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## **2025 SFI Public Summary Report**

### **Fruit Growers Supply Company Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Forest Management Standard**

#### ***Project Scope and Objectives***

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) completed a multi-site Maintenance A3 Assessment on Fruit Growers Supply Company's (the Company) SFI Forest Management activities in Oregon Forest Lands and Washington Forest Lands. The SFI Forest Management activities are managed by the Central Office in Forks, WA. The Lead Assessor was Jenny, Knoth, Ph.D., CF. The assessment team was accompanied by Fruit Growers Supply Company's SFI Representative, Mr. Jay Powell.

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess the Company's SFI management system and to evaluate the Company's implementation of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard in the field.

#### ***Indicators***

All of the indicators in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Forest Management Standard were within the scope of the assessment, with the exception of Objective 15, because the Company does not manage public lands. There were no substitute indicators.

#### ***Assessment Process***

On July 9 and 10, 2025 the assessment team conducted field assessments in Wilkeson and Hoh Forest management areas. On July 11, 2025, the assessment team conducted interviews and reviewed appropriate documentation to assess policies and procedures and tested the implementation of SFI program requirements at the Central Office in Forks, WA. In total, the assessment team spent 0.5 at the central office and 2 on-site for field assessments. Four seedling survival, four new planting, three road building, three completed harvest, and two thinning sites were visited. The assessment report was dated October 3, 2025.

Fruit Growers has a multi-site certification for forests in North America covering the following locations: Wiley and Copper Creek in Oregon and the Hoh Forest and Wilkeson Block in Washington. PwC uses a rotational assessment approach where the central office is assessed annually, and lands are sampled on a two-year rotating schedule that conforms to the International Accreditation Forum Inc.'s Mandatory Document 1.

#### ***Client Profile***

Fruit Growers Supply Company is an agricultural services provider that was established in 1907 by the same growers that formed the Sunkist Marketing Cooperative. They were created in order to supply wood for Sunkist's crates and are the oldest non-profit supply cooperative in the nation. They have grown their vertically integrated business alongside the West Coast's citrus production.

Fruit Growers is a multi-site organization with a central office in Valencia, California. Fruit Growers manages timberlands in Oregon 23,866 acres and Washington 36,571 acres. The Oregon and Washington timberlands are mainly Douglas-fir and Western hemlock.

# Summary of Conformance, Findings, and Good Management Practices

## SFI Forest Management Standard

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Forest Management Standard Objective	Conformity
<p><b>Objective 1. Forest Management Planning</b> To ensure forest management plans include long-term sustainable harvest levels and measures to avoid forest conversion or afforestation of ecologically important areas.</p>	Conforms
<p><b>Evidence of Conformity:</b> Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGSC) area foresters, planning and GIS manager, silviculture forester, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGSC Washington and Oregon Forest - Forks, WA Office (version 11) evidence package documentation; Hoh Forest, Washington Cascade Forest and Oregon Cascade Forest 5 and 10 year plans and current inventory; GIS database reports; maps and attribute files.</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> FGSC forest management planning follows a 5-year management plan based on a 10-year outlook for the Washington and Oregon ownership. A new 10-year plan is currently under review by the Fruit Growers Board of Directors. Forest inventory data that is updated annually. FGSC’s forest inventory consist of planting records, stocking survey’s, current cruise information from mature and commercial thinned stands. Harvest notifications are submitted to the respective state agencies (Oregon or Washington) for review or approval.</p>	
<p>FGSC has developed a land classification system that is part of their forest inventory and GIS. FGSC manages biodiversity at the landscape scale and incorporates harvest unit opening size, timber types, timber age classes into the long-term harvest planning. FGSC foresters get their soils maps and information from the Federal Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”) and the USGS publicly available soil maps. FGSC’s Washington and Oregon stand growth is modeled annually with the FPS and FLIPS growth-and-yield software. FGSC maintains its spatial resource GIS with frequent updates from inventory surveys and verification from field observations.</p>	
<p>There was no forest cover type conversion reported or observed for 2024. FGSC rarely considers cover type conversion, however, where forest cover conversion is required, FGSC policy is to comply with all local and federal laws and policies. FGSC follows the local and federal forest practice rules and protects any unique and rare forest types. Forests critical to threatened and endangered species, and special sites are protected by the forest practices rules and federal legislation.</p>	
<p>FGSC foresters are active members of their communities and live near the management areas. They understand the impact of forest operations on the local environment and economic of the viability of the communities where they operate.</p>	
<p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.</i></p>	
<p><b>Objective 2. Forest Health and Productivity</b> To ensure long-term forest productivity, forest health and conservation of forest resources through prompt reforestation, afforestation, deploying integrated pest management strategies, minimized chemical use, soil conservation, and protecting forests from damaging agents.</p>	Conforms
<p><b>Evidence of Conformity:</b> Interviews with FGSC foresters and managers; field site observations and review of associated documents, observation of the forest planning process within the GIS database; and review of forest practices applications and operations notifications. FGS SFI 2022 Standards Document for Washington and Oregon Forest.</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> FGSC utilizes both even and uneven aged silviculture systems (commercial thinning). Harvest units that are clear-cut at final harvest are planted to meet stocking standards. FGSC completes a stocking survey post planting to determine if the stocking is sufficient and locate under stocked areas.</p>	
<p>FGSC limits herbicide use, favoring mechanical removal of competitive vegetation. All herbicide application is targeted and in accordance with state laws and regulations which include notifications, permits/licensing, chemical storage and signage, and meeting application requirements. Integrated pest management is used where feasible, including working with other landowners, the state and county officials.</p>	

