Forest Certification

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[Image of forest]
• Voluntary
• Non-regulatory
• Third-party recognition for sustainable forest management
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WHO?
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WHERE?

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WHAT?

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MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

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1. Sustainable Forestry
2. Forest Productivity & Health
3. Protection of Water Resources
4. Protection of Biological Diversity
5. Aesthetics and Recreation
6. Protection of Special Sites
7. Legal Compliance
8. Research
9. Training & Education
10. Community Involvement, Social Responsibility, and Respect for Indigenous Rights
11. Transparency
12. Continual Improvement
13. Responsible Fiber Sourcing
1. Sustainable Forestry
Objective 9. Climate Smart Forestry

"To ensure forest management activities address climate change adaptation and mitigation measures."
1. Compliance with Laws & FSC Principles
2. Tenure and Use Rights & Responsibilities
3. Indigenous Peoples' Rights
4. Community Relations and Workers' Rights
5. Benefits from the Forest
6. Environmental Impact
7. Management Plan
8. Monitoring & Assessment
9. Maintenance of High Conservation Value Forests
10. Plantations
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HOW?
• Documentation
• Field Tour
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CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

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Chain-of-custody is the process by which the source of forest products are verified. Once independently verified, the products may be labeled certified.
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WHY?

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Certified forests are grown to an approved set of standards which demonstrate environmentally responsible, socially beneficial and economically viable management practices that promote responsible forestry. This unique commitment to responsible forestry recognizes that forest landowners play a critical role in ensuring the long-term health and sustainability of our forests.

DNR is committed to maintaining third-party certification across all DNR-managed forestland. Currently, all DNR-managed forestlands and conservation areas in Washington state (2.4 million acres) are certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program Standard. About 176,000 acres of those forestlands are also certified under the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) US Forest Management Standard. These FSC-certified forests are located within DNR’s South Puget Habitat Conservation Plan Planning Unit (located in King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Kitsap, and Mason counties). DNR will manage timber harvests from forested state trust lands in a manner consistent with accepted best practices for