

## Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Due Diligence:

### Company Name - Notice to Suppliers

#### Introduction

As part of our certification to the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), **company name** participates in the FSC Controlled Wood (CW) program for our procurement of non-certified **logs and lumber**. The FSC Controlled Wood standard (FSC-STD-40-005 v.3-1) requires that we employ a Due Diligence System (DDS) to minimize the likelihood that will source wood from ethically and legally unacceptable sources.

In order to implement this program, and conform to other requirements of FSC certification, we request your assistance in the following areas.

#### FSC National Risk Assessment

The US affiliate of FSC has published a National Risk Assessment (US-NRA) for sourcing wood products in the USA. It can be downloaded, along with supporting documentation at this site: <https://us.fsc.org/en-us/certification/controlled-wood/fsc-us-controlled-wood-national-risk-assessment-us-nra>

The US-NRA includes a finding of “Specified” risk for a limited set of conservation concerns within our sourcing region, summarized in the table below.

SPEC. RISK	REGION						Geographic Scope	Type
	SE	Mississippi	Appalach.	Osark	Rody Mts	Pac Coast		
Conversion	X	X				X	region-wide	other
Mesophytic Cove Sites			X				region-wide	habitat
Native LL Pine	X						region-wide	habitat
Late Succ. Bottom HWs	X	X		X			region-wide	habitat
Central Appal. CBA			X				region-wide	CBA
Sthn. Appal. CBA	X						large (TN, AL, GA)	CBA
Florida Panhandle CBA	X						moderate (FL)	CBA
Central Florida CBA	X						moderate (FL)	CBA
Cape Fear Arch CBA	X						narrow (NC)	CBA
Houston Toad	X						moderate (TX)	RTE
Patch-nosed Salamander	X						narrow (GA, SC)	RTE
Dusky Gopher Frog	X						narrow (MS)	RTE
Cheoah Bald Salamander			X				narrow (NC)	RTE
Old Growth Forests					X	X	region-wide	habitat
Central CA CBA						X	large (CA, NV)	CBA
Klamath-Siskiyou CBA						X	moderate (CA, OR)	CBA
Lesser Slender Salamander						X	narrow (CA)	RTE
RTE = Rare, Threatened, Endangered species								
CBA = Critical Biodiversity Area								

Conversion refers to forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use and is identified on the first line of the table. The rest of the Specified Risk categories are identified as “High Conservation Values” (abbreviated HCV).

Company letterhead

## **Company Name** DDS Policies

**HCV Policy:** **We** consider areas where forest management activities may threaten High Conservation Values (HCV) to be undesirable. We request our suppliers to avoid these sources when possible, or to appropriately mitigate the threats. In both cases, we request appropriate prior notification.

**Conversion Policy:** **We** acknowledge that significant conversion of forest to plantation or non-forest use may have negative impacts on social, economic, and/or environmental values. For this reason, we intend to avoid sourcing from forest conversion that is not both legal and limited. We request appropriate notification from our suppliers about such sources.

## **Information Sharing**

**Company Name** procurement staff will request basic information about the **logs and lumber** you sell us, including general information about its geographic origin and information related to our risk-based DDS. We request and appreciate your collaboration in this process and prompt updates when information changes.

The FSC community is gathering and producing guidance and resource material that promotes responsible and sustainable practices related to the risk categories noted above. **Company Name** has retained the assistance of an industry consultant who will be helping us share and distribute this information as available. We welcome your input, comments, and feedback.

## **Acknowledgement**

Please acknowledge your receipt of this notice for our records. Thank you.

**Received & acknowledged by:**

**Supplier name:**

**Date:**