

Sustainable Use of Forest Space: Aligning with Forest Stewardship® FSC® and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® SFI® Standards

The Campus Forest, achieved both FSC and SFI certification in 2024, ensuring activities and management in the forest protect biodiversity, confirm sustainable harvesting, and safe-guard long-term ecosystem health.

The guidelines below are intended to direct users to ensure that activities fall within the parameters outlined within certification standards:

Key Guidelines:

1. **Permission for Cutting, in-water work, or other activities causing alteration to the forest ecosystem:** Obtain written approval before any tree cutting or other similar work to ensure compliance with the forest management plan and certification requirement.
2. **Wear PPE:** Proper safety gear (hard hats, eye protection, gloves, boots) is mandatory for all personnel involved in forest operations. This is both a legal and certification requirement. **Anyone operating a chainsaw must be trained.**
3. **Install Signage:** Place signs at forest entrances and key areas to inform workers and the public about activities, protected zones, and potential hazards.
4. **Protect the Site:** Limit activities and impacts to the smallest reasonable area and do not leave any garbage or other debris behind
5. **Structures:** Any temporary structures that have been erected should be taken down.
6. **Document Activities:** Record details of forest activities (e.g., trees cut, wildlife protection measures) to maintain certifications compliance.
 - ï **Sample Report:** On October 7, 2024, five mature trees were selectively harvested in (location) of forest to enhance regeneration and ecosystem health. All safety protocols were followed, signage posted, and necessary permissions obtained.

Agreement:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the above conditions related to the sustainable use of forest space in alignment with FSC and SFI standards.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This document helps maintain our commitment to sustainable practices, ensuring responsible stewardship of our forest resources.