

Does Robbins Sports Surfaces, LLC meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

April 2nd, 2026

We are carrying out an audit of Robbins Sports Surfaces, LLC located White Lake, Wisconsin, United States to see if their operations comply with FSC's [Controlled Wood](#) standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). We are writing to you to ask if you know of any reason why their operations would not meet this standard.

Controlled Wood is wood that meets minimum requirements and that can therefore be mixed with FSC wood and used in products with an FSC Mix label. In particular, the wood must not be:

- harvested illegally.
- harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.
- harvested from forests with a high conservation value that is threatened by management activities.
- harvested from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.
- from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

We will carry out our audit on May 19th, 2026. Here is how you should comment, if you wish to do so:

- When? You should send comments to us before or during the audit.
- How? You can comment by:
 - Meeting with a Preferred by Nature staff member in person.
 - Phone Heather Schmiege. Her phone number is (313) 655-4796
 - Writing to Heather Schmiege at:
P.O. Box 99
13 Jolina Court-2nd Floor
Richmond, VT 05477
 - Email to Heather Schmiege at hschmiege@preferredbynature.org
 - In person by arranging to meet with Heather Schmiege
- If you want your comments to be confidential please notify us when you submit the comments.

If you provide comments, we will provide feedback to you within 30 days of the audit.

Robbins Sports Surfaces, LLC has written a summary document that lists:

- the risks they have identified that they may source unacceptable wood
- the measures they implement to mitigate those risks.

We have attached this summary document to this letter.

If you wish to dispute any aspect of this forest certification process or the decision we reach as to whether this company meets the Controlled Wood standard, you can access our Dispute Resolution Policy at <https://www.preferredbynature.org/node/9284>.

Thank you for any help you are able to provide.

If you have any recommendations for contacting other stakeholders that may have an interest in providing comments on this company and audit, we would also gladly receive these from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mélanie Proulx

FSC Controlled Wood Due Diligence System Public Summary

1. General Information

Organization Name	Robbins Sports Surfaces LLC
FSC certification code	NC-COC-000720
Organization's DDS contact	Jonathan Turner
DDS prepared/assisted by	Jonathan Turner
Date last reviewed/updated	3/23/26

2. Suppliers

Participating Site	Non-certified material type sourced	Exact Number of Suppliers	Supplier type	Average no. of tiers in supply chains	Approximate number of sub-suppliers
Robbins – Beaver Creek	Roundwood - logs	12	Primary processors, loggers	1	0
Robbins-Kenton	Roundwood – logs	22	Primary processors, loggers	1	0
Robbins-Lumberjack	Roundwood – Logs	19	Primary processors, loggers	1	0
Robbins-White Lake	Sawn lumber	17	Secondary processor, sawmill	2	70

3. Supply Areas

Supply Area	Controlled Wood Category	Reference to risk assessment used	Risk designation
Michigan & Wisconsin USA	Logs 1,2,3,4,5	FSC-NRA-US-V1-0	Low
Michigan & Wisconsin USA	Sawn lumber 1.,2,3,4,5	FSC-NRA-US-V1-0	Low

4. Risk assessment and mitigation

See Appendix A

4.a Risk mitigation for the original material

N/A, all supply areas are low risk

Supply Area	Control Measures	Findings from field verifications as a control measure
Indicator		

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4.b Risk assessment and mitigation for mixing in the supply chain

Participating Site	Supply chain type	No. of tiers	Risk of mixing	Control measures	Findings from field verifications if undertaken as control measures
Robbins – Beaver Creek	Logs purchased directly from concession holders in Michigan and Wisconsin	1	None		
Robbins-Kenton	Logs purchased directly from concession holders in Michigan and Wisconsin	1	None		
Robbins-Lumberjack	Logs purchased directly from concession holders in Michigan and Wisconsin	1	None		
Robbins-White Lake	Lumber purchased from sawmills in Michigan & Wisconsin	2	Low	Annual audits of all sawn lumber suppliers to verify lumber shipped to White Lake originates from logs harvested within 100 miles of sawmill.	

5. Technical experts used in the development of controlled measures

N/A, technical experts were not required.

6. Stakeholder consultation processes

N/A, stakeholder consultation not required.

7. Complaints procedure – refer to scope and procedures document

Appendix A

Robbins Due Diligence System (DDS) and Risk Assessment for FSC Wood & Controlled Wood

Robbins Sports Surfaces has been purchasing only hard maple bolts and low grade hard maple logs from Wisconsin and upper Michigan. Our procurement zone for 3 sawmills is limited to the northern counties in Wisconsin and upper Michigan due to the volume and quality of hard maple grown. We do not buy logs from Canada nor from Minnesota because of the poor quality. We also realize that the market value of the bolts and the time and workload the truckers have to haul the bolts from the job site to a sawmill limits the procurement radius to about 100 miles.

Robbins will use their seasoned personnel to inspect at least 10% of key supplier sites every year.

Controlled wood lumber suppliers will be audited every year by Robbins' personnel.