FGSC does not use pesticides banned under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2001).

FGSC minimizes soil compaction by using seasonal harvest restrictions, protection of high-risk erosion areas, and post-harvest site work. Erosion plans are documented in the timber harvest plan and erosion control plan. Vulnerable areas are also identified in the foresters' inspection reports and onsite action plans are developed to mitigate compaction/soil disturbance issues.

FGSC uses Best Management Practices ("BMP's") to reduce the spread of invasive plants such as, using certified straw for stream crossings, a salvage program, participation in a cooperative county program. FGSC is an active participant in fire control to ensure the protection of their timberlands. FGSC supports Washington State Department of Natural Resources ("WA DNR") and Oregon Department of Forestry ("ODF"), and cooperative programs such as the Douglas County Forest Protection Association, East Land County FPA and the Linn County FPA that provide fire protection through fuel load reduction. They also support the Cascade Animal Damage Cooperative which assists in the protection of their resources.

FGSC is a member of Northwest Tree Improvement Cooperative to improve local seed stock. FGSC is a member and a supporter of the Schroeder Tree Improvement Cooperative where the improved seed stock is made available for participating companies. FGSC also completes progeny testing, actively participates in local seed orchards (where there are no co-ops) and collects wild seed.

*No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

**Objective 3. Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources**

Conforms

To protect the water quality and water quantity of rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and other water bodies.

**Evidence of Conformity:** Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGSC) area foresters, planning and GIS manager, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGSC Washington and Oregon Forest - Forks, WA Office\_v11 evidence package documentation; field site observations with review of associated documents and interview with road building professional, observation of the forest planning process.

**Summary:** Logging, road construction, and silviculture contracts specify requirements for full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations including the state forest practice rules, water quality protection laws, fish and game code, and labor and safety laws.

FGSC Timber Operations foresters supervise all operations. A pre-work meeting with the qualified contractor takes place which covers a variety of issues including: property lines, harvest method, leave areas/wildlife trees, erosion issues, roads and culverts, log specs, rare plants and wildlife issues, slash treatment & fire plan. Inspections/site visits are conducted to ensure compliance with the forest practice rules.

FGSC maintains a GIS base layer for identification of areas that require protection including springs, seeps, streams and other standing water body features. All stream locations and features are updated when planning operations, including stream class by assessment and confirmation of fish presence or absence. Forest practice rules define water protection buffers which are marked in the field and periodically reviewed by state foresters. Stream protection is maintained during all phases of logging by licensed timber operators.

Water quality is protected through planning and shutdown of operations in the field during wet weather events. These measures are discussed during pre-works, logger training and inspections. Pre-commercial and commercial thinning program in place reduce competition for water resources and unhealthy growing conditions; FGSC believes a healthy forest is more resilient to drought and disease. Culverts and other structured water crossings are designed to meet potential of 100-year flood conditions. FGSC foresters review watershed information when designing water crossings.

*No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

**Objective 4. Conservation of Biological Diversity**

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To maintain or advance the conservation of biological diversity at the stand- and landscape-level and across a diversity of forest and vegetation cover types and successional stages including the conservation of forest plants and animals, aquatic species, threatened and endangered species, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, old-growth forests, and ecologically important sites.

**Evidence of Conformity:** Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGSC) area foresters, planning and GIS manager, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGS Washington and Oregon Forest\_v11; evidence package documentation; field site observations and observation of the forest planning process; and review of Forest Practices Applications (FPAs) and active unit information packages.

