

## Policy and Standards Forum Forest Stewardship Council– US



Dear FSC Stakeholders,

We understand that the uncertainty around the FSC US Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment (US NRA) must be frustrating and of concern to many of you. We want to assure you that we are continuing to work on your behalf to finalize a US NRA that will result in effective risk mitigation and will be workable for the companies that depend on it within our unique and complex US context.

Since our last communication in December 2018, FSC US has been actively engaged with FSC International to reconcile the conditions for approval that we received from them. Last week, we submitted a revised final draft US NRA and additional supplementary materials to FSC International that we believe will address all remaining conditions for approval. This revised final draft and a summary of changes (compared with the draft submitted for approval in June 2018) are now available on the FSC US website (<https://us.fsc.org/en-us/certification/controlled-wood/fsc-us-controlled-wood-national-risk-assessment-us-nra>).

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **The US NRA for the conterminous United States has not yet been approved**
- **The 6-month time period for companies to incorporate the US NRA into their due diligence system has not yet begun**
- **Companies that source from the conterminous United States are not yet required to use the US NRA. However, they may adapt their due diligence system to use the revised final draft if they wish, following Clause 3.1.1.b of the Controlled Wood standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1)**

We are working to hire a consultant who will assist FSC US staff to incorporate Alaska and Hawaii into the US NRA. The timeline is challenging, but we are striving for completion of this 'Part 2' US NRA by June 30 so companies that source controlled wood from these states will not need to develop extended company risk assessments in order to continue sourcing.

We have received confirmation from FSC International that companies using NRAs that were approved prior to June 30, 2019 will have the full 6 months to incorporate the NRA into their due diligence system. This means that once the US NRA for the conterminous United States ('Part 1') is approved, companies that will be using that risk assessment

will have the full 6 months to transition from their company-developed risk assessment to the US NRA, even if that means continuing to use their company risk assessment past June 30. The same will apply to 'Part 2' of the US NRA.

You can find additional information at <https://us.fsc.org/en-us/certification/controlled-wood/fsc-us-controlled-wood-national-risk-assessment-us-nra>. I will continue to provide you with updates on these topics as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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