1) **Information Gathering from supplier interviews and field audits**– completed by Robbins personnel. Includes:

- a. Each log and lumber supplier to affirm our “Supplier Declaration”. Supplier Declarations provide information on controlled wood and species being sourced, geographic origins of timber harvesting, and includes commitment from the supplier to assist in completing audits and confirmation of the legality of the wood being sourced.
- b. Physical audits on harvesting sites for at least 10% of the log suppliers. Audits will verify hard maple is being harvested within 100 miles of one of our sawmills in an environmentally friendly fashion and the wood is cut and hauled in our prescribed supply chain without risk of being mixed with non-conforming wood on the jobsite, during transit and during storage.
- c. Interviews and physical audits on lumber suppliers of controlled wood to include verification that hard maple logs were harvested within 100 miles of one of their sawmill in an environmentally friendly fashion and the wood is cut and hauled without risk of being mixed with non-conforming wood on the jobsite, during transit and during storage. Note that the procurement area for lumber suppliers is the same as for log suppliers. This is to ensure quality remains consistent and the logical supply analysis will be consistent. Visual verification of their largest log supplier's log scale tickets noting point of log origin for 1-2 jobs is acceptable.
- d. Physical audits of FSC log suppliers will verify that hard maple logs were harvested within 100 miles of one of our sawmills in an environmentally friendly fashion and the wood is cut and hauled without risk of being mixed with non-FSC logs on the job site, during storage and during transit.
- e. Robbins will audit each of the custom sawmills at least once annually to ensure that the controlled wood and the FSC logs are received, stored, sawn and shipped so as not to become mixed with non-conforming wood.

2) **Risk Mitigation** – in the event that there is a risk of mixing non-conforming wood with controlled wood, corrective measures may include:

- a) physical segregation of uncontrolled wood.
- b) rejection of uncontrolled wood and elimination from physical supply chain.
- c) exclusion of supplier(s).
- d) exclusion of uncontrolled wood from specific job site(s)
- e) further training of harvesting and transporting personnel to mitigate the risk and provide the correct documentation.

In the event the FSC logs or FSC lumber does not have the correct claim or not have the chain of custody number on the shipping documents, Robbins will receive the wood as non-FSC.

- 3) **Logical Supply Chain Analysis** – The following economical supply chain analysis will be reviewed annually to confirm there is no risk of procuring logs from outside our specified procurement radius.
- a. Has any log supplier shipped hard maple from Canada or Minnesota? Log scale slips received weekly will confirm counties of origin reside in Michigan and Wisconsin.
 - b. The greatest distance a log truck will haul hard maple bolts in Michigan is about 120 miles which takes the driver about 9-10 hours. This is the limit that occasionally suppliers will agree to haul bolts because of the number of loads that need to be hauled and the driving hours limitation set forth in the ELD requirements for commercial trucks. The cost for hauling logs 120 miles is about \$1,260.00. The value of the hard maple bolts delivered to one of our sawmills is about \$3,500.00. The resulting net value to the supplier at the harvesting site is about \$2,240.00 or \$112/cd which is the equivalent or below other low market prices such as pulpwood and firewood. Suppliers of logs have better economical markets when the hauling distance is over 120 miles.
 - c. Robbins' sawmills are located across upper Michigan and northern Wisconsin to facilitate the hauling of logs from under 100 miles.
 - Beaver Creek to Kenton, MI = 146 miles
 - Kenton, MI to Birch Creek, MI = 142
 - Beaver Creek radius = 70 miles
 - IFP - Kenton radius = 70 miles
 - Lumberjack radius = 70-100 miles
- 4) **FSC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment** – Robbins will review annually the National Risk Assessment (NRA) for the United States completed by the FSC US Regional Office and approved on April 5, 2019 to affirm our source area for controlled wood is low risk. Applicable source areas are Wisconsin and Michigan. FSC-NRA-USA V1-0 found at: <https://us.fsc.org/en-us/certification/controlled-wood>
- 5) **Review and Documentation** –
- a. Robbins purchasing personnel and manufacturing personnel will review the DDS and risk assessment at least annually to ensure the effectiveness of the process in reviewing our supply chain.
 - b. Robbins purchasing personnel and the sawmill personnel will continue to conference each week to review the log and lumber receipts to verify the effectiveness of the DCS and DDS. Including volumes by supplier and claim. Scale tickets will be scanned and saved on "G/Log Tickets". If improvements or changes or deficiencies are noted, we will document them in the communication / claim form along with the corrective action.
 - c. The field inspection reports for logs and lumber will be reviewed upon completion and if improvements or changes or deficiencies are noted, we will document them in the communication / claim form along with the corrective action. Volumes, specie, origin will be confirmed from log scale tickets and verbal interviews with harvesting personnel and foresters.

Internal DDS & Risk review

For 2022 there were no changes to log nor lumber suppliers. Sampling audits of harvesting sites revealed compliance with FSC and controlled wood log suppliers. Audits at lumber suppliers for FSC and controlled wood revealed logs originating from prescribed area and no risk of mixing lumber during the process.

For 2023, Robbins discontinued using DRW Sawmill as a core supplier. We added a couple of new log suppliers in Rowe, Labeau, GV and Avidesian. Sampling audits of harvesting sites revealed compliance with FSC and controlled wood log suppliers. Audits at green lumber supplier, Silver Leaf for controlled wood revealed logs originating from prescribed area and no risk of mixing lumber during the process. Added Northern Products of WI and S&L and completed audits successfully. Added Shamco as a supplier and have his audit scheduled next time he cuts in the fall of 2023. Added Maine Woods KD FSC hard maple because could not buy enough FSC in MI and WI. Maine Woods is owned by the Prescott family with 76,000 acres harvested in Maine and cut and dried at the family sawmill in Portage Lake, ME. Not planning on any non- FSC from Maine.

For 2024 and winter & spring of 2025, Robbins is vetting Paradise Sawmill in Levering , MI as a possible custom sