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# The PA SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC)

*The following article appeared in the Spring 2008 edition of "The Pinchot Letter", the newsletter of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation. We found the article to be very thoughtful and thought-provoking about an issue which has impacted, or will do so, each and every one of us. Perhaps the greatest impact of these current events will befall our future generations. We thank the Pinchot Institute for allowing us to reprint this article here.*

## Confronting the Loss of America's Forests: Where are Our Priorities?

Written by V. Alaric Sample, President - Pinchot Institute for Conservation

*Why does it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone? – Joni Mitchell*

Not long after coming to the Pinchot Institute, I was asked what I thought had been Gifford Pinchot's greatest contribution to forestry and conservation in the United States. Was it the introduction of scientific forestry from Europe to the US, establishing sustained-yield management in place of cut-and-run forest exploitation? Was it the founding of the US Forest Service, a spirited agency free of the corruption that characterized the US Department of the Interior at the time, and dedicated to serving "the greatest good, for the greatest number, in the long run"? Was it the establishment of what is now the nation's oldest school of forestry at Yale, or the first professional society for American foresters?

Valuable though all these accomplishments may be, Pinchot's greatest and most enduring legacy to the American people may be that he set in motion the process that has today given us 192 million acres of publicly-owned National Forests, to be protected and sustainably managed for the benefit of all Americans in perpetuity.

Yet, as visionary as Pinchot was, it is fair to say that even he recognized only a small part of the true value of these forest lands. The 1897 Organic Act recognized only two purposes for which these forests were to be managed: protecting the headwaters of navigable rivers, and providing an uninterrupted supply of timber, particularly for homebuilding. In time, however, the nation would recognize the value of the National Forests for other public purposes: wildlife, recreation, forage, wilderness, habitat for rare species, and most recently for mitigating climate change. Were the National Forests sequestering and storing carbon in Pinchot's day? Of course they were—society just didn't realize it or value it at the time. What else are forests doing at this very moment, quietly and unnoticed, that help to ensure our own long-term sustainability? What other forest ecosystem functions are there that benefit us today, but that will only be fully appreciated by our descendants a century from now?

Whatever those functions might be, we can count ourselves enormously fortunate that our National Forests will still be there years from now, serving our needs in ways that today we can only guess. We might argue strenuously among ourselves over the proper use of these public forests and their resources, as well we should in a free and democratic society. But at the end of the day, these lands remain protected from development and exploitation. They will serve the needs of the next generation as well as they have served this generation and those that have gone before. In a very real sense, the value of the contribution that Pinchot and his contemporaries made in establishing the National Forests was truly infinite.

But as extensive as America's public forests may be, they represent less than a quarter of the nation's total area of productive forest land. What of the other three-quarters that is in private ownership? The good news is that these forests too have been providing an almost infinite array of public goods and services, as well as private income, for all these decades, at little or no cost to the taxpayer. The bad news is that all this is changing quickly, with consequences that we cannot fully predict.

For more than a decade, America has been losing its forests and open space at an average of more than 3,000 acres each day—that's roughly four acres each minute. Once forests have been converted to housing subdivisions and shopping malls they are essentially gone forever. Who can tell what public values have also disappeared along with the forests themselves—watershed values, wildlife habitat, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recre-

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The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program is a voluntary, industry driven effort developed to ensure that future generations will have the same abundant, healthy, and productive forests we enjoy today. Created in 1995 by the American Forest & Paper Association (the national trade organization representing the United States forest products industry), SFI is a program of comprehensive forestry and conservation practices, which now functions under SFI, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

In order to broaden the practice of sustainable forestry in our state, an Implementation Committee was formed to develop the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania. Today, the PA SFI program works to ensure the progress of the national initiative, here in Pennsylvania.

### SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) Members

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## Confronting the Loss of America's Forests:

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ation opportunities? How much forest capacity for mitigating climate change are we losing, just when it is dawning on us how important this may be to our own future?

Even when forest land is converted with the best of intentions, the unintended negative consequences can be significant. A recent study by researchers at Princeton University and the University of Minnesota found that the conversion of forests releases large amounts of stored carbon, and also destroys their capacity for future carbon sequestration—so much so that, even if the land is replanted to bioenergy crops destined to offset the use of fossil fuels, it can take as much as 350 years for these biofuels to offset just the carbon released in the conversion process itself. It is estimated that, worldwide, forest conversion is responsible for as much as one-fifth of all human-induced greenhouse gas emissions—a source of carbon emissions greater than all the cars in the world combined. Clearly we need to think twice before contributing to a further net loss of forests, even for what may at first appear to be worthy purposes.

In national and state forest policy in the US, we've developed a wide range of mechanisms to encourage the conservation and sustainable management of private forests—financial incentives, cost-share programs, preferential property taxes, conservation easements, income tax credits, and tax deductions for forest land donations to public agencies or qualified nonprofit organizations. State governments are stepping in with new ideas, such as a revolving loan fund for private woodland owners in recognition that ownership fragmentation and land conversion often take place as a result of short-term financial needs such as a family medical crisis. Others are attempting to stem the overall loss of forest cover while still affording opportunities for responsible development through “no net loss” policies for private forests.

Some are pinning their hopes on carbon credits to make private woodland ownership financially viable in the future, while others grasp still further to the possibility of selling credits for ecosystem services, such as protecting water quality. The list of willing suppliers of ecosystem services credits is large, but the potential buyers are for the most part yet to be identified. In the absence of a substantial policy intervention to stimulate the development of new markets, demand will be limited to voluntary “good will” purchasers. Innovative approaches such as these hold great promise, but their real-world effectiveness at a meaningful scale will not be proven for some time to come.

In the meantime, we already have an array of federal/state cooperative programs, such as Forest Legacy, that were developed expressly to reduce the conversion and fragmentation of private forest lands. Forest Legacy is focused on facilitating state acquisition of conservation easements on high-value forests under imminent threat of development. It was initiated when most of the forest industry lands in the US, at one time about 15 percent of the nation's productive forest land, was being sold off to private investors. Since its first appropriations in 1992, the Forest Legacy Program has conserved more than one and a half million acres across 35 states and territories.

There is broad agreement that Forest Legacy is both effective and cost-efficient in achieving its objectives—when it is adequately funded. In the President's Budget for 2009, funding for the Forest Legacy Program is reduced to \$12.5 million, compared with \$60 million in 2007 and \$30 million in 2008. Other federal/state cooperative programs aimed at conserving and sustainably managing private woodlands have been slashed an average of 60 percent.

This year, US military spending is expected to top \$750 billion, more than the current military expenditures of all the rest of the world's nations combined. As the experience of some of our former Cold War adversaries demonstrates, it is possible for even a superpower to defeat itself from within if government funding priorities become skewed. Considering the magnitude of public values—known and unknown—that are lost forever as millions of acres of America's private forests are cleared for development, it is indeed time to re-examine our priorities and ensure that the public interest embodied within intact, well-managed, private forests is served.



# Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® SIC

## Block 2 Schedule 2008: August 11 to October 17

**CORE COURSES** (Must complete Environmental Logging, Logging Safety and First Aid/CPR to complete SFI Core Training Requirements. First Aid/CPR may be taken through other entities. To receive credit, send us a copy of your First Aid/CPR cards.) **PLEASE NOTE: Continuing Education Credit will no longer be awarded for any of the CORE Courses.**

Course Date	Course Name	Location	Registration Deadline	Cost
Weds. 8/27/08	Logging Safety	Structural Modulars, Inc., Strattanville	Weds. 8/20/08	\$55.00
Weds. 9/3/08	Environmental Logging	Structural Modulars, Inc., Strattanville	Weds. 8/27/08	\$55.00
Fri. 9/5/08	Environmental Logging	Jefferson Co. Conservation Dist. Office, Hazen	Fri. 8/29/08	\$55.00
Tues. 9/9/08	Logging Safety	Craftmaster, Towanda	Tues. 9/2/08	\$55.00
Fri. 9/12/08	Logging Safety	DCNR Office, Penfield	Fri. 9/5/08	\$55.00
Weds. 9/17/08	Environmental Logging	BOF Office, Wellsboro	Weds. 9/10/08	\$55.00
Thur. 9/18/08	Logging Safety	Penn State Cooperative Ext. Bldg., Youngsville	Thur. 9/11/08	\$55.00
Fri. 9/26/08	Environmental Logging	Norwich Firehall, Crosby	Fri. 9/19/08	\$55.00
Tues. 9/30/08	Environmental Logging	Warriors Mark UMC, Warriors Mark	Tues. 9/23/08	\$55.00
Weds. 10/1/08	Logging Safety	Apple Bin Restaurant, Fishertown	Weds. 9/24/08	\$55.00
Weds. 10/1/08	Logging Safety	Warriors Mark UMC, Warriors Mark	Weds. 9/24/08	\$55.00
Thur. 10/2/08	FA/CPR	Warriors Mark UMC, Warriors Mark	Thur. 9/25/08	\$60.00
Thur. 10/2/08	Logging Safety	BOF Office, Wellsboro	Thur. 9/25/08	\$55.00

**CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES:** (1) year of credit is given for a 4-hr.\* course and (2) years of credit is given for an 8-hr. course as per SFI Training Letter dated 1/5/07.

Course Date	Course Name	Location	Registration Deadline	Cost
Mon. 8/11/08	Game of Logging 1	Middleburg IGA Parking Lot, Middleburg	Mon. 8/4/08	\$120.00
Tues. 8/12/08	Game of Logging 5	Middleburg IGA Parking Lot, Middleburg	Tues. 8/5/08	\$120.00
Sat. 9/6/08	Game of Logging 1	Venus, PA	Fri. 8/29/08	\$120.00
Tues. 9/9/08	Sustainable Forestry I	Middle Creek PGC Site, Schaefferstown	Tues. 9/2/08	\$75.00
Tues. 9/9/08	Wildlife	DCNR Office, Emporium	Tues. 9/2/08	\$75.00
Tues. 9/23/08	CE Update Class*	Apple Bin Restaurant, Fishertown	Tues. 9/16/08	\$40.00
Tues. 9/23/08	Game of Logging 1	DCNR Office, Penfield	Tues. 9/16/08	\$120.00
Thur. 9/25/08	CE Update Class*	BOF Office, Laughlintown	Thur. 9/18/08	\$40.00
Tues. 10/7/08	Buying Standing Timber**	Kane/Johnsonburg Area	Tues. 9/30/08	\$75.00
Tues. 10/7/08	CE Update Class*	Warriors Mark UMC, Warriors Mark	Tues. 9/30/08	\$40.00
Weds. 10/8/08	Buying Standing Timber**	BOF Office, Huntingdon	Weds. 10/1/08	\$75.00
Thur. 10/9/08	Buying Standing Timber**	Craftmaster, Towanda	Thur. 10/2/08	\$75.00
Fri. 10/10/08	Job L/O & Profit. Skidding	Weaber Lumber, Lebanon	Fri. 10/3/08	\$90.00
Sat. 10/11/08	Game of Logging 2	Clarion, Forest or Jefferson Co. Area, TBA	Fri. 10/3/08	\$120.00
Tues. 10/14/08	Est. Standing Timber Vol.**	McKean/Warren Co. Area, TBA	Tues. 10/7/08	See Below
Weds. 10/15/08	Est. Standing Timber Vol.**	BOF Office, Laurelton	Weds. 10/8/08	See Below
Thur. 10/16/08	Est. Standing Timber Vol.**	Tunkhannock Area, TBA	Thur. 10/9/08	See Below

\*Indicates 4-hour Course

\*\*Indicates Northeastern Loggers' Association (NELA) Course - Cost of Estimating Standing Timber Volume is \$90.00 for NELA Members and \$110.00 for Non-Members.

For additional information, please contact the SFI office at (814) 867-9299 or Toll free at (888) 734-9366. You may also email us at [sfi@penn.com](mailto:sfi@penn.com). Upon receipt of your completed registration form and payment, participant will receive further, more detailed information regarding the classes.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: For the most up-to-date schedule, visit [www.sfiopa.org](http://www.sfiopa.org).**

**To Register for One or More of These Courses by Mail, Send Completed Form & Check (made out to PA SFI SIC) to:** 315 South Allen Street, Suite 418, State College, Pennsylvania 16801

Name Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Date & Location of Courses Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Use back for additional space)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ A Check is Enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SFI® INC. ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

**ARLINGTON, VA** – The independent Board of Directors for the non-profit Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Inc. (SFI) recently elected four new members to support its balanced approach to responsible forest management, including two environmental representatives.

The new board members are:

- Roger Sedjo, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future (environmental chamber)
- Mike Zagata, Executive Director and CEO, Ruffed Grouse Society (environmental chamber)
- Robert A. (Bob) Luoto, Independent Professional Loggers and the American Loggers Council (social chamber)
- Henry (Hank) Ketcham, Chairman, President and CEO, West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (economic chamber)

Rick R. Holley, President & CEO, Plum Creek Timber Company Inc., was elected chair of the board. The other new officers are Marvin Brown, State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry, as vice chair and Mary Motlow, President & COO, Cumberland Springs Land Co., as secretary-treasurer.

SFI Inc. is a registered charitable organization, and its independent board represents environmental, social and economic sectors equally. The board is totally responsible for the SFI program, including setting and implementing the SFI forest certification standard following a public review process. Current board members include representatives of environmental, conservation, professional and academic groups, independent loggers, small family forest landowners, public officials, labor and the forest products industry.

“The success of the SFI program, and one reason for its impressive growth, is its ability to bring people together to promote responsible forest management and provide the market with forest products from well-managed forests,” Holley said. “Our newest board members will continue the SFI program’s tradition of bringing all interests to the table, something that is especially important as we begin the review that will lead to the 2010-2014 SFI Standard.”

SFI Inc. is one of the largest sustainable forestry certification programs in the world, and is devoted to responsible forest management. Across North America, a total of 151.4 million acres (61.3 million hectares) are certified to the comprehensive SFI 2005-2009 Standard, which is based on principles and measures that promote sustainability, including measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk and forests with exceptional conservation value. The SFI certified content labeling program attests to the fact that the fiber in a product is from a well-managed source. In addition, SFI’s unique fiber sourcing requirements promote responsible forest management on all suppliers’ lands.

SFI Inc. President and CEO Kathy Abusow thanked John Luke Jr., Chairman and CEO of MWV, who chaired the SFI board during a time of transition and when the SFI program experienced immense growth in certifications and market awareness. She also thanked departing board members George Fenwick, President, the American Bird Conservancy, and Joe Young, President, Low Country Forest Products Inc., for their dedication to the SFI program.

SFI, Inc. Board of Directors

### **Board members representing the environmental sector, which includes non-profit environmental or conservation organizations:**

- Jerry McCollum, President and CEO, Georgia Wildlife Federation
- Roger Sedjo, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future
- Laurie A. Wayburn, President, The Pacific Forest Trust
- Steven A. Williams, President & CEO, Wildlife Management Institute
- Mike Zagata, Executive Director and CEO, Ruffed Grouse Society
- One vacancy

### **Board members representing the social sector, which includes community or social interest groups such as universities, labor, professional loggers, family forest owners or government agencies:**

- Marvin Brown (Vice Chair), State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry
- Mary Motlow (Secretary/Treasurer), President & COO, Cumberland Springs Land Co.
- R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International President, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
- Norm L. Christensen Jr., Professor of Ecology & Past Dean, Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University
- John Innes, FRBC Chair of Forest Management, University of British Columbia, Sustainable Forest Management Research Group
- Robert A. (Bob) Luoto, representing independent professional loggers and the American Loggers Council

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**Board members representing the economic sector, which includes the forest, paper and wood products industry or other for-profit forest ownership or management entities:**

- Rick R. Holley (Chair), President & CEO, Plum Creek Timber Company Inc.
- Matthew Donegan, Co-President, Forest Capital Partners LLC
- John Faraci, Chairman & CEO, International Paper Company
- Henry H. (Hank) Ketcham, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.
- Patrick J. Moore, Chairman, President & CEO, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
- Steven R. Rogel, Chairman of the Board, Weyerhaeuser Company

George Fenwick, President, American Bird Conservancy, and a former member of the SFI Inc. Board of Directors says:

**“The SFI program succeeds because it fosters collaboration - bringing together stakeholders from all walks of life - from environmental groups, from the academic community, from the forest sector.**

**Members of the SFI Board and its related committees share a commitment to responsible forest management. They work toward a common vision, finding real, tangible solutions to some of the most pressing environmental issues while at the same time providing the marketplace with the products they need day to day.”**

