STATEMENT & POLICY

F&W Forestry Statement on Reforestation and Regeneration

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POLICY STATEMENT

F&W Forestry believes that planned and successful reforestation and regeneration are fundamental elements of sustainable forestry. All harvest systems and final harvest cuts, except those where a change of land use is planned, should be designed to provide for acceptable regeneration of a healthy new stand. In some cases, the investment time horizon does not extend to a second rotation, and therefore any direct expenditure in the regeneration process (or indirect cost caused by adjusting final harvest to accommodate regeneration) is recognized as a stewardship cost of sustaining forest health and productivity, and recommendations will be provided accordingly to the landowner.

F&W COMMITS TO …

1. Follow all laws and regulations regarding successful regeneration and reforestation.
2. Plan silvicultural regeneration harvests in natural stands, and reforestation and planting projects in plantations, to be consistent with accepted silvicultural and operational practice.
3. Communicate any pertinent stewardship, compliance or environmental issues to our clients, so that they can make appropriate and informed decisions.
4. Where required, a written regeneration and/or reforestation plan will be prepared to direct operations toward planned objectives as approved by the client.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM GUIDANCE

ATF *American Tree Farm*

See ATF Standard 3: Reforestation and Afforestation

Landowner completes timely restocking of desired species of trees on a regeneration harvest site and non-stocked areas where tree growing is consistent with land use practices and the landowner's objectives. Reforestation or afforestation shall achieve adequate stocking of desired species reflecting the landowner's objectives, **within five years after regeneration harvest**, or an appropriate time frame for local conditions, or within a time interval as specified by applicable regulation.

SFI *Sustainable Forestry Initiative*

See SFI Objective 2

To ensure long-term forest productivity, carbon storage and conservation of forest resources through **prompt reforestation, afforestation**, minimized chemical use, soil conservation, and protecting forests from damaging agents. Required: **Documented reforestation plans**, including designation of all harvest areas for either natural, planted or direct seeded regeneration and prompt reforestation, unless delayed for site-specific environmental or forest health considerations or legal requirements, **through planting within two years or two planting seasons, or by planned natural regeneration methods within five years**.

FSC *Forest Stewardship Council*

See FSC Standard C6.10

Regeneration is mentioned and addressed in several FSC Principles including P6 (Environmental Impact), P7 (Management Plan), P8 (Monitoring and Assessment) and P10 (Plantations).