



Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation  
SFI 2005 - 2009  
Woodlands Operations  
Interior British Columbia

## Audit Coverage

- During the period September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, QMI conducted the twenty four (24) month Annual Surveillance audit of Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation Sustainable Forest Initiative program to the SFI 2005 - 2009 Standard. The audit took 2.0 audit-days to complete.
- The Audit Team consisted of Ken Hall RFT., EMS(LA), CEA(SFM) as the Lead Auditor and Will Sloan RFT, EMS(LA) as the team member.
- The verification audit activities covered ten (10) of the objectives of the SFI 2005:2009 program. The audit team reviewed completed and ongoing harvesting, road maintenance and silviculture treatments in the field as part of the audit process. Finally, RCFC staff was interviewed and SFI documentation was reviewed at the RCFC Revelstoke, B.C. office.
- All SFI 2005 – 2009 Principles, Performance Measures and Objectives were assessed in accordance with the following scope:

The Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program as it applies to their forest management activities on TFL 56.

## Background

- Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation's SFI program has been registered to the SFI 2005 - 2009 Standard since 2006. This registration is supported by an Environmental Management System.
- Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation's SFI program has undergone annual 3rd party surveillance audits by QMI since the date of initial registration.
- Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation's operations are located in the British Columbia Interior and are located in the Downie and Goldstream Valleys on TFL 56 north of the community of Revelstoke.



Photo #1. Goldstream River Valley. Protected wildlife habitat and buffering on the river.

## Positive Aspects

The Audit Team observed the following positive management practices:

- Objective 5, PM 1, Indicator 2: Good visual buffer along highway 23 to reduce visual impact from CP 226, Blks 1 & 2.
- Objective 3, PM 3.2, Indicator 3 and Objective 2, PM 2.3, Indicator 7: Good use of skyline harvesting systems to reduce impact on the ground and to allow cross stream harvesting while reducing the density of roads constructed.
- Objective 2, PM 2.1, Indicator 4: Good retention of suitable under story in CP 123-1, a high elevation block.
- Objective 5, PM 1, Indicator 2: Voluntary management of visuals for recreation users, notably the heli ski resorts.

## Audit Recommendation

The results of this 24 Month Surveillance Audit indicate that the SFI program of Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation is suitable and effective, and will be recommended for continued Registration to the SFI 2005-2009 Standard.



Photo #2. An example where long line skyline logging was used. This method allowed access to standing timber while eliminating the need for new roads to be built. A small block size and unique shape was employed.

### SFIS 2005 – 2009

Non-conformances.....	0
Opportunities for Improvement .....	4
Positive Aspects.....	4

#### Non-conformance

Major Non-conformance:  
A systemic failure of the Participant's SFI program to meet an SFI objective, performance measure or indicator.

Minor Non-conformance:  
An isolated lapse in the SFI program implementation which does not indicate a systemic failure to consistently meet an SFI objective, performance measure or indicator.

All non-conformances require an action plan within 30 days. Major non-conformances must be addressed by the operation or registration cannot be achieved / maintained.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

Are isolated observations that are non-critical to the achievement / maintenance of SFI objectives.

#### Positive Aspects

Are features of the SFI program that are considered as enhancements to the expected level of SFI performance.

## Non Conformance (NCR):

- No instances of non conformance were encountered during the course of this audit.

## Opportunities for Improvement (OFI):

- Objective 3, PM 3.1, Indicator 4: The ditch line and cross drain culvert on the middle spur road of CP 306, Blk 1 were blocked, restricting proper water flow. Consider reviewing with contractors the importance of keeping drainage structures clear to allow for proper water flow.
- Objective 13, PM 13.1, Indicator 3: The review of the records for Management Review did not find a clear record of discussion of the annual report results. Consider adding to the Management Review a discussion of the annual report results.
- Objective 12, PM 12.2: Consider incorporating the SFI logo into more public signage such as TFL signs, the log sort sign, and any sponsorship signs that the RCFC participates in.
- Objective 2, PM 2.1: Consider planting landings that are suitable at the time of planting of the block. The audit found one landing that could have been planted with the block was not due to the standard procedure of not planting landings at the same time as the block is planted.



Photo #3. Goldstream River. Voluntary management of visuals for recreation users, notably the heli ski resorts.

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