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Center for Forest & Wood Certification

Forest Management Agreement Form

(CFWC-FM-03)

Between: Center for Forest and Wood Certification
Forest Management Section
213 T. P. Cooper Bldg.
Lexington, KY 40546-0073

And: _____
Name

Location:

This agreement applies to those lands owned by the landowner described as _____
_____, in _____
_____ County(ies), in the state of _____.

Landowner and Property Information:

Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Street
_____ City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Home
_____ Work or Cell

Email Address: _____

Property Size: _____ Acres

Property Address: _____ Street
(if different from mailing) _____ City, State, Zip Code

The landowner and the Center understand the following:

The landowner agrees to:

- Approve a Forest Management Plan for the property.
- Commit to sustaining a well-managed forest and supporting and managing to the standards, principles and policies of the certification systems enrolled in (1).
- Ensure that all forest management activities carried out on the property under his/her direction are in compliance with the forest management plan and the standards.
- Notify the Center if there are changes to an approved forest management plan.
- All costs associated with the management plan, including inventory, will be the responsibility of the landowner.
- Pay initial and annual membership fees to the Center to assist with the administration of the certification program.
- Pay all associated fees, taxes, and royalties with owning and managing the certified property
- Grant access to the property to Center and certification body representatives to review compliance with the forest management plan and the certification standards.
- Take prompt actions to rectify non-compliance with the forest management plan and certification standards.
- Provide the Center with record of harvests within certified land even if timber was not sold as certified.
- To pay for any contracted services related to forest management activities, such as those provided by foresters, loggers, tree planters, or others.
- To contract with service providers that understand and are willing and able to maintain the standards.
- To understand and abide by all current Group Certification Program policies and operational guidelines as defined in the Operations Manual.
- To understand and comply with all improvement and critical observation, suspension or termination procedures relevant to meeting the certification standards and as outlined in the Operations Manual.
- Notify the Center in writing 30 days prior to removing your land from the certified pool

(1) Certification through the Center means that you are typically dual certified through both the Forest Stewardship Council and American Tree Farm System. There are instances where you may be only enrolled in one or the other. Regardless, for the certification system(s) you are enrolling in it means that you are making a reasonable commitment adhere to FSC's principals, criteria, and policies and in the standards of sustainability of the American Forest Foundation.

The Center agrees to:

- Provide each landowner with a copy of the approved certification system standards for forest management and make available the Center's Operations Manual
- Assess management plan and property to ensure compliance with certification standards.
- Provide the landowner with lists of forest workers and sample agreements and contracts for various forest operators.

- Maintain records of landowner including approved management plan, this agreement, timber harvest records, or any other relevant documentation to maintain group certification.
- Notify landowner when there has been a non-compliance with the standards.
- Pay all costs associated with maintaining the **group** certificate.

It is mutually agreed by the Center and the landowner that:

- The Center is not liable for any injury or damages that may be incurred by the landowner or any forest workers during the duration of membership in the forest certification program.
- The landowner is not liable for any injury or damages that may be incurred by any Center personnel during the duration of membership in the forest certification program.
- The Center does not guarantee a price premium, the sale, or any potential agreements with timber buyers of certified timber off of the landowner’s property.
- This agreement shall remain in effect for the term of the forest certification program or until written request for removal is received from the landowner.
- The Center will not distribute contact information without the consent of participating forest owner, except for public ownership types.

Landowner(s):

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Date

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name	Signature	Date

Center for Forest and Wood Certification

_____	_____	_____
Forest Section Administrator	Signature	Date

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