

DOWNIE TIMBER LTD.

Environmental and Sustainable Forest Management Policy

1. Sustainable Forestry:

Downie will 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:

Downie will 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:

Downie will protect water bodies and riparian zones, and to conform with best management practices to protect water quality.

4. Protection of Biological Diversity:

Downie will 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:

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

6. Protection of Special Sites:

Downie will manage forests and lands of special significance (ecologically, geologically or culturally important) in a manner that protects their integrity and takes into account their unique qualities.

7. Responsible Fiber Sourcing Practices in North America:

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

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

Downie will 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.

9. Legal Compliance:

Downie will comply with applicable federal, provincial, state, and local forestry, environmental and social laws, statutes, and regulations.

10. Research:

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

11. Training and Education:

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

12. Public Involvement:

Downie will broaden the practice of sustainable forestry on public lands through community involvement.

13. Transparency:

Downie will broaden the understanding of forest certification to the SFI 2010-2014 Standard by documenting certification audits and making the findings publicly available.

14. Continual Improvement:

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

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