

Ponderay Newsprint Company Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Standard Implementation Policy



Ponderay Newsprint Company is committed to broadening the practice of sustainable forestry as part of our fiber sourcing program in Washington, Idaho and Montana through our certification to the 2015-2019 Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Fiber Sourcing Standard.

As an SFI Program Participant, Ponderay Newsprint Company believes forest landowners have an important stewardship responsibility and a commitment to society, and we recognize the importance of maintaining viable commercial, family forest, and conservation forest land bases. We support sustainable forestry practices on forestland our fiber suppliers manage, as well as on other lands. We support efforts to protect private property rights, and to help all private landowners manage their forestland sustainably. In keeping with this responsibility, Ponderay Newsprint Company is committed to implementing and achieving the following principles:

2015-2019 SFI Principles

1. Sustainable Forestry

To practice sustainable forestry to meet the needs of the present without compromising 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 ecosystem services such as the conservation of soil, air and water quality, carbon, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats, recreation and aesthetics.

2. Forest Productivity and Health

To provide for regeneration after harvest and maintain the productive capacity of the forest land base, and to protect and maintain long-term forest and soil productivity. In addition, to protect forests from economically or environmentally undesirable levels of wildfire, pests, diseases, invasive exotic plants and animals and other damaging agents and thus maintain and improve long-term forest health and productivity.

3. Protection of Water Resources

To protect water bodies and riparian areas and to conform with forestry best management practices to protect water quality.

4. Protection of Biological Diversity

To manage forests in ways that protect and promote biological diversity, including animal and plant species, wildlife habitats, and ecological or natural community types.

5. Aesthetics and Recreation

To manage the visual impacts of forest operations, and to provide recreational opportunities for the public.

6. Protection of Special Sites

To manage lands that are ecologically, geologically or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.

7. Responsible Fiber Sourcing Practices in North America

To use and promote among other forest landowners sustainable forestry practices that are both scientifically credible and economically, environmentally and socially responsible.

8. Legal Compliance

To comply with applicable federal, provincial, state, and local forestry and related environmental laws, statutes, and regulations.

9. Research

To support advances in sustainable forest management through forestry research, science and technology.

10. Training and Education

To improve the practice of sustainable forestry through training and education programs.

11. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility

To broaden 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.

12. Transparency

To broaden the understanding of forest certification to the Fiber Sourcing Standard by documenting certification audits and making the findings publicly available.

13. Continual Improvement

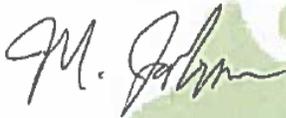
To continually improve the practice of forest management, and to monitor, measure and report performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.

14. Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Illegal Logging in Offshore Fiber Sourcing

To avoid wood fiber from illegally logged forests when procuring fiber outside of North America, and to avoid sourcing fiber from countries without effective social laws.

Ponderay Newsprint Company will ensure that facility inventories and fiber sourcing activities do not compromise adherence to the principles of sustainable forestry. To that end, Ponderay Newsprint Company has developed and adopted appropriate programs and plans to guide its fiber sourcing activities in implementing and achieving the SFI Standard Principles, Objectives, Performance Measures and Indicators. These programs and plans are contained in appropriate documents including the Ponderay Newsprint Company SFI Indicators and Evidence Manual and the Ponderay Newsprint Company SFI Implementation Policy.

Ponderay Newsprint Company is committed to annually review the effectiveness of its SFI Policy, Programs, Systems and Processes to continually improve environmental performance.



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