## **FSC Forest Management Audit**

### Public Summary Report

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Certified Forest Areas Irving Woodlands, LLC (IWLLC)

FSC certificate registration code

SCS-FM/COC-00121N

Certificate issue date Certificate expiry date 25 November 202424 November 2029

Audit Sequence Re-

Re-Evaluation

## **Certificate Holder and Certification Body Details**

Question	Inputs
Certificate Holder	
1.01 Certificate holder name *	Irving Woodlands, LLC (IWLLC)
1.02.1 Street Address *	PO Box 240
1.02.2 Address Line 2	
1.02.3 City *	Fort Kent
1.02.4 State or Province	ME
1.02.5 Postal Code	04743
1.03 Country *	United States of America
1.04 Contact person full name *	Scott MacDougall
1.05 Email *	macdougall.scott@jdirving.com
1.06 Telephone	macaoagaii.scott@jaiiving.com
1.07 Website *	www.jdirving.com
1.07 Website	www.junving.com
<b>Certificate Parameters</b>	
1.08 FSC licence code *	FSC-C041515
1.09 Certificate code *	SCS-FM/COC-00121N
1.10 Former certificate code (if any)	000 1 111/0000 0012111
1.11 Certificate type *	FM/COC
1.12 Group certificate *	No
1.13.1 Initial certification date *	2009-12-08
1.13.2 Most recent certification date *	2024-11-25
1.13.3 Certificate expiry date *	2029-11-24
· ·	2029-11-24
1.14 Total number of MUs in the scope of certificate *	1
	540.050.4 ha
1.15 Total area certified *	519,350.1 ha
1.16 Change of scope since previous audit *	No
1.16.1 Nature of scope change	NI.
1.17 Ecosystem services (ES) in the scope *	No
1.25 Name and/or location of the certified	
forest area(s)	
Certification Body	
1.18 Certification body name *	SCS Global Services
1.19.1 Street Address *	2000 Powell Street Ste. 600
1.19.2 Address Line 2	
1.19.3 City *	Emeryville
1.19.4 State	CA
1.19.5 Postal Code	94608
1.20 Country *	United States of America
1.21 Contact person full name *	Brendan Grady
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1.23 Telephone	+1.510.452.8000
1.24 Website *	www.scsglobalservices.com
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## The evaluation process

Question	Inputs	
Audit Parameters		
2.01 Audit type *	Re-Evaluation	
2.01.1 Audit sequence		
2.02 Audit start date *	2024-10-08	
2.16 First stakeholder consultation date for this audit		
2.03 Audit finish date *	2024-10-11	
2.04 Total person days *	9.0	
2.05 Date of report *	2024-11-25	
2.06 Total area under evaluation *	519,350.1 ha	
Normative Documents		
2.07 Evaluated international normative document(s)		
2.07.1 Trademark standard FSC-STD-50-001 *	Vaa	
	Yes	
2.07.2 Group standard FSC-STD-30-005 *	No No	
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2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 *	No	
2.07.2 Group standard FSC-STD-30-005 * 2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 * 2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 * 2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 *	No No	
2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 * 2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 *	No No No	
2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 * 2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 * 2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 * 2.07.6 Pesticides Policy FSC-POL-30-001 *	No No No	
2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 * 2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 * 2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 *	No No No No Yes	
2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 * 2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 * 2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 * 2.07.6 Pesticides Policy FSC-POL-30-001 * 2.07.7 Applicable NTFP Standard * 2.07.8 CIP FSC PRO 30-011 *	No No No No Yes No	
2.07.3 CoC standard FSC-STD-40-004 * 2.07.4 ES procedure FSC-PRO-30-006 * 2.07.5 Excision Policy FSC-POL-20-003 * 2.07.6 Pesticides Policy FSC-POL-30-001 * 2.07.7 Applicable NTFP Standard *	No No No No No Yes No No	

# The evaluation process

Question	Inputs
Certification Decision	
2.20 Conditions (corrections of minor non-conformities) or pre- conditions (corrections of major non-conformities) associated with the certification decision	
2.20.1 No specific condition *	Yes
2.20.2 Correction of minor NCRs issued within required timelines *	NA
2.20.3 Correction of major NCRs issued within required timelines *	NA
2.20.4 Correction of the pre-conditions to certification identified *	NA
2.20.5 Other	
2.21 Lead auditor opinion	
2.21.1 The certificate holder's system of management, if implemented as described, is capable of ensuring that all of the requirements of the applicable standard(s) are met over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the evaluation. *	Yes
2.21.2 The certificate holder has demonstrated, subject to correction of the identified non-conformities, that the described system of management is being implemented consistently over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the certificate. *	NA
2.22 Auditor recommendation for the certificate holder's management system and performance	
2.22.1 A certificate can only be issued/reissued/maintained when all identified Major CARs are closed *	NA
2.22.2 The FM system of the evaluated enterprise does not comply with the provisions and standards of FSC. Due to the number of identified major non-compliances the auditors recommend the immediate suspension of the certificate *	NA
2.23 Certification decision *	Recertify
2.24 Decision detail	
2.25 Decision date *	2024-11-25
2.26 Decision making entity *	SCS Global Services

