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October 5, 2016









### **AGENDA**

**About SFI** 

**Indigenous Communities** 

SFI Conservation and Community Partnership Grants Program

**Conservation Impact** 

**Annual Conference 2017** 



# SFI IS A SUSTAINABILITY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE FUTURE OF OUR FORESTS



**ENSURE CONNECTIONS AND RELEVANCY** 



## SFI BOARD

#### **ECONOMIC**











Making Life's Simple Necessities.®



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**







#### **WILDLIFE** SOCIETY





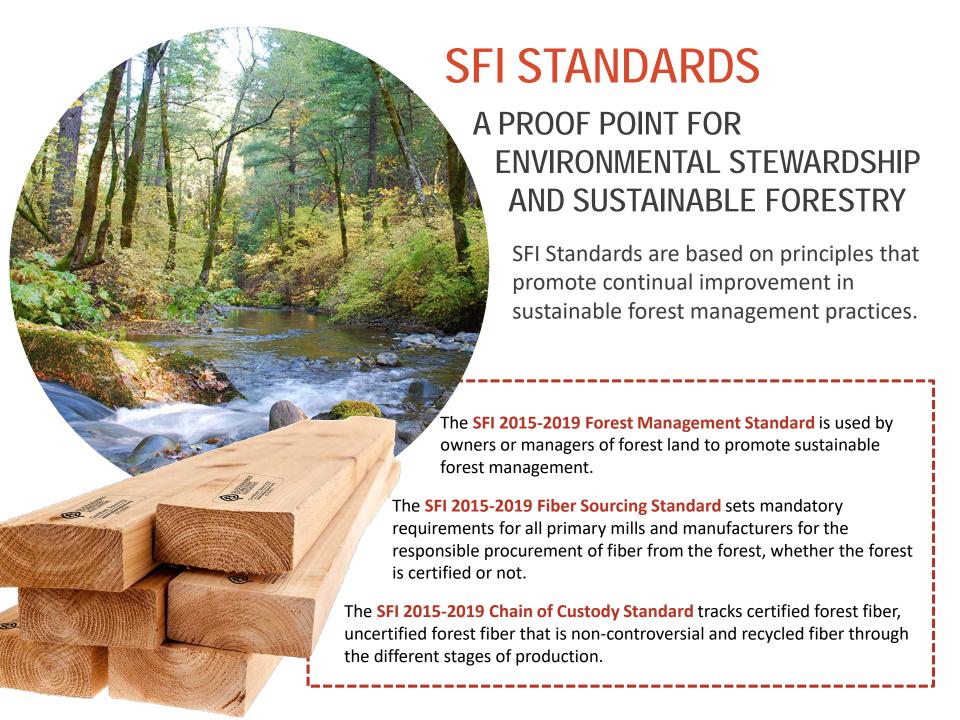
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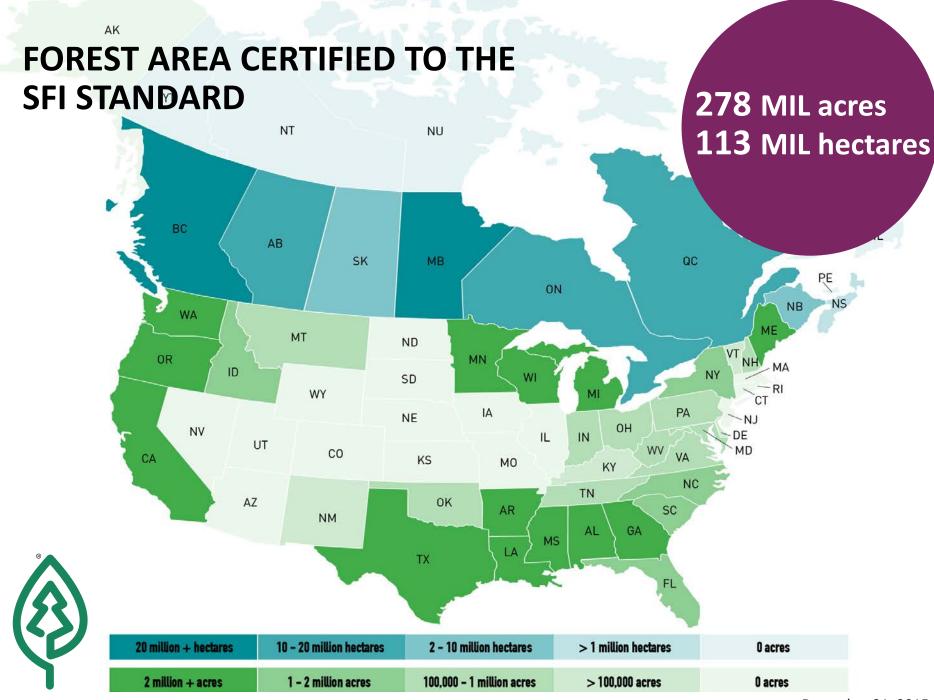










