



The New Hampshire SFI Implementation Committee (NHSIC) invites you to a forestry and sawmill field day on Sept. 23 in New London, N.H. Field day participants will learn how the forest management standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) apply to small woodlots managing for wildlife, timber, and recreation within the Tree Farm program. In addition, participants will learn how the SFI wood procurement standard applies to an Eastern White Pine sawmill purchasing saw logs under an SFI fiber sourcing certification program. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. with registration at Wheeler Hall on Colby-Sawyer College's New London campus. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. with news and updates from SFI Inc. and the N.H. Tree Farm Program. There will also be a formal recognition of one of the state's newest participants in the N.H. Tree Farm Program – Colby-Sawyer College. After the recognition, participants will learn about how the Town of New London plans to manage the Town's Low Plain Forest (Tree Farm certification is pending).

Following a complimentary lunch, there will be field tours of the Low-Plain Forest and Durgin and Crowell's Eastern White Pine sawmill. Tours conclude at 4:00 p.m. To see a complete agenda go to, www.nhsfi.org.

The morning session and tours have been assigned 4.5 Society of American Foresters category 1 CFE credits and 8.0 N.H. Professional Loggers Program certification credits.

Because space is limited and the NHSIC is providing lunch, please RSVP. (Free)

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The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) program is an independent, non-profit, charitable organization with a science-based, internationally recognized forest management standard developed specifically for North America. The SFI program is based on the premise that responsible environmental behavior and sound business decisions can coexist to the benefit of communities, customers and the environment, today and for future generations. The SFI program responds to local needs and issues across North America through its network of State Implementation Committees. In New Hampshire, this committee is made up of forest-product companies, landowners, logging contractors, university representatives, conservation organizations and forestry associations.

The SFI 2010-2014 Standard promotes sustainable forest management, with measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value. More than 2,500 individuals and organizations are meeting the tough SFI requirements and/or working with the program to strengthen forest practices and fiber sourcing. They include forest products companies, industrial and family forest owners, conservation groups, universities, public agencies, manufacturers, retailers, printers, resource professionals and many others who share a passion for responsible forest management.

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1-888-SFI-GOAL

If you have questions or concerns about ANY forest practices in New Hampshire or Maine, or if you want information about forest tours being offered in these two states, PLEASE call 1-888-SFI-GOAL.



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SFI Standard Overview

The SFI Standard is a comprehensive system of principles, values, objectives, performance measures and indicators developed by professional foresters, conservationists and scientists – and include a commitment to continuously improve sustainable forest management. To be certified, forest operations must be third-party audited to these requirements by an independent, accredited certification body.

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) is a forest certification program built on the premise that responsible environmental policy and sound business practices can be integrated to benefit forest products companies, shareholders, customers and the people they serve. Companies participating in SFI agree to adhere to a set of forestry principles that call for a land stewardship ethic which integrates the reforestation, nurturing, and harvesting of trees for useful products with the conservation of soil, air and water resources, wildlife and fish habitat, and forest aesthetics.

The SFI program is run by an independent North American non-profit organization, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. (SFI, Inc.) with a balanced, multi-stakeholder Board of Directors governing over the SFI Standard and all aspects of the program, including chain of custody certification and labeling, marketing and promotion. The diversity of the board members reflects the variety of interests in the forestry community. Board representatives come from environmental and conservation organizations, public officials, professional and academic groups, forest products industry, independent logging professionals and forest landowners. This balance ensures that the SFI Program protects the economic, environmental and social needs of our forests and communities.

At the heart of the SFI program is the SFI Standard. This document lays out the forestry principles companies must agree to follow. In addition to forestry principles the SFI Standard also establishes protocols for participants to follow if they wish to use the SFI label on forest derived consumer products (paper products and lumber).

One requirement of the standard is the establishment of state-based public feedback loops where individuals who have a concern or question about a specific forestry project or the SFI program in general can get answers. SFI participants in Maine and New Hampshire developed a 1-888 number for this purpose.



The 14 core principles of the SFI 2015-2019 Standard:
(link to standard www.sfiprogram.org/files/2019-standardsandrules-web-lr-pdf/)

1. Sustainable Forestry
2. Forest Productivity and Health
3. Protection of Water Resources
4. Protection of Biological Diversity
5. Aesthetics and Recreation
6. Protection of Special Sites
7. Responsible Fiber Sourcing Practices (North America)
8. Avoidance of Controversial Sources, including Illegal Logging (Offshore)
9. Legal Compliance
10. Research
11. Training and Education
12. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility
13. Transparency
14. Continual Improvement