



# Starfire & You

## Managing Forests for a Sustainable Future

Starfire Requires All Suppliers To:

- Promptly reforest after final harvest.
- Comply with applicable federal, provincial, state, and local forestry and related social and environmental laws and regulations.
- Protect water quality in rivers, streams, lakes, other water bodies, and maintain productive soils.
- Manage the visual impacts of forest operations and provide recreational opportunities for the public.
- Promote the conservation of native biological diversity, including species, wildlife habitat and ecological community types.

Starfire Lumber Co. continues to be a leader in developing the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) standard. This standard is supported by large and small forest landowners, loggers, universities, state and private foresters, conservation groups and other interested in promoting environmentally sound forest practices. Starfire follows SFI principles and guidelines in our forests and encourages other private landowners to participate in forest management certification programs.

The SFI standard is based on an expectation that forest landowners have an important stewardship responsibility, a commitment to society, and they recognize the importance of maintaining viable commercial, family, and conservation forest land bases. The standard requires the support of sustainable forestry practices and its promotion on other lands. It supports private property rights and provides help to all private landowners managing their forest lands.

These laws are among the most exacting in the nation, setting high, mandatory standards for forestry operations regarding:

- Long-term forest productivity and yield based on the use of the best scientific information available.
- Long-term forest productivity, carbon storage, and conservation of forest resources through prompt reforestation, soil conservation, afforestation, and other measures.
- Protecting water quality in rivers, streams, lakes and other water bodies.

- Managing the quality and distribution of wildlife habitat and contribute to the conservation of biological diversity.

Forest regulation in Oregon and Washington are complex. Prior to harvesting, landowners should always review the Forest Practices Act requirements or consult with a professional forester.

In addition to complying with best management practices, you can protect the environment and improve the value of your forestlands through actions such as:

- Forest management planning at a level appropriate to the size of your operation.
- Utilizing the services of forest management and harvesting professionals.
- Utilizing the services of certified logging professionals.
- Prompt reforestation, soil conservation, afforestation and other measures.
- Retaining stand-level wildlife habitat elements such as snags, stumps, mast trees, down woody, den trees and nest trees.
- Using experts to identify appropriate protection measures for riparian areas, rivers, streams, lakes and other water bodies.
- Managing the visual impacts of forest operations and provide recreational opportunities for the public.
- Managing harvest residue (e.g. slash, limbs, tops) considering economic, social environmental factors.
- Controlling invasive exotic plants and animals.
- Managing characteristics of special sites.

The SFI standard refers to sites associated with viable occurrences of critically imperiled and imperiled species and communities also known as Forest with Exceptional Conservation Value. Plans for protection may be developed independently or collaboratively, and may include Program Participants management, cooperation with other stakeholders, or use of easements, conservation land sales, exchanges, or other conservation strategies.

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## **Best Management Practices (BMPs)**

### Oregon:

- Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) – 503-229-6718 – [www.oregonforests.org](http://www.oregonforests.org) – “Oregon Forest Protection Laws: An Illustrated Manual”
- Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) – 503-945-7200 - [http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/PRIVATE\\_FORESTS/private\\_forests.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/PRIVATE_FORESTS/private_forests.shtml)

### Washington:

- Washington State Department of Natural Resources – 360-902-1400 – Forest Practices Illustrated - [http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/ForestPracticesRules/Pages/fp\\_fpi.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/ForestPracticesRules/Pages/fp_fpi.aspx)

### British Columbia:

- British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range – 604-660-2421 – Forest and Range Practices Act - <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legsregs/comptoc.htm>