

GLOBAL FOREST PARTNERS – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP POLICY

Global Forest Partners LP (GFP) is committed to managing its investors' timberlands in an environmentally and socially responsible manner as it pursues its objective of delivering superior financial returns. GFP believes that the practice of sustainable forestry requires that environmental, social, and financial goals become integrated, compatible concepts in the operation of its forests. GFP will achieve this compatibility, and thus practice sustainable forestry, guided by the following policy.

SCOPE

GFP holds forest sustainability as a critical and universal value. Recognizing this, GFP will apply its environmental stewardship policy through regional programs incorporating regional criteria across all properties.

- **Standards and Third-party Certification:** GFP will apply sustainable forest practices that conform to appropriate certification standards. GFP supports independent third-party verification of this performance and will implement where appropriate.
- **Compatibility:** GFP supports the mutual recognition of forest practice standards to promote sustainable forestry across geographies.
- **Regional and Site Specificity:** GFP will adapt its forest management practices to specific local forest conditions and customs through the use of regional criteria. At the same time, GFP will promote the adoption and evolution of sustainable forest practices in the geographies in which it invests.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

GFP employees and their agents will understand, support, and fully comply with national and local environmental laws and regulations and make them an integral part of GFP's forest management practices.

- **Performance:** GFP will monitor and evaluate environmental performance and hold its managers and employees accountable.
- **Minimizing Impact:** GFP will seek to minimize environmental impacts of its forest practices in concert with efforts to seek superior investment value for its clients.

SAFETY

GFP will conduct all forest operations with the well being of its employees and their agents as a primary focus.

- **Monitoring and Corrective Action:** GFP will monitor its operations for unsafe conditions and practices and promptly take corrective action if necessary.

FOREST OPERATIONS

GFP employees and their agents will plan and conduct all forest operations and management activities in an environmentally sustainable manner.

- **Programs and Plans:** GFP will develop environmental programs and related management plans based on regional criteria for its forests. GFP managers will conduct operations in a manner that is consistent with these criteria.
- **Forest Information:** GFP and its managers will collect and manage all forest information needed to make sustainable management and investment decisions.
- **Regeneration:** GFP will promptly regenerate harvested areas, and apply silvicultural treatments as needed to generate new and healthy forests to deliver superior investment value.

- **Forest Protection:** GFP will utilize management practices to mitigate damage from forest fires, insects, trespass, and other damaging agents to optimize forest productivity and protect investment value.
- **Water Quality:** GFP recognizes forests' values in enhancing and maintaining water quality through its management.
- **Soil Productivity:** GFP recognizes the productive value of forest soils and will seek to preserve and improve forest soil productivity.
- **Monitoring:** GFP will monitor its progress to these ends in all forest operations and will measure performance in achieving operational, financial and sustainability objectives.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

GFP will maintain awareness of significant cultural norms associated with the lands it controls.

- **Special Sites:** GFP will protect archeological and historical sites and document them in its information systems.
- **Communication:** GFP will communicate with stakeholders, particularly local peoples, on cultural and social issues associated with the active management of its investors' forests.
- **Access:** GFP will seek to provide reasonable access to its lands for recreational and cultural purposes.

BIODIVERSITY

GFP will promote habitat diversity and the protection of critical species, habitats, and special places in harmony with our forest objectives.

- **Threatened and Endangered Species:** GFP will identify and protect critical habitats of threatened and endangered species.
- **Sensitive and Critical Habitats:** GFP will identify environmentally sensitive areas and work cooperatively with conservation groups to provide protection for these areas through a variety of methods including management, easements and land sales.
- **Habitat Diversity:** GFP will plan and conduct all of its silvicultural activities, including harvest operations, in a manner that promotes habitat diversity.
- **Genetically Modified Organisms:** The use of DNA modified material has not been thoroughly safety tested and its use is therefore prohibited on lands managed by GFP.

COMMUNICATION, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

GFP accepts the responsibility, in cooperation with others, to promote sustainable forestry including a shared responsibility to address issues concerning forest health and productivity, safety, training, air and water values, wetlands, wildlife, soils, unique resources, recreation. GFP recognizes the importance of communicating not only its vision and policy but also its progress to all stakeholders.

- **Promotion and Education:** GFP will promote the implementation of sustainable forest practices by others and will support sustainable forestry education programs.
- **Communication with Stakeholders:** GFP will communicate with its clients, investors and agents the importance of forests and their sustainable management.
- **Feedback:** GFP will provide open lines of communication with all forest stakeholders as a means of feedback on its progress towards sustainability goals.

- **Research:** GFP will support forest sustainability research.

MONITORING AND CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

GFP's goal is to abide by this policy to the best of its ability. As the company strives for continual improvement, it will employ the following processes:

- **Auditing and Reporting:** GFP will audit its operations for compliance with the GFP Environmental Stewardship Policy and Regional Programs. The company will report its progress in adhering to the Policy to drive continual improvement.
- **Management Review:** For all of its investments and associated operations, GFP will conduct an annual review by senior management of its Environmental Stewardship Policy and its implementation, including an assessment of the need for further policy development.
- **Feedback:** Senior management will be receptive to feedback and suggestions on the Policy, Regional Programs and their implementation.
- **Technology and Research:** GFP commits to adapt its policies and practices to new technologies and understandings gained through environmental research.
- **Implementation:** GFP will specifically assign the responsibility of implementing its Environmental Stewardship Policy to the GFP managers in their respective management areas.

The GFP Environmental Stewardship Policy is enunciated in linked documents covering:

GFP Environmental Stewardship Policy: GFP Environmental Stewardship overview including GFP environmental values and vision.

GFP Regional Forest Stewardship Programs: Specific, written sustainability plans and practices followed in forest management in a particular region or location. These programs will rely on regional criteria to designate specific operating objectives tailored to forests in each of our operating regions to effect the achievement of GFP's forest policies.

Certification Standards: Specific forest sustainability standards to which GFP may elect to certify its management e.g. ISO, FSC, SFI, CSA.

Approval Date: The Global Forest Partners Investment Committee approved this Environmental Stewardship Policy on December 10, 2003, which supersedes all previous versions. It was reviewed by the GFP Investment Committee on December 8, 2006 and remained unchanged.