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SPI Policy on SFI 2022 Standard

Objective 8 – Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples Rights

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It is the policy of Sierra Pacific Industries to recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples rights in all aspects of its operations consistent with state and federal laws and forest practice regulations.

In California, Timber Harvesting Permits contain a Confidential Archaeological Addendum that incorporates comprehensive review and protection measures for archaeological sites – many of which are related to Indigenous Peoples. The Addendum requires a survey of timber harvesting areas for archaeological sites and requires checking Native American records for potential sites that might be known in the harvesting area. A robust analysis and communications process follows with the Native American Heritage Commission and affected Tribes. All significant sites must be protected during timber harvesting and related activities.

In Washington, in addition to the state laws protecting archaeological sites, the forest practices rules ([WAC 222-20-120](#)) require DNR to notify tribes in Washington of forest practices applications that have been submitted in areas where one or more tribes have identified an interest. If a cultural resource is present within the boundaries of the FPA/N, the landowner is required to contact the tribe and set up a meeting. The objective of the meeting between the landowner and tribe(s) is for the parties to agree on a plan to protect the cultural resource(s). If an archaeological site is present, agreement on a plan is required before harvesting can occur.

In Oregon, In Oregon the State Historic Preservation Office (OSHPO) manages the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Forest operations notifications, required by the Oregon Forest Practices Act, initiate communication between the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the landowner where forest operations occur. ODF works with OSHPO and tribes to protect cultural resources in forests by working directly with forestland owners to identify and protect known and unknown sites and artifacts. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provides statewide agency leadership to protect cultural resources. ORS 358.905 to 358. 961; ORS 390.235 to 390.240 and ORS 527.710.

Sierra Pacific Industries will abide by the following provisions of the 2022 SFI Standard:

Performance Measure 8.1. *Certified Organizations shall recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights.*

Indicators:

1. *Certified Organizations* shall develop and implement a written *policy* acknowledging a commitment to recognize and respect the rights of *Indigenous Peoples*. This *policy* shall provide reference to a *program* that includes:
 - a. use of available resources and information to identify the *Indigenous Peoples* whose rights may be affected by the *Certified Organization's* forest management activities.
 - b. recognition of the established framework of legal, customary, and traditional rights such as outlined in:
 - i. the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - ii. federal, provincial, and state laws and regulations;
 - iii. treaties, agreements or other constructive arrangements among governments and *Indigenous Peoples*.
 - c. appropriate training of personnel and contractors so that the *Certified Organization* is competent to fulfill their responsibilities under Objective 8 of the Forest Management Standard.
2. The written *policy* shall be publicly available.

Performance Measure 8.2. *Certified Organizations* with forest management responsibilities on public lands shall confer with *Indigenous Peoples* whose rights may be affected by the *Certified Organization's* forest management practices.

Indicator:

1. *Program* that includes communicating with affected *Indigenous Peoples* to enable *Certified Organizations* to:
 - a. understand and respect *traditional forest-related knowledge*;
 - b. identify and *protect* spiritually, historically, or *culturally important* sites; ss the use of *non-timber forest products* of value;
 - d. communicate through processes that respect their representative institutions, using appropriate protocols;
 - e. provide opportunities to review forest management plans and forest management practices; and
 - f. respond to inquiries and concerns received.

Performance Measure 8.3. *Certified Organizations* are encouraged to communicate with and shall respond to *Indigenous Peoples* whose rights may be affected by forest management practices on the *Certified Organization's* private lands.

Indicators:

1. *Certified Organizations* are aware of *traditional forest-related knowledge*, such as known cultural heritage sites, the use of wood in traditional buildings and crafts, and flora that may be used in cultural practices for food, ceremonies, or medicine.
2. Respond to *Indigenous Peoples'* inquiries and concerns received.