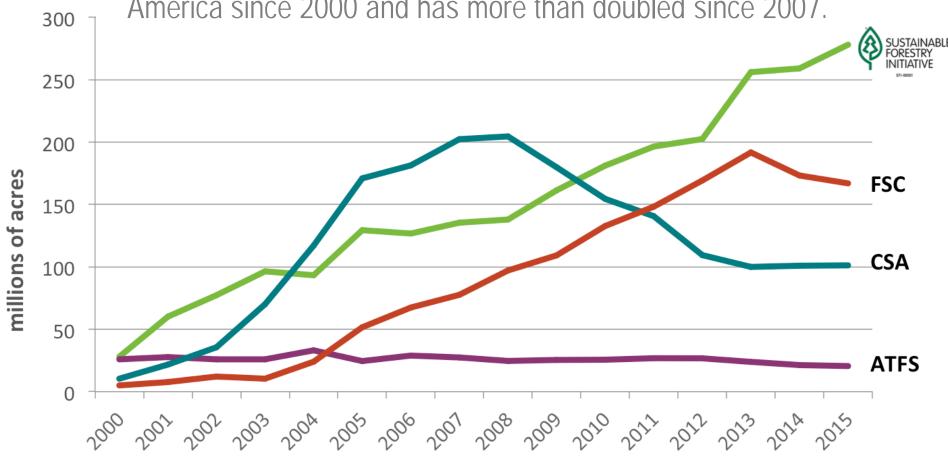


#### **DIVERSITY OF SFI PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**



# SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD GROWTH IN NORTH AMERICA LEADS ALL OTHERS

The SFI Standard has consistently gained more certified forest area than any other forest management standard in North America since 2000 and has more than doubled since 2007.



### DEMAND FOR SFI LABELS IS GROWING

# SFI LABEL USE APPROVALS HAVE INCREASED

FROM **50** LABEL APPROVALS IN 2007



**6,000** LABEL APPROVALS IN 2013



6,500 LABEL APPROVALS IN 2014

7,000 LABEL APPROVALS IN 2015





### PEOPLE ARE USING SFI LABELS MORE THAN EVER

There's a simple way you can ensure that our forests remain healthy.

Look for the SFI label on any wood, paper and packaging product you purchase.

It's your assurance that what you buy comes from responsibly managed forests.



OF 20,000 RECOGNIZE the SFI logo - more

the SFI logo – more than any other forest certification standard.

### A GLOBAL REACH

Products that are certified to SFI Standards are sold in

**MORE THAN** 

120

COUNTRIES





SFI's international recognition is increased by the endorsement of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). In North America, PEFC has also endorsed ATFS and CSA standards. In turn SFI recognizes both ATFS and CSA certified content in its supply chain.



### SFI CONNECTS TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Indigenous groups across North
America pride themselves on
supporting their communities with
responsible forest management
that is based on their cultural
values and traditional practices.

The SFI Forest Management
Standard is aligned with
traditional values and has specific
provisions for respecting
Indigenous rights.



### **INDIGENOUS INTERESTS**

31
INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES

ACROSS NORTH AMERICA USE
THE SFI STANDARD TO MANAGE

5.1 MILLION ACRES OF FORESTLANDS

2.0 MILLION
HECTARES OF FORESTLANDS



#### First Nations and Quebec Forest Sector Collaborate for the Future of Aboriginal Forestry

Helping aboriginal communities and forest companies cooperate to expand opportunities for aboriginal forestry workers.

Project Partners: SFI Program Participants, Resolute Forest Products, all members of the Quebec Forest Industry Council, including other SFI Program participants, and Mashteuiatsh Nation, Pessamit Nation.





# Take Care of Our Land San Carlos Natural Resource Youth Practicum

San Carlos Apache Forest Resources Youth Outreach Program is being supported by SFI to promote the link between sustainable forestry, cultural heritage and empowering Tribal youth.

Project Partners: Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and San Carlos High School.



In Canada there are some 603 Indian Bands and housing problems exist in nearly every community. Inuit and Metis communities also face significant housing problems. It's why SFI has partnered with Habitat for **Humanity Canada's Indigenous** Housing Program to bring greater awareness of the problem and to encourage the use of certified wood. We are making progress."

#### DAVID WALKEM

Chief of Cook's Ferry Indian Band SFI Board member







Using wood in innovative and beautiful ways to bring new life to a **BC** community hub in Enderby, British Columbia, has earned KH Designs the third SFI Award part of the 2015 North **American Wood Design Awards** Program.

# SFI CONSERVATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT PROGRAM



Since 2010, SFI has awarded 85 Conservation and Community Partnerships Grants totaling almost \$3 million, to foster conservation and community projects. When leveraged with project partner contributions, the total investment exceeds \$9.5 million.

# 2016 SFI CONSERVATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

Focus on the connection between sustainable supply chains and the natural resource values we all care about, like water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional conservation value.





















