conditions.
Forest workers, contractors	Logging contractor's employee	I've been working for this contractor for 3 yrs. The salary is good and I have opted not to take benefits. I make more than minimum wage. Working for Irving is nice. They care about the operators- there more stability under Irving. We have been warned about a newly detected and marked sensitive site.	No	Yes	Per review of the organization's Proforma system, working hour, wage, insurance, and other assumptions are consistent with the stakeholder's comments. Confirmed via review of https://www.maine.gov/labor/docs/2024/posters/minwage/minimumwage2024_English%20final%20rev%2012.13.2023.pdf (viewed 11 October 2024). In addition to comments, the audit team verified that communications equipment, spill kits, first aid kits, and fire suppression was available on all active harvest site inspected. All machinery inspected was in good working conditions.
Forest workers, contractors	Logging contractor	I pay a daily wage that is more than minimum wage- that way if we are down for sudden repairs, workers know that they will still get paid for the day. I have worked on Irving since 2010. With Irving you get a weekly advance, which is super helpful. Wood markets are down, but with Irving you keep steady work. The steady work makes it easier to keep workers. I'm putting in 55-60 hrs./week. I run two twelve-hour shifts 4-4.5 days/week. Irving checks several times/week. We communicate Proforma information and can discuss things with them by providing evidence. It's hard to make an accurate Proforma, but theirs is very detailed. Sometimes they are generous in assumptions and other times not, but I can't discredit the system.	No	Yes	Per review of the organization's Proforma system, working hour, wage, insurance, and other assumptions are consistent with the stakeholder's comments. Confirmed via review of https://www.maine.gov/labor/docs/2024/posters/minwage/minimumwage2024_English%20final%20rev%2012.13.2023.pdf (viewed 11 October 2024). In addition to comments, the audit team verified that communications equipment, spill kits, first aid kits, and fire suppression was available on all active harvest site inspected. All machinery inspected was in good working conditions.