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**In our last newsletter, Winter Issue 2008, we published an article that talked about the expected increased demand for low-grade trees in the years ahead. This is anticipated, for the most part, because of the emphasis being placed on finding and utilizing renewable fuel resources. Wood chips are becoming more popular to produce energy for heating and cooling facilities such as schools, hospitals, prisons, and office buildings. The form below allows potential suppliers of this woody biomass to be placed on a list being developed by the PA SFI office. The list will be provided to parties exploring the prospect of or actually installing wood-fired energy systems so they can identify suppliers of their raw materials needs in their geographical area of PA. If you have submitted this information to us previously, it is not necessary to do so again.**

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## **LOW GRADE AND WOODY BIOMASS SUPPLIER REGISTRATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

County of Operation \_\_\_\_\_

Other Counties you wish to Serve \_\_\_\_\_

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - SFI External Review Panel - July 11, 2008**

### **GOERGEN ELECTED CHAIR OF SFI ® EXTERNAL REVIEW PANEL**

**ARLINGTON, VA** – Michael T. Goergen Jr., Executive Vice-President and CEO of the Society of American Foresters, has been elected chair of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative ® External Review Panel, a group of independent experts who provide external oversight of the SFI program.

“It is an honor to lead the panel as SFI Inc. embarks on a review process that will result in the SFI 2010-2014 Standard,” said Goergen, who assumed his new role today. “SFI Inc.’s willingness to work with conservation groups, forest managers, academics, product manufacturers, government agencies and so many other organizations has allowed the program to have a positive impact that goes far beyond SFI-certified forests in the United States and Canada.”

SFI Inc. and its many partners have created a solid, rigorous forest management standard, he said, and the panel “looks forward to making sure it continues to support countless forest values, such as clean water, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, wood products and aesthetics, today and into the future”.

Goergen, a member of the External Review Panel since 2003, replaces Richard W. (Dick) Brinker, Dean and Professor in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University, as panel chair. Dan Hayes of Michigan State University and Tammara Van Ryn of the Land Trust Accreditation Commission were elected vice-chairs.

The panel has advised the SFI program since 1995, providing an ongoing, independent, quality-oriented review of the program; advising the SFI Inc. Board of Directors on appropriate changes to help the program achieve its mission; and ensuring the SFI Inc. annual progress report is objective, meaningful and credible.

Its volunteer members represent environmental/conservation groups, professional/academic groups, and public agencies. Current members come from universities, government agencies, the Society of American Foresters, the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners, the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. A membership committee representing the three categories proposes a slate of candidates, selecting nominees for their individual expertise and experience.

SFI Inc. President and CEO Kathy Abusow welcomed Michael Goergen in his new role, and thanked Dick Brinker for his service. “External Review Panel members have consistently delivered the thoughtful, independent expert advice needed to build and maintain a comprehensive, science-based certification standard. The rapid growth in SFI certification shows forest managers and consumers alike recognize this.”

SFI Inc. ([www.sfiprogram.org](http://www.sfiprogram.org)) is responsible for a sustainable forestry certification program that is internationally recognized and among the largest in the world. Across North America, 152.5 million acres (61.7 million hectares) are certified to the SFI 2005-2009 Standard, which is based on principles and measures that promote sustainability, including measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk and forests with exceptional conservation value. The SFI Standard includes unique fiber sourcing requirements that promote responsible forest management on all suppliers’ lands. SFI Inc. also has chain-of-custody certification, which is used to tell buyers how much certified fiber is in a specific product.

## CORE TRAINING COMPLETED

Since January 2008, the following individuals have completed Core Level training with the PA SFI. Core Level Courses are FA/CPR, Logging Safety, and Environmental Logging.

Bill Althouse	Port Allegany
David E Andrus	Emporium
Jeffrey Aungst	Pine Grove
Jamie Babcock	Port Allegany
Chet Ball	Sinmahoning
James D Ball II	Sinmahoning
Terry L Bean	Shinglehouse
Ryan D Beichner	Shippenville
James M Blair	Roulette
Stefon E Bogacki	DuBois
Robert Bricker	Chambersburg
Jordan Brubaker	Milroy
Doug L Brumbaugh	Mapleton Depot
Charles L Conner	Driftwood
Gino Copello	Ridgway
Jason Cotton	Kersey
George Cunningham Jr.	Kane
Kenneth W DeBoer III	Roulette
Todd R Downs	Thurmont
Jeffrey E Eby	Yeagerstown
Russell L Eby	Lewistown
Scott Ely	Kane
Waylon Fabian	White
John Garner	Martinsburg
Samuel W Gates	Howard
Duane Gibson	Pittsfield
Vic Gilbert	York Springs
John Grab	Wellsboro
Robert E Greenly	Reinholds
Wayne Brian Griffith	DuBois
Todd Grimes	Turtlepoint
James R Gunsallus Jr.	McElhattan
Paul Haduck	Coalport
Dustin Henry	Fairfield
Randall Hillyard	Sabinsville
Corey E Ishman	DuBois
Greg A Jackson	Shinglehouse
Cody A Jewart	Austin
David S Kauffman	Huntingdon
David J Klussman	Eldred
Ed Knecht Jr.	Lock Haven
Keith A Kniseley	DuBois
Randy B Leeper	Acme
Donald R Lomison	Linden
Anthony M Lorson	Linden
Ryan Lundeen	Kane
Shane R Miles	Ridgway
Albert Miller	Lock Haven
Harry Miller	Jersey Shore
Roger Moats	Albright
Todd M Monks	Blossburg
Michael J Morrison	Ohio
Ryan Nelson	Manheim
Todd Norris	James Creek
Stephen M Parker	Guys Mills
David E Paulhamus	Jersey Shore
David E Paulhamus Jr.	Jersey Shore
Albert L Peachey	Belleville
Jacob D Peachey	Belleville
Jacob W Peachey	Belleville
Reuben J Peachey	Belleville
Steven James Pickens	DuBois
Michael Postlewait	Port Allegany
Gregory D Protor	Linden
Cody A Pruszko	DuBois
Douglas Puckly	Spartansburg
Pierre H Reasner	Neelyton
Shane Richart	Pine Grove

