

WHAT IS 3rd PARTY FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION?

1) Forest management certification:

- a) Complements Provincial & National forest management laws & regulations
- b) Is based on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) principles (balancing the environmental, economic & social values the forest provides)
- c) Is carried out by a third party Accredited Independent Certifier that assesses forestry operations against Forest Certification System standards
- d) Is applied to the management of a specific forest management unit
- e) Is based on on-going periodic audits of the forest management unit

2) Three forest management certification systems are used in BC & Canada

- a) All forest management certification systems have standards that reflect the current understanding of SFM
- b) Standards are not static & updated regularly to keep pace with new SFM knowledge & emerging concerns

3) Forest management certification benefits include:

- a) Consumers using certification product labeling in buying decisions
- b) Forest companies using certification to demonstrate commitment to SFM
- c) Communities using certification to influence forest management practices

4) Community involvement is required in FSC & CSA with encouragement to involve communities in the SFI Forest Certification System when applied within BC



SUSTAINABLE
FORESTRY
INITIATIVE





A Conversation on BC Forests

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