

The Toll-Free Number and SFI Program Goals

Public questions over harvesting and forestry practices are at an all time high. Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Program Participants have committed to integrate public concerns and expectations into the way they manage forest lands.



As part of the SFI Program, SFI Participants are making available a toll-free number to respond to questions about site-specific forest practices that appear inconsistent with SFI standards.

If an SFI Participant owns the land or is buying the wood from a site that is questioned, that company will follow up on the call.

The toll-free number has been established to foster a dialogue with the public on forest practices and to facilitate the use of good forestry practices. SFI Program Participants want to understand the issues of public concern and identify areas for improvement. Another goal of this program is to inform the public about the good forestry practices.

This is not an enforcement program. It is a commitment to practice responsible forestry, to recognize responsible wood harvesters, and to educate and inform people about good forest practices. It represents a partnership between loggers, landowners, and wood buyers. The focus of this program is to address concerns so that responsible forestry can continue. At the same time, this program recognizes the rights and concerns of Maine's 180,000 private forest landowners.

One of the basic principles of SFI is to encourage third party input into the way companies do business. That is why if you have a site-specific question, we invite you to call.... All calls are confidential.

SFI Guidelines

On Company lands...

- Employ an array of scientifically, environmentally and economically sound practices in the growth, harvest and use of forests.
- Reforest harvested areas promptly.
- Protect water quality through riparian protection measures.
- Enhance wildlife habitat for game and non-game species.
- Minimize the aesthetic impact of harvesting.
- Protect company lands of ecologic, geologic, or historical significance.
- Contribute to biodiversity conservation.
- Improve wood utilization.
- Use forest chemicals prudently.

On all forest lands...

- Foster the practice of sustainable forestry on all forest lands through cooperation with nonindustrial forest landowners, foresters, loggers and other forest industries.

With the public...

- Publicly report progress with SFI implementation.
- Increase opportunities for public outreach with SFI.

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Other SFI Programs

In Maine, 19 companies are committed to the principles of SFI. Together, these companies own or manage over 6 million acres of forest lands in Maine.

Within Maine, implementation of SFI level practices is coordinated and directed by a committee that meets four times a year. This committee includes loggers, wood brokers, SFI Participant and non-participant companies, sawmills, Tree Farmers, small woodlot owners, state agencies and others.

The groups' activities have:

Promoted the Certified Logging Professional Program (CLP) and the importance of professionalism in the logging community.

Developed outreach materials for loggers, suppliers, landowners and the public.

Documented how companies are working through SFI to implement changes



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