James Savitz	Pittsfield
Luke Savitts	Lewistown
Benjamin Saylor	Middletown
Jonathon J Shaffer	DuBois
Nick Shaffer	Punxsutawney
Chad Shellenberger	Manchester
Roy Shellenberger	York
Jay E Shenk	Lebanon
Marshall Shunk	Smethport
Matthew L Simpson	Greene, NY
Timothy D Simpson	Chenango Forks, NY
Todd Smith	Smethport
Jack Smoker	Emporium
Dale L Stackhouse	Unityville
Patrick Stairs	Acme
Rex Steiner	Shawville
Chris Stilson	Port Allegany
Clayton Swartzentruber	Myerstown
Richard Tripodi	Ridgway
Michael W Weaver	Tyrone
Timothy L Wray	Milroy
John Yilek	Galeton
Sylvanus E Yoder	Belleville

## Continuing Education Courses Completed Since January 2008

### ADVANCED MISCELLANEOUS

Bradley J Allen	Grand Valley
DeWayne Allen	Titusville
Charles S Allen Sr.	Grand Valley
Jeff Anderson	Kane
Jeff Asel	Kane
Mike Asel	Kane
Norman Asel	Kane
Richard A Asel	Ludlow
Travis Asel	Kane
Richard Asel Jr.	Ludlow
Jacky Aytote	Warren Center
Alan D Benner	Brookville
Rich Bennett	Emporium
John Biel	Ludlow
Craig Bowley	Sheffield
Patrick R Bright	Kane
Ryan Bright	Mt. Jewett
Joseph W Britton Jr.	Smethport
Joseph W Britton Sr.	Smethport
Roy Bucher	Reedsville
Erick Byers	Tionesta
Chad Casselman	Smethport
Jerry Causer	Smethport
Chad Clouser	Wellsboro
Jason Cotton	Kersey
Gene Desposito	Bradford
Bill Dilley	Wilcox
Lucas L Dillinger	Johnsonburg
Joshua Elliott	Warren Center
Brian P Fox	Shinglehouse
Joseph D Glover	Strattanville
Walt Graham	Hopwood
Joe Graves	Shinglehouse
Dan Gregory	Kane
Steven Hawkes	St. Marys
John Holt	Kane
Thomas W Holt	Kane
Bradley D Houseknecht	Muncy Valley
Charles E Housler	Kane
James M Hulings	James City

Gregg Jandrew	Shinglehouse
Peter C Johnson	Milfont
Doug Karlene	Kane
Gary Karlene	Kane
Edwin Kerchinski	Brookville
Greg Kimmel	St. Marys
Edward Scott Kocjancic	Kane
Richard LaBrozzi	Shinglehouse
Lester Lapp	Port Allegany
Mark Lapp	Port Allegany
John Levavasseur	Coudersport
Shane A Lister	Kane
Rod Luchs	Ridgway
Seth Luchs	Ridgway
Thomas Luchs	Ridgway
John Luchs Jr.	Ridgway
Tom Luchs Jr.	Ridgway
Roman Marker t	Kane
Mike A McEntire	Smethport
Jason V McGarvey	Port Allegany
Paul Neal	Creekside
Donald Park	Ridgway
Dan Peterson	Endeavor
Charlie Post	Lebanon
Nathan Post	Lebanon
Malon Postlewait	Port Allegany
Blaine Puller	Smethport
Ronald J Rohall	Rector
Gary T Rossman	Kane
Curtis F Shadle	Wellsboro
Garrett Smith	Port Allegany
Kenneth Spaich	Hazel Hurst
Todd Sparks	Brookville
Mark F Storrar	Wilcox
Daniel R Szymanski	Wilcox
Jacob Szymanski	Wilcox
Wayne Tadder	Kane
Dave G Taylor	Port Allegany
Dave Wahlberg	Kane
Ry Waldman	Lebanon
Paul Williams	Johnsonburg
Michael Wingard	Sigel
Dane M Wodrig	Unityville
Pete Wodrig	Lebanon
Stephen P Yokum	Bedford
Rick Young	Ridgway
Scott W Zimmerman	Wilcox
Stanley M Zimmerman	Wilcox
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John Cessna	Clearville
Donald E Cessna Sr.	Clearville
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Kevin Croyle	Schellsburg
Waylon Fabian	White
Robert A Joll	Connellsville
Kerry R Morrison Sr.	Indian Head
Ronnie Norcraft	Ar temas
Harvey Reckner Jr.	Confluence
Paul Riley	Hesston
Ron Rohall	Rector
David A Shaffer	Hyndman
Ron Steyer	Mill Run
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Ralph Striner	Connellsville
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Maverick Gabelli	Hanover
Dean J geiman	Hanover
Scott C Groft	Hanover
Darren E Hoke	Spring Grove
Jeffrey A Hoko	Spring Grove
Jeffrey F Jarrett	Ft. Loudan
Michael C Jones	Ft. Loudan
Kim Kern	Spring Grove
Francis E Klingler	Biglerville
Neal D Klingler	Biglerville
Ralph Laughman	Hanover
Wayne Laughman	York
Jerry M Nickel	Carlisle
George Shaffer	Spring Grove
Paul Shaffer	Manheim
Michael C Smith	York
John Sprenkle	Spring Grove
Beryl N Weaver	Lebanon