**Summary:** Each harvest plan has specific measures in place on a site-specific basis which address a variety of features such as species and habitat conservation and other measures. Forest Practices Applications are submitted to state agencies and tribes who verify there are no issues associated with Threatened & Endangered (“T&E”) species or other Species of Concern.

Foresters consult with state wildlife biologists and foresters to update their GIS coverage and documents every year. In Washington State, FGSC is part of a statewide Habitat Conservation Plan (“HCP”) which is administered by the WA DNR. In Oregon, these issues are regulated by the ODF, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. FGSC cooperates with these agencies to ensure biological diversity is maintained or enhanced. FGSC regularly consults with the state’s fish and wildlife service to ensure the protection of wildlife habitat features. FGSC has enrolled in the Washington State fisher habitat CCAA and the marbled murrelet safe harbor agreement.

FGSC regularly consults with experts for an area of interest. Foresters will refer to the natural heritage database to assist in locating important sites for protection. Much of the identification and protection of unique sites are part of Washington’s Forest Practices Application (“FPA”) process. Ecologically important sites are identified, mapped, imported to GIS, and cataloged to ensure accurate location and protection.

FGSC cooperates with state, and federal agencies and their tribal neighbors for long-term heritage programs. FGSC provides access to FIA plots, wildlife monitoring by researchers and tribal biologists, and for fish surveys. In Washington State, the Forest Service has access to permanent growth plots that are within FGSC ownership. Forest stands within FGSC do not exceed 100 years old. Leave trees within the riparian management areas are expected to continue growing, attaining complex structures with larger, older trees and a varied understory over time.

FGSC works closely with groups such as Washington State and Oregon’s SFI Implementation Committee (“SIC”), and Washington Forest Protection Association (“WFPA”) to support biodiversity research. Biodiversity is discussed at quarterly staff meetings. FGSC is a member of the SICs for Oregon and Washington State

*No Nonconformities and one Opportunity for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

- FGSC could direct contractors to leave more created snags or wildlife trees within larger clearcut units to provide structural complexity in the early seral stage post-harvest.

**Objective 5. Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits**

To manage the visual impact of forest operations and provide recreational opportunities for the public.

Conforms

**Evidence of Conformity:** Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGSC) area foresters, planning and GIS manager, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGS Washington and Oregon Forest (updated 2025); evidence package documentation; field site observations and review of forest practices applications and notifications and active unit information packages.

**Summary:** Visual quality is considered as part of the harvest planning process. FGSC’s program to address visual quality management includes incorporating aesthetics considerations in harvesting, road, landing design and management, and other management activities where visual impacts are a concern.

FGSC has procedures in place to limit the average clearcut size to meet state requirements. The average clearcut size is tracked and documented through the FGSC GIS database which makes use of stand growth metrics. FGS’s average clearcut size in 2023 was 21 acres. Boundaries are confirmed by GPS to ensure inventory updates are accurate and harvest unit size is documented in their GIS database.

Green up requirements within WA & OR are specified in state forest practice rules. FGSC harvest activity was observed to be in conformance to the standard.

*No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

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<p><b>Objective 6. Protection of Special Sites</b> To manage lands that are geologically or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.</p> <p><i>Evidence of Conformity: Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company area foresters, planning and GIS manager, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGS Washington and Oregon Forest - Forks, WA Office v11 evidence package documentation; field site observations and interview with road building professional, and review of Forest Practices Applications and active unit information packages.</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> FGSC follows WA and OR state forest practice rules which specify protection of special sites. FGSC does its due diligence through research and consulting with experts for specific special sites. In addition, harvest units are walked during layout for visual inspection seeking previously unmapped special sites.</p> <p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.</i></p>	Conforms
<p><b>Objective 7. Efficient Use of Fiber Resources</b> To minimize waste and ensure the efficient use of fiber resources.</p> <p><i>Evidence of Conformity: Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGS) area foresters and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGSC Washington and Oregon Forest v11. Office evidence package documentation; field site observations, and review of forest practices applications and notifications within the active unit information packages.</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> FGSC routinely looks to increase the utilization of their product. Scale receipts are sent to the forester's phone; the sorts are checked with regular visits 2 to 3 times a week. The pulp contribution is monitored to ensure no value is lost in the sorts. FGSC has leases for collection of non-timber forest products. On site observations of recently completed harvest revealed that no merchantable fiber has been left. Per interviews, foresters are cognizant of harvest timing to take advantage of market swings when possible.</p> <p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.</i></p>	Conforms
<p><b>Objective 8. Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights</b> To recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional knowledge.</p> <p><i>Evidence of Conformity: Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company area foresters and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGS Washington and Oregon Forest - Montesano, WA Office v11 evidence package documentation; web site observations, and review of Forest Practices Application packages.</i></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> FGSC's sustainable Forest Policy which contains their commitment to recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples rights and traditional knowledge is posted on their website. Protection of cultural heritage sites is included in state forest practice rules for both Washington and Oregon. Prior to timber operations FGSC is required to consult with tribal information sources as well as survey for sites on the ground. Foresters are trained for recognizing and protecting archeological sites. Field observations are documented and reported to the tribal information sources. Proposed timber operations are screened by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the Oregon Department of Forestry for potential cultural sites. FGSC employees have completed additional training regarding Indigenous Peoples' rights and an archeological survey refresher.</p> <p><i>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.</i></p>	Conforms
<p><b>Objective 9. Climate Smart Forestry</b> To ensure forest management activities address climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.</p> <p><i>Evidence of Conformity: Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGS) area foresters and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGS Washington and Oregon Forest v11. Office evidence package documentation; review of climate smart forestry policies and documentation.</i></p>	1 OFI