### Audit itinerary

														Ту	pe of Site					
4.01 Audit Itinerary Item Start Date	4.02 Hours 4.03 MUs or members	4.04 Activities	4.05 Site detail	A, de, 7 office	4.06.2 5680	ochade	N AOS A Protes	Lited area	4.06.6 Work	A.06.7 Areas	Jused Dy Vocal Jused Dy Vocal Justice Strate of Strate o	And 9 Forest	A OE 30 thes	AOE 1 HCV	\$ 4.06.12 Mori	AOE 13 LOSS	A O. 14 Rest	A.O. area	stricks application	A.G. 16 Chreet, please street
2024-10-08	2.00 Irving Woodlands	Opening meeting	Introductions, Roles, and Audit Objectives Review audit scope, procedures & agenda, intro/update to applicable standards and protocols, review of previous CARs/OBS Client update / discuss changes to the certificate information (contact information, review scope, etc.) Review of Standards Management System Review Overview of Logo or Label use Overview of management system	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		
2024-10-08	6.00 Irving Woodlands	Site visits	1.Scale house (Ashland mill). 2.New Hewes Rd. Block MA 06619 R0. 3.Block MH 06624. T14 R7. 4.Block MH 6593B9 T14 R8. 5.Block MH O 6595L. 6.Block MH 6587.	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		
2024-10-09	10.00 Irving Woodlands	Site visits	1.6462I0, Stockholm Township 2.Block 6369, 117 R3. 3.Block 6356T1. T17 R4 4.Block 6347VH. T17 R3 5.Block 6461, Stockholm 6.Block 6337 BW. T17 R5 7.Block 6342. Cross Lake Twp. 8.Block 6342. Cross Lake Twp.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
2024-10-09	10.00 Irving Woodlands	Site visits	1.MT-1: T17R14; Block MH06071A 2.MT-2: T17R14; Block MH06071B 3.MT-3: T18R13; Block MH06023A3 4.MT-4: T18R13; Block MH06027AJ 5.MT-5: T17R12; Block MH06103A2	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No		
2024-10-09	1.00 Irving Woodlands	Daily auditor debrief	Audit team compares notes and lines of inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Remote/phone	
2024-10-10	10.00 Irving Woodlands	Site visits	1.Block 7232 section OW. TC R2 2.Block 7231 RU. TCR2 3.Block 7237. TCR2 4.Block 7237 A. TCR2 5.Block 7307 RV. T8 R3 6.Block 7344. section A. Hammond Plantation Twp. 7.Block 7344. Hammond Plantation TWP. 8.Block 7329 LF, Webber Town 9.Block 7120 5G, T9 R3	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
2024-10-10	10.00 Irving Woodlands	Site visits	1.MT-6: Allagash; Block MH06187A8 2.MT-7: Allagash; Block MH06187A 3.MT-8: T14R9; Block MH06573C 4.MT-9: T14R9; Block MH06571C1 5.MT-10: St. John Plt; Block MH06329B3 6.MT-11: St. John Plt; Block MH06324B0	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No		
2024-10-10	1.00 Irving Woodlands	Daily auditor debrief	Audit team compares notes and lines of inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Remote/phone	
2024-10-11	4.00 Irving Woodlands	Document review and stakeholder interviews.	Central office doc review/interviews:	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		
2024-10-11	4.00 Irving Woodlands	Site visits	Wallagrass; Block MH0647460     St. John Plt; Block MH06329A1	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		
2024-10-11	0.50 Irving Woodlands	Closing Meeting Preparation	Audit team prepares drafts of any findings	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		
2024-10-11	0.50 Irving Woodlands	Closing Meeting	Convene with all relevant staff to summarize; •preliminary audit findings •potential non-conformities next steps.	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		