### **KEY TOPICS IDENTIFIED**







**WATER** 

**CLIMATE CHANGE** 

**BIODIVERSITY** 



# Investigating Carbon Sequestration in Boreal Upland Forests and Wetlands

Showing how forested wetlands certified to SFI are helping to sequester carbon and mitigate climate change.

Project Partners: Ducks Unlimited Canada and SFI Program Participants Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. and Spruce Products Ltd.

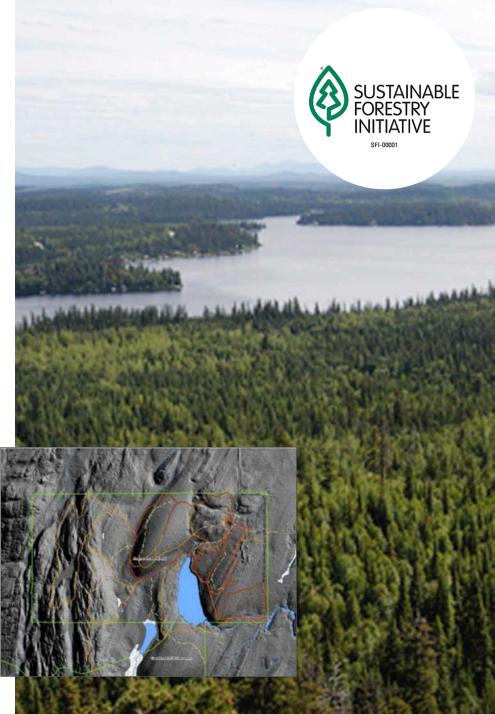




# UNBC: Remote-Sensing LiDAR to Measure Biodiversity on Lands Certified to SFI Program

Using remote-sensing laser technology to measure and rapidly evaluate biodiversity in forests certified to SFI.

Project Partners: SFI Program Participant
Dunkley Lumber, Aleza Lake Research
Forest Society, UNBC Geography, and
Ministry of Forests: Lands and Natural
Resources Operations Government of
British Columbia.



# 2016 SFI COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS











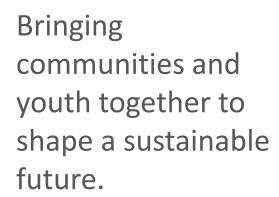
















### School Assembly Program Development

Deliver Earth Ranger's School Assembly Program to over 200,000 students across Canada, bringing forest conservation to life with dynamic live animals and high quality content.

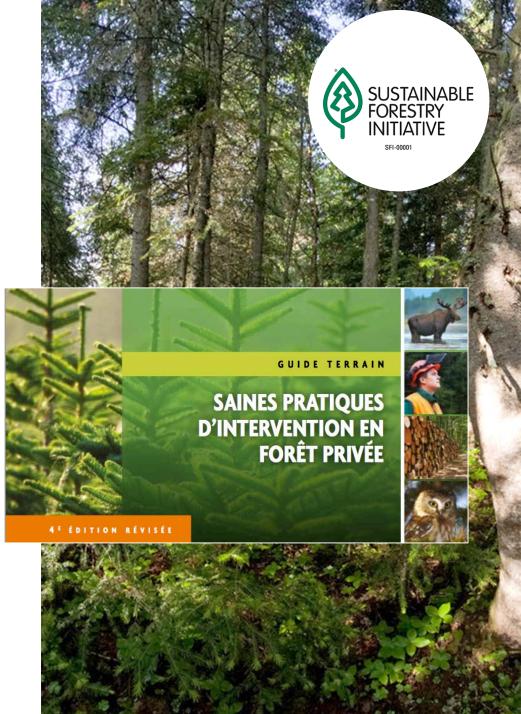




# Update of the "Sound Forestry Practices for Private Woodlots" Field Guide

Update forestry practices for a private woodlots field guide that could reach more than 130,000 woodlot owners.

Project Partners: 13 forest-related marketing boards in Quebec, the Quebec SFI Implementation Committee, Canadian forest service and the Fondation de la Faune du Québec (FFQ)



### SAVE THE DATE



### 22 STUDENTS (9 SCHOOLS) ATTENDING **SFI CONFERENCE IN 2016**



Tyler Coffman









Timothy Hipp





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Tyler Reeves

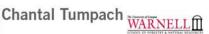




Matthew Sault









**Emily Caretti** 





**Lindsay Forintos** 









Mia White





Alex Helman





Sara Kelso





**Preston Bush** 



Ashley Jeckel





Brandon Outen



Daniela Agostini





John Johnson





Luke Huffines







Jennifer Baici









#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS**

This program was reviewed and approved for professional continuing education credits



Stop by the registration desk for any forms and assistance.

# SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NOW OPEN

Partnerships for
Conservation and
Community Impact
Throughout North America

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

RFP DEADLINE

www.sfiprogram.org/grants

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