**Summary:** FGSC foresters and manager participate in the WA/OR SIC Climate Smart Forestry Workshops. The company has identified the regional risk and adopted management priorities to fit their ownership. The FGSC has created a company risk, prioritization and mitigation document as well as a GHG emission/capture estimate spreadsheet. Fire resilience and forest health objectives are addressed through continued monitoring and management of their ownership.

*No Nonconformities and one Opportunity for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

- FSGC has established a set of tools for the calculations for carbon storage and green-house-gas emissions calculations however the program for annual data collection and monitoring is weakly defined. FSGC could create an addition to the annual report that includes updated data to reinforce this program.

**Objective 10. Fire Resilience and Awareness**

To limit susceptibility of forests to undesirable impacts of wildfire and to raise community awareness of fire benefits, risks, and minimization measures.

Conforms

**Evidence of Conformity:** Interviews with forest managers, and inventory and GIS manager. FGSC SFI 2022 Forest Management Standards WA/OR\_v11; WA fire plan 20241 and 2, OR FGSC fire plan, and review of records including unit packets with harvest planning checklists, planting and survival surveys, FPA submission/approval paperwork. On site observations.

**Summary:** FGSC has developed Fire Plan manuals specific to the Washington and Oregon operations. Plans are kept with each company employee and their assigned vehicles at all times. A copy of the fire plan is to be hand delivered to all contractors operating on FGSC tree farms.

Forest management practices in place for fire risk mitigation are included in the FGSC SFI 2022 FM Standard Requirements document and include addressing overall risk by maintaining forest health and clear access via consistent road maintenance.

*No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

**Objective 11. Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

To comply with all applicable laws and regulations including, international, federal, provincial, state, and local.

Conforms

**Evidence of Conformity:** Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGS) area foresters, planning and GIS manager, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGS Washington and Oregon Forest v11; evidence package documentation; field site observations and observation of the forest planning process; and review of Notification of Operations and active unit information packages.

**Summary:** Each FGSC site has access to current laws and regulations and all foresters are knowledgeable of the rules governing their operational areas. They have policies and procedures in place to help them comply with state Forest Practice Rules and consult with the appropriate agencies. These include documented startup/pre-work procedures, and regular site visits to active logging operations to assess compliance. All completed harvest units get a site visit by FGSC staff to ensure regulatory and BMP compliance. Additionally, FGSC has a strong internal audit program that annually reviews forestry practices and files.

FGSC staff receive training related to compliance with applicable social laws. All employees must agree to abide by the company's social policies. Contractors are also required to sign a contract that specifies these social laws.

*No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

**Objective 12. Forestry Research, Science and Technology**

To invest in research, science, and technology, upon which sustainable forest management decisions are based.

Conforms

**Evidence of Conformity:** Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGSC) area foresters, planning and GIS manager, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGSC Washington and Oregon Forest - Forks, WA Office\_v11 evidence package documentation.

**Summary:** FGSC provides funding and is a supporting member of NCASI and a member of the Washington Forest Protection Association which assists in the sound management of the forest through the association's research, science, and technology transfer programs. FGSC is also a member of the Washington Contract Loggers Association and cooperative tree improvement programs. In Oregon FGSC is a supporter and cooperater with the Oregon Department of Resource Institute and the Oregon Forest and Industrial Council. All of these organizations assist in the sound management of the forest through research, science, and technology.

