

American Forest Foundation
Independent Standards Review Panel
2014

To: Independent Standards Review Panel Members

From: Sarah Crow, Senior Director of ATFS Certification
American Forest Foundation

Date:

Under the AFF Standards Setting Procedures, the Independent Standards Review Panel (ISRP) is convened by the American Forest Foundation (AFF) Board of Trustees for the purposes of reviewing the American Forest Foundation Standards of Sustainability and making recommendations for appropriate modification or improvement. Final revisions to the ATFS Standards are developed through a consensus based process.

Upon approval by the AFF Board of Trustees, the revised Standards will be made publicly available. The final revised Standards will be named the American Forest Foundation 2015-2020 Standards of Sustainability for Forest Certification will go into effect on January 1, 2015. Upon enactment, the ATFS community, including woodland owners, ATFS Inspecting Foresters, IMG Managers, accredited third-party auditors, will begin a one-year transition period to full implementation complete by January 1, 2016.

Please sign below to confirm your consensus on the final revised AFF Standards of Sustainability to be presented to the AFF Board of Trustees on November 11, 2014. [Electronic signatures will be accepted]

Signature: Barry W. Graden

Organization: Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.

Date: Oct. 1, 2014