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The South Carolina Forestry Commission is committed to continually achieving independent certification to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Requirements for the (2010-2014) Program and the American Forest Foundation (AFF) (2010-2015) Standards of Sustainability for Forest Certification.

The Forestry Commission is committed to promoting and achieving the Principles of Sustainable Forest Management including: practicing sustainable forestry, employing responsible practices, regenerating the forest and maintaining productive capacity, protecting and maintaining long-term forest and soil productivity, protecting water resources, protecting special sites and biological diversity, complying with legal requirements, and continually improving forest practices.

The Forestry Commission is committed to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including social laws. The Commission strives to involve interested and affected parties in its sustainable forest management programs and to consider their comments and inputs in making management decisions.

To help implement and achieve the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and American Forest Foundation Standards, the Forestry Commission has developed and adopted appropriate programs, plans and procedures to guide its land management activities. These programs and plans are contained in the SFI Manual, the SFI Program and other written documents.

The Forestry Commission is committed to comply with applicable laws and regulations, and takes appropriate steps to comply. The Commission is also committed to annually review the effectiveness of its management programs to continually improve the practice of sustainable forestry.

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