*No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Forest Management Standard Objective	Conformity
<p><b>Objective 13. Training and Education</b> To improve the implementation of sustainable forestry through appropriate training and education programs.</p>	Conforms
<p><b>Evidence of Conformity:</b> Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGSC) area foresters, planning and GIS manager, and regional manager; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGSC Washington and Oregon Forest - Forks, WA Office_v11 evidence package documentation; field site observations and interview with timber harvest professional.</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> Staff participates in annual training covering forestry, safety, and fire. All staff interviewed are aware of their responsibilities to sustainable forest management. FGSC has committed to managing their operations (including solid wood and carton plant) under the SFI Standards (<a href="http://www.fruitgrowers.com/pgs/Sustainability.php">http://www.fruitgrowers.com/pgs/Sustainability.php</a>). A required companywide (Northern Operations) annual SFI meeting includes training and updates regarding the SFI program and includes a summary of how the company is achieving their pursuit of sustainable forestry. Internal and external audit results have been discussed and ideas on how the company can improve in specific aspects of management. SFI 2022 management objectives, performance measures, and indicators have been recently reviewed. The SFI Standards and the company's responsibility to continue practicing sustainable forestry are communicated throughout the organization.</p>	
<p>The regional manager participates in the WA and OR SICs. Sustainability training is provided to forest operations professionals in conjunction with the state SICs and has a continuing education component. Information regarding SFI 2022 FM Standards and state forest practices rules are covered by the Master Loggers Program, Washington Contractor Loggers Association, Oregon Professional Loggers Program, and SFI Implementation Committee</p>	
<p>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.</p>	
<p><b>Objective 14. Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach</b> To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry through public outreach, education, and involvement, and to support the efforts of SFI Implementation Committees.</p>	Conforms
<p><b>Evidence of Conformity:</b> Interviews with Fruit Growers Supply Company area foresters and regional managers; review of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Requirements FGSC Washington and Oregon Forest v11 evidence package documentation; review internal training and SIC invoices.</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> The regional manager participates in the WA and OR SICs, participates in small woodland owner groups, and the Pacific Education Institute ("PEI"). FGSC promotes the conservation of managed forests with cooperation with conservation organizations. The WA and OR SIC each have processes in place to receive and respond to public inquiries.</p>	
<p>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.</p>	
<p><b>Objective 15: Public Land Management Responsibilities</b> To participate and implement sustainable forest management on public lands.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Summary:</b> Fruit Growers Supply Company does not manage public land.</p>	
<p><b>Objective 16. Communications and Public Reporting</b> To increase transparency and to annually report progress on conformance with the SFI Forest Management Standard.</p>	Conforms
<p><b>Evidence of Conformity:</b> Review of internal file archives containing audit reports as well as SFI annual survey summaries.</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> PwC prepares an annual SFI audit report. The SFI Public Summary is submitted annually, and all data is tracked and managed through FGSC internal programs and databases.</p>	
<p>No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.</p>	

**Objective 17. Management Review and Continual Improvement**

To promote continual improvement in the practice of sustainable forestry by conducting a management review and monitoring performance.

Conforms

**Evidence of Conformity:** *Review of internal audit procedures and findings; interviews with forest managers, inventory and GIS manager.*

**Summary:** A management review and evaluation of FGSC's SFI program is done annually during an all-staff meeting. Much of the information regarding the improvement of FGSC's program is gathered through internal and external audits. The lead FGSC SFI representative is responsible for putting together a task management plan. Their annual SFI meeting functions as a management review and training session to promote the continued improvement of their forest management system.

*No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this SFI Objective.*

**Specific Good Management Practices are noted below:**

- Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGSC) sponsors a day of cleanup in the Wilkeson block. FGSC pays for dumpsters to be placed throughout the area, a group of community members alongside FGSC employees work to remove roadside trash, much of which is left on the adjacent ownership including Forest Service and private lands.
- FGSC forester tailers riparian management zone (RMZ) buffers to the specific streams above and beyond what is required by rule. As an example, a particularly large non-fish stream was buffered 100% of the length within the unit leaving a swath of maturing mixed species timber in place rather than seeking to harvest the maximum allowed by rule.
- The cedar salvage program in Washington allows for an additional source of revenue in concert with harvest plans.
- FGSC continues to minimize the use of chemicals in the forest with prescribed site prep and release herbicide applications specified on a unit-by-unit basis. No whole unit applications of herbicide were conducted in the Washington operational areas in 2024. Herbicide applications were limited to invasive weed control and roadside vegetation control.

# Conclusion

The Company has maintained conformance with the requirements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Forest Management Standard. The Certificate can be obtained by contacting Mr. Jay Powell. More information on Fruit Growers Supply Company's sustainable forestry program can be found at <https://fruitgrowers.com/>.

The next SFI Assessment will be an A4 Assessment in May 2026 the registration expires on September 28, 2027.