#### Forest management enterprise information

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Question	Inputs
Forest Area	
5.02 Brief description of any area of forest over which the certificate holder has some responsibility, whether as owner (including shared or partial ownership), manager, consultant or other responsibility) which the certificate holder has chosen to exclude from the scope of the certificate, together with an explanation of the reason.	The parent company of fiving Woodlands LLC (WLLC) is J.D. Inving Limited, corporately located in New Brunswick, Canada. J.D. Inving Limited owns 3.2 million acres of forestland in Canada and Maine In total, these lands are divided into five operating districts, four of which are located in Canada. Only those lands under the control of the J.D. Inving Maine operating district within the State of Maine are within the scope of this certification evaluation. Canadain lands and nursenies are outside the scope of this certification evaluation. Canadain lands and nursenies are outside the scope of this certificate. The rationale for partial certification, when initially getting FSC certified was due largely the differing regional standards between the Maritime and Northeast regions. The company did not believe that the Maritime standard, which encompassed the balance of its ownership, was an appropriate normative standard for industrial/commercial forest management J.D. Irving is continuing with their current certification approach. The balance of the ownership is Canadain lands which are managed under the same system as the Maine Woodlands. Because of this common management system, there are no concerns about the forest management of these non-certified lands in Canada.
5.03 Area of forest owned/managed but excluded from MUs in the scope of certification	
5.03.1 According to FSC-POL-20-003 *	0.0 ha
5.03.2 Other reasons *	0.0 ha
Forest Workers	
Impacted Parties	
Impacted Farties	
Environmental Values	
5.19 Environmental safeguards relevant to forest operations	

#### Forest management enterprise information

Question	Inputs
Impacted Parties	
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Environmental Values	
5.19 Environmental safeguards relevant to forest operations	
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5.19.2 chemical use control *	Yes
5.19.3 conservation area set aside *	Yes
5.19.4 erosion control *	Yes
5.19.5 other, please specify	Standard Operating Procedures, Best Management Practices, Policies & Procedures and Annual Training are conducted annually for the gamit of environmental safeguarding.
5.20 Description of environmental safeguards	

Management Un	its	Area Units: ha					_		
7.01 MU name *	7.02 Forest zone *	7.03 SLIMF type *	7.04 Tenure-ownership *	7.05 Tenure- management *	7.06 Centroid Latitude *	7.07 Centroid Longitude *		7.09 Total non- production forest area *	7.10 Total area of MU *
Number of Valid Entries:	1				Area Totals		489,779.70	29,570.38	519,350.08
Irving Woodlands, LLC (IWLLC)	Temperate	Non-SLIMF	Private	Private	47.2215410	0 -68.75569700	489,779.70	29,570.38	519,350.08

# Main commercial timber species included in scope of the certificate

8.01 Species *	8.02 Product code *	8.03 Trade name	8.05 Remarks
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Acer spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Red & Sugar Maple
Acer spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Red & Sugar Maple
Fraxinus spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Black Ash
Fraxinus spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Black Ash
Betula spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Yellow Birch
Betula spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	White & Yellow Birch
Fagus grandifolia	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	American Beech
Fagus grandifolia	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	American Beech
Quercus rubra	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Northern Red Oak
Quercus rubra	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Northern Red Oak
Populus spp.	W1 Rough wood	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Big Leaf & Trembling Aspen
Populus spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Mixed Hardwood (All)	Big Leaf & Trembling Aspen
Picea spp.	W1 Rough wood	Spruce	White, Red, Black & Norway Spruce
Picea spp.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Spruce	White, Red, Black & Norway Spruce
Abies balsamea	W1 Rough wood	Fir	Balsam Fir
Abies balsamea	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Fir	Balsam Fir
Thuja occidentalis	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	Cedar	Northern White Cedar
Pinus strobus	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	White Pine	Eastern White Pine
Pinus resinosa	W1 Rough wood	Red Pine	Red Pine
Tsuga canadensis (L.) Carr.	W1 Rough wood	Hemlock	Eastern Hemlock

