

Sierra Pacific Industries

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Dear Supplier

Sierra Pacific Industries has always demonstrated a commitment to sustainable forestry practices. In addition, SPI has gone a step further by certifying its forest practices under the independent Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). SPI is committed to meeting the goals and objectives of the SFI 2022 Standards and Rules. SPI believes forest landowners have an important stewardship responsibility and a commitment to society, and we recognize the importance of maintaining viable commercial, family forest, and conservation forest land bases. SPI supports sustainable forestry on forestland they manage and promote it on other lands. SPI supports efforts to safeguard private property rights, and to help all private landowners manage their forestland sustainably.

We follow the SFI Principles and Objectives to guide management of our own forestlands and for the procurement of raw material for our manufacturing facilities. To that end, we have adopted the following policies:

- All logs & chips supplied to our plants which originate from nonfederal land, other than lands owned or controlled by Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), must have written verification to show that they were produced in compliance with the State Forest Practices Act and other laws and regulations applicable to forestry operations. In addition, we encourage all suppliers to comply with the SFI 2022 Standards and Rules, which strives to maximize the use of Best Management Practices.
- All logs & chips supplied to our plants originating from federal lands must have written verification to show that they are in compliance with all applicable federal and state statutes.

Additionally, we encourage the use of Qualified Logging Professionals (QLP) and qualified resource professionals (where available) in applying *principles* of sustainable forest management on forest lands. In California, a QLP is defined as a person who is a Licensed Timber Operator (LTO) in the State of California and is either a current Certified Logger SM under the Loggers Association of Northern California or a Pro Logger under the Associated California Loggers. In Washington, a QLP is: (a) an individual who is a current Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA) Master Logger Professional or (b) an individual who is directly supervised by an individual that is a current WCLA Master Logger Professional and has completed the Forest Practice Act and first aid sections of the MLP curriculum and has completed at least four (4) hours of related training in each subsequent year. In Oregon a QLP is a Oregon Professional Logger program certified operator company that has fulfilled the standards for Master Logger Certification.

At the webpage:

<u>http://www.spi-ind.com/OurForests/SustainableForestInitiative</u> an overview of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative is provided. Also a link to the SFI web site – <u>www.sfiprogram.org</u> can be found at this address. At the webpage: http://www.spi-ind.com/OurForests/SFI_TimberContractorSupplierInformation more information regarding SPI practices that support the SFI principles can be found.