STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION

Statement of Expectations for Stakeholders

INTRODUCTION

The forests in F&W Forestry's certification groups are located on privately held lands and are managed by F&W for a wide variety of ownership objectives. Some of these objectives are: production of forest products, personal enjoyment, stewardship of important resources, wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, and other ecosystem services.

F&W Forestry's goals, as forest managers, are to first understand our clients' objectives and to then reflect those objectives in the way their forests are managed. Because landowners in our certification groups have made a meaningful commitment to forest certification, their objectives are balanced with broader environmental, economic, and social values — or more generally, **Forest Stewardship Values** — as articulated by their chosen certification system.

> *F&W Forestry and our clients believe that active, thoughtful management can meet landowner goals while protecting and enhancing environmental, economic, and social values.*

ACTIVITIES STAKEHOLDERS SHOULD EXPECT

With that Stewardship Ethic in mind, stakeholders near these forests should expect that some or all of the following standard forestry activities may take place, at various times, on the forests of interest:

- Timber harvesting using a range of silvicultural systems
- Herbicide application to support productive forest management
- Prescribed burning
- Forest inventory
- Reforestation and regeneration
- Road construction and maintenance
- Boundary line maintenance

SUPPORTING CERTIFICATION CONFORMANCE

This document serves as partial conformance with the requirements of the FSC-US Forest Stewardship Standard (Criterion 7.6: notification to stakeholders of relevant management activities in advance of the action). Additional practices — such as project signage and public filings in jurisdictions where they are required — also support conformance with this requirement.