# Pesticide use since previous audit/year

10.01 Active ingredient *	10.02 Restriction	10.03 Applied area *	10.04 Reason for use *	10.05 Quantity of ingredient *	10.06 Summary of ESRA *
imazapyr	Unrestricted	3,295.8 ha	Primarily for control of a broad range of herbaceaous, ruderals up through woody competition from poplar to maple during site preparation prior to planting.	3,853.5 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.  Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides
sulfometuron	Unrestricted	5,505.7 ha	Primarily for control of grass and ruderal competition either during site preparation or conifer release operations.	9,656.6 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.  Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides
metsulfuron	Unrestricted	3,295.8 ha	Primarily for control of herbaceaous, ruderal and raspberry types of competition during site preparation.	0.3 metric tonnes	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.  Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides
aminopyralid	Unrestricted	74.1 ha	Primarily for control of woody and amino inhibitor resistant types of competition during site preparation.	37.9 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.  Glyphosate is a restricted, highly hazardous pesticide (HHP) based
glyphosate	Restricted	2,259.0 ha	Primarily for control of pests such as raspberry & shrubs and some woodies like poplar and pin cherry. Primarily used in follow up conifer release applications but may	10,319.0 litres	Glyphosate is a restricted, highly hazardous pesticide (HHP) based on its classification in the Chronic Toxicity hazard group and demonstration of the potential for carcinogenic properties (Criterion 3) per the FSC Pesticides Policy (FSC-POL-30-001 V3-0 EN) and Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides
indaziflam	Unrestricted	86.2 ha	Primarily for control of amino inhibitor resistant types of competition during site preparation or release.	18.9 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.  Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides
trichlopyr	Unrestricted	64.7 ha	Primarily for control of maple competition. Primarily used in follow up conifer release applications.	302.8 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.  Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides
tebufenozide	Unrestricted	2,681.0 ha	Control of larval feeding during L4 through L6 stages of spruce and fir.	1,570.9 litres	Onsite Process Review. Follow label recommendations. Pesticides are applied by licensed contractors. Written prescriptions are part of each contract. Organization has a documented IPM strategy that includes review of chemical and non-chemical options.

## Stakeholder comment(s)

12.01 Stakeholder group	12.02 Stakeholder description	12.03 Stakeholder's comment	12.04 Notified before audit?	12.05 Interviewed during this audit?	12.06 CB's follow up
Forest workers, contractors	Logging contractor	I have worked on these lands for 7 years with our company. It is of the highest paying jobs in the area. We work 40-48 hrs. per week, 4 days/week. Staff receive a salary that is above minimum wage. We run two twelve-hour shifts. Proforma gives us our goals. Irving keeps us working in up and down times.	No	Yes	Per review of the organization's Proforma system, working hour, wage, insurance, and other assumptions are consistent with the stakeholder's comments. Confirmed via review of https://www.maine.gov/labor/docs/2024/posters/minwage/minimumw age2024_English%20final%20rev%2012.13.2023.pdf (viewed 11 October 2024). In addition to comments, the audit team verified that communications equipment, spill kits, first aid kits, and fire suppression was available on all active harvest site inspected. All machinery inspected was in good working conditions.
Forest workers, contractors	Logging contractor's employee	I've been working for this contractor for 3 yrs. The salary is good and I have opted not to take benefits. I make more than minimum wage. Working for Irving is nice. They care about the operators- there more stability under Irving. We have been warned about a newly detected and marked sensitive site.	No	Yes	Per review of the organization's Proforma system, working hour, wage, insurance, and other assumptions are consistent with the stakeholder's comments. Confirmed via review of https://www.maine.gov/labor/docs/2024/posters/minwage/minimumw age2024_English%20final%20rev%2012.13.2023.pdf (viewed 11 October 2024). In addition to comments, the audit team verified that communications equipment, spill kits, first aid kits, and fire suppression was available on all active harvest site inspected. All machinery inspected was in good working conditions.
Forest workers, contractors	Logging contractor	I pay a daily wage that is more than minimum wage- that way if we are down for sudden repairs, workers know that they will still get paid for the day. I have worked on Irving since 2010. With Irving you get a weekly advance, which is super helpful. Wood markets are down, but with Irving you keep steady work. The steady work makes it easier to keep workers. I'm putting in 55-60 hrs./week. I run two twelve-hour shifts 4-4.5 days/week. Irving checks several times/week. We communicate Proforma information and can discuss things with them by providing evidence. It's hard to make an accurate Proforma, but theirs is very detailed. Sometimes they are generous in assumptions and other times not, but I can't discredit the system.	No	Yes	Per review of the organization's Proforma system, working hour, wage, insurance, and other assumptions are consistent with the stakeholder's comments. Confirmed via review of https://www.maine.gov/labor/docs/2024/posters/minwage/minimumw age2024_English%20final%20rev%2012.13.2023.pdf (viewed 11 October 2024). In addition to comments, the audit team verified that communications equipment, spill kits, first aid kits, and fire suppression was available on all active harvest site inspected. All machinery inspected was in good working conditions.

### Nonconformities/Observations raised

14.01 Unique Finding numb *	14.02 CB Non- er conformity Ref	14.06 Grading *	14.07 Open / Closed *	14.08 Standard *	14.09 Clause *	14.03 Issue date *	14.04 Due date	* 14.05 Close date *	14.10 Requirement *	14.11 Description of audit finding *	14.12 Corrective action taken by the auditee	14.13 CB's review of corrective actions
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