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Ken Brink	Swiftwater
Shawn J Burke	Swiftwater
Timothy Carr	Swiftwater
George Decker Jr.	Swiftwater
Ronald Flad	Bartonsville
Ken Frisbie	Mountaintop
Mark Grube	Swiftwater
Daniel Marcinek	Swiftwater
Dennis R Rinaldi	Swiftwater
Mike Scheib	Swiftwater
Kristen Turner	Swiftwater
Douglas White	Lake Ariel

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Robert J Dilulio	Johnsonburg
Brian P Fox	Shinglehouse
Andrew Scott Freemer	Brockway
David A Freemer	Brockport
Paul Fremer	Brockport
Joe Graves	Shinglehouse
Bryon Gregori	Johnsonburg
Terry Haskins	Shinglehouse
Gregg Jandrew	Shinglehouse
James Karpinski	Ridgway
Lavon J Kauffman	Belleville
Ed Konwinski	Bradford
Fred Krywy	Bradford
Richard LaBrozzi	Shinglehouse
Stephen K Larson	Port Allegany
Erick Merryman	Shippenville
Bruce Mick	Corry
Lars E Olsson	Bradford
James L Pearson	Russell
Howard Rathbun	Shinglehouse
Jody M Rotz	Spring Run
Wade Roupp	Mansfield
Daniel Sarver	Confluence
Robert L Schall	Kittanning
Leon D Sherwood Jr.	Turtlepoint
Darrin Shugarts	Clearfield
Erick Smail	Marble
Rocky Stanford	Punxsutawney

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Kevin R Stout	Marble
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Aaron M Swarey	Mill Creek
Jonathan L Swarey	Allensville
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Henry L Taylor	Biglerville
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Richard Umbel	Greensburg
Glenn A White	Sigel
Charles Zimmerman	Port Allegany
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Paul Lupo	University Park
Daniel Norris	James Creek
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Daryl Peachey	Reedsville
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Jeffrey W Thompson	James Creek
John G Waite	McVeytown
Jonathan W Whitsel	Mapeton Depot
Daniel J Yoder	Belleville

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Neal Graham	Liberty
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Joseph Mayberry	New Castle
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Jack C Strange	Mainesburg
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Ben M Yoder	New Castle
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Richard A Andrus	Emporium
Scott Andrus	Emporium
Ronald C Brown	Shinglehouse
Charles L Conner	Driftwood
Dick Cooney	St. Marys
Gino Copello	Ridgway
Lucas L Dillinger	Johnsonburg
Curt P Gosnell	Ridgway
Bob Kirchner	St. Marys
Joseph Kocjancic	Johnsonburg
Rudy Kocjancic	Leeper
David Lewis	Emporium
William Lyon	Emporium
Dennis Payne	Wilcox
Donald Payne	Kane
Blaine Puller	Smethport
Jim Sluga	Mt. Jewett
David J Sommers	DuBois
Jake Sorg	Emporium
Jedidiah R Sorg	Emporium
Richard T Sorg	Emporium

Larry Stark	Ridgway
Mike Yasurek	Kane
Allen Zuraski	Johnsonburg

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John Dickey	Lock Haven
Matt Engel	Mill Hall
Darick Graham	Mill Hall
Josh Hobbin	Mill Hall
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Roy E Longenecker	Mifflinburg
Jason Lorenzo	Kane
Mike McConnell	Bradford
Arlet McPherson	Galeton
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Wade Roupp	Mansfield
Randy Shaffer	Tioga
Justin Stiles	Knoxville
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**INTERNATIONAL TOOLKIT HIGHLIGHTS SFI ADVANTAGES – SFI Monthly, May 2008 Issue**

The world business council for Sustainable Development and the World Resources Institute recently produced a toolkit to help corporate managers define and implement sound procurement policies when buying products originating from the world's forests.

The guide includes a full report called Sustainable Procurement of Wood and Paper Based Products with the top 10 questions corporate managers should ask when buying forest-based products and a list of resources. There is also a shorter overview report, and a website with a spread-sheet tool.

“Finding credible purchasing information around the complexity of the issues – including forestry, climate change, energy and manufacturing – has always been a maze,” says David J. Refkin, Director of Sustainable Development at Time Inc. “This is a virtual Rolodex of the issues and resources out there.”

The report's introduction includes a table listing the positive attributes of the SFI procurement objectives, such as delivering credible information about products, ensuring they come from legal sources, supporting sustainable forest management and addressing social issues. The full report includes many references to SFI procurement requirements as well as those of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC), which has endorsed the SFI Standard.

The full report is available on-line at [www.sustainableforestprods.org](http://www.sustainableforestprods.org) or can be ordered through [www.earthprint.com/Product.aspx?n=WBCSD0138](http://www.earthprint.com/Product.aspx?n=WBCSD0138). For more information, contact Allison Welde.

**IP to Purchase Weyerhaeuser's Packaging Business – FRA Bulletin – March 26, 2008, Volume 10, No. 4**

On March 17, Weyerhaeuser Company announced that it had reached an agreement to sell its Containerboard Packaging and Recycling business to International Paper for \$6 billion, subject to post-closing adjustments. The transaction includes nine containerboard mills, 72 packaging locations, 10 specialty-packaging plants, four kraft bag and sack locations, and 19 recycling facilities. Approximately 14,300 Weyerhaeuser employees are associated with those facilities, and IP states that, since its current packaging businesses are largely complementary to the new acquisitions, it does not anticipate great reductions in those numbers, although there may be some downsizing where there is overlap.

Analysts generally praised the deal, suggesting that IP's distribution system is positioned and structured to service the new capacity well. For Weyerhaeuser, the transaction further reduces its position in pulp and paper, following last year's divestiture of its fine papers division, although it retains significant assets in pulp manufacturing. The company's statements emphasize its intention to focus on wood products, real-estate development, and timberland ownership.



## New Chain-of-Custody Certifications

Art Communications Systems Inc.,  
Harrisburg, PA

Art Print Company, Harrisburg, PA

Catawissa Lumber and Specialty Com-  
pany, Catawissa, PA

Cenveo, Commercial Envelope Manufac-  
turing Division, Carlstadt, NJ; Deer Park,  
NY; Altoona, PA; Cleveland, OH; Chicago,  
IL; Boone, IA; Kirksville, MO; Jacksonville,  
FL

The YGS Group, York, PA

Fiber Sourcing and Procurement  
Certificates

86

AREA Third-Party Certified to the SFI  
2005-2009 Standard

152.5 million acres (61.7 million hectares)

CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY CERTIFICATES

249 (from 196 in April)

CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY CERTIFIED LOCATIONS  
(A company with multiple facilities, such as a  
paper merchant or printer, has the option of  
including more than one facility under its  
certificate.)

671 (from 534 in April)

PEFC ANNES 4 (U.S.) CERTIFICATIONS

PEFC Chain-of-Custody Certificates - 69

PEFC certified locations - 258

## SFI, Inc. Program Participants in Pennsylvania

Allegheny Wood Products (4)  
Domtar Paper LLC (2)  
Forest Investment Associates (7)  
Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co. (11)  
Hancock Forest Management (3)  
International Paper (11)  
NewPage Corp. (11) ☒☒☒  
Temple-Inland (5)  
Weaver, Inc. (11) ☒☒☒  
Weyerhaeuser (11) ☒☒☒

## PA SFI SIC Program Partners

Partners Program Participants are committed  
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on sawmill production from  
Pennsylvania sawlogs.

Appleton Papers, Inc. (10)  
Blue Ox Timber Resources (9)  
Brode Lumber (9)  
BroJack Lumber Company, Inc. (7)  
Brooks Lumber & Timber Harvesting (10)  
Clear Lake Lumber (9) ☒☒☒  
Cornerstone Forest Products (10) ☒☒☒  
Craftmaster Manufacturing, Inc. (6)  
Cummings Lumber (9) ☒☒☒  
D&D Wood Sales, Inc. (3)  
Deer Park Lumber (10)  
Dunn Forest Products\*  
Dwight Lewis Lumber Co. (6)  
Heacock Lumber (7)  
Hyma Devore Lumber (9) ☒  
Kern Brothers Lumber Company (7)  
Krumenacker Lumber Company (9)  
Lapp Lumber Company (9)  
Lauchle Lumber (10) ☒  
Lee Brothers Lumber Company (6)  
Matson Lumber Company (7) ☒☒☒  
Mick Brothers Lumber Co.\*  
Mt. Airy Lumber Co. (5)  
Ordie Price's Sawmill (7)  
P & S Lumber Company (7)  
PA Veneers, Inc. (5)  
Patterson Lumber Co. (7)  
Pine Creek Lumber (9)  
RAM Forest Products (9)  
Salem Hardwood, Inc. (5) ☒☒☒  
St. Marys Lumber Co., Inc. (9) ☒  
Sterling Forest Products (7)  
Trumco, Inc. (4)  
Tuscarora Hardwoods, Inc. (8)  
Wheeland Lumber (10) ☒☒☒

\*denotes new company

( ) = years as participant

Visit our web site for e-mail addresses (☒) and web site  
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forestry practices and pledge  
meaningful financial contributions.

Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (5)  
Bailey Wood Products, Inc. (7)  
Bingaman & Son Lumber (8) ☒☒☒  
Brownlee Lumber Co. (3)  
Catawissa Lumber & Specialty Co. (5)  
Clarion Timber Co. (3)  
Coastal Lumber Co.  
W. J. Cox Associates, Inc. (3) ☒☒☒  
Custead's Sawmill, Inc. (9)  
Hobbes Forestry Services (7)  
Horizon Wood Products (7)  
John Karakash\*  
Keystone Chipping North, Inc. (6)  
Gerald King Lumber (10)  
Northern Tier Hardwood Assoc. (5)  
Penn State University (6)  
(Forest Land Management Office) ☒☒☒  
Pennco International, Inc. (5) ☒☒☒  
Red Rock Enterprises LLC (8) ☒☒☒  
Stiber Forestry (3)  
Sylvandale Forestry (7)  
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Walker Lumber Co. (3)

\*denotes new company

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# CONFIRMING ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS

## Consumer Council Q&As - SFI monthly, July 2008

What's the best way to evaluate the credibility of a 'green' certification program? When Tom Hinton, head of the American Consumer Council, was asked this recently, he decided to post a list of five questions a company should ask.

For the purpose of this newsletter, SFI Inc. took the liberty of providing answers to the questions Hinton posed.

### ***Is the Green Certification Program sponsored by a credible non-profit organization?***

**SFI response:** SFI Inc. is an independent, registered charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Its volunteer Board of Directors comprises three chambers, representing environmental, economic and social interests equally.

### ***Does the Green Certification Program have written criteria and standards that govern the application and certification process?***

**SFI response:** All aspects of the SFI program, whether it is forest management, chain-of-custody or fiber sourcing requirements, are based on written criteria and standards that become the measures against which the third-party independent certification is conducted.

The SFI 2005-2009 forest certification Standard is made up of nine principles, 13 objectives, 34 performance measures and 102 indicators developed by professional foresters, conservationists, scientists and others through a public process. SFI chain-of-custody and fiber sourcing certifications must also meet the measures set out in a document entitled, SFI Requirements for Fiber Sourcing, Chain of Custody and Product Labels. Both documents are posted at [www.sfiprogram.org](http://www.sfiprogram.org).

### ***Does the Green Certification Program have a verification and validation process as part of its certification?***

**SFI response:** Independent certification bodies ensure that operations conform with the appropriate SFI certification standard, whether it is for forest management, chain-of-custody or fiber sourcing requirements.

Certification bodies conducting audits to the SFI standards must have completed an accreditation program through independent, international accreditation bodies — these include the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation

Board (ANAB) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC). These accreditation bodies are in turn accredited by the International Accreditation Forum.

### ***Once your company is Green Certified is there an accountability step and a process for continuous improvement?***

**SFI response:** A certificate is issued only after the independent certification body determines a specific operation conforms to the SFI requirements — for forests, chain of custody or fiber sourcing. Annual surveillance audits are mandatory on all certified operations, and a full recertification audit is required for forest operations every five years.

One of the principles of the SFI 2005-2009 Standard is continual improvement, and Objective 13 requires that program participants promote continual improvement in the practice of sustainable forestry and monitor, measure, and report performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.

### ***Does the Green Certification Program have credibility in the marketplace?***

**SFI response:** SFI certification is accepted as a sign of environmental sustainability by organizations and governments around the world — from green building rating systems in the United States such as the National Association of Home Builders and Green Globes to international procurement programs such as the United Kingdom's rigorous Central Point of Expertise on Timber and the U.S. government's General Services Administration.

A toolkit developed by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the World Resources Institute to help corporate managers define and implement sound procurement policies when buying products from the world's forests listed positive attributes of SFI procurement objectives, such as delivering credible information about products, ensuring they come from legal sources, supporting sustainable forest management and addressing social issues. The Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) endorsed the SFI forest standard as evidence of sustainable forest management under its rules for forest carbon sequestration projects.

## **MAINE GOVERNMENT GIVES PREFERENCE TO CERTIFIED PRODUCTS – SFI Monthly, July 2008**

State Officials in Maine have been directed to buy wood or paper products that come from forests third-party certified to a standard including the SFI 2005-2009 Standard.

Gov. John E. Baldacci has signed executive orders to enhance Maine's standing as a leader in independent certification and forest sustainability by:

- Establishing procurement policies requiring that by 2010 at least 80 percent of the paper fiber content purchased by the state will be either certified or recycled fiber and
- Directing state agencies to aggressively break through obstacles that hold green building back and use more certified Maine wood for public construction projects.

The products must be certified to one of three standards accepted by the marketplace – SFI, the Forest Stewardship Council or the American Tree Farm System.

Baldacci made the announcement at a paper industry conference, saying it will promote Maine as a leader in forest certification while helping ensure the state's vast timberlands are well managed. For more information, contact Allison Welde.

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## **OSHA Adjusts PPE Rule – FRA Bulletin – April 24, 2008, Volume 10, No. 5**

We've just learned of a new requirement in the general Occupational Safety & Health Administration's rule governing Personal Protective Equipment, which "took effect" on February 13 and "must be implemented" by May 15. Under the rule, all Personal Protective Equipment, with the exception of safety shoes and prescription safety glasses which can be worn by employees outside the job site, must be provided at no cost to the employee. (Under the previous rule, the employer was obligated to ensure stipulated PPE was used; whether the employer actually provided it was left open, although in practice, many logging employers did provide it.)

OSHA's own analysis of this new provision includes the estimate that it will result in more than 21,000 fewer occupational injuries per year.

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## **FSC Under Scrutiny – FRA Bulletin – March 26, 2008, Volume 10, No. 4**

Although the Forest Stewardship Council has not been short of criticism, both from rival certification organizations and from forestry interests with alternative visions of sustainability, some of the most trenchant challenges have come from an outfit calling itself FSC-Watch, which maintains a web site at [www.fsc-watch.org](http://www.fsc-watch.org).

According to its "About FSC-Watch" essay ([www.fsc-watch.org/about.php](http://www.fsc-watch.org/about.php)), "This site has been developed by a group of people, FSC supporters and members among them, who are very concerned about the constant and serious erosion of the FSC's reliability and thus credibility. The group includes Simon Counsell, one the of the Founder Members of the FSC; Hermann Edelmann, working for a long term FSC member organization; and Chris Lang, who has looked critically at several FSC certifications in Thailand, Laos, Brazil, USA, New Zealand, South Africa and Uganda – finding serious problems in each case.

The criticisms posted on the site allege misleading application of FSC's "mixed source" label (in certifying batches of lumber, rather than pulp blends, which was the original idea), a lack of transparency in certification processes, inadequate qualification of certifiers, and failure to verify authenticity of affidavits, among a large catalogue. There is, of course, no lack of ugly photographs, purporting to indict FSC-certified practices.

On March 18, FSC-Watch reported that the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation had announced its intention of withdrawing from FSC's Board – although not from the organization, in hopes of reforming it from within – because "the standard is weak, the lack of observance is substantial, and the forest companies' will to improve FSC is weak." The implications of SSNC's gesture for the future of FSC in Sweden do not seem quite as ominous as FSC-Watch claims ("the credibility of more than 10 percent of FSC's global total is now called into question...with further NGO withdrawals expected soon, FSC-Watch believes that time is fast running out for the FSC") – but in view of SSNC's history of involvement in developing the Swedish FSC standard, it does suggest that some quite serious internal FSC re-evaluations are underway.



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**We apologize:**

**To NewPage Corp. and PA Veneers, Inc. for omitting their names from the list of companies involved in the PA SFI Program. This oversight occurred in the PA SFI 2007 Annual Progress Report which we published earlier this year. Both organizations have been long-time participants in and supporters of our efforts and we deeply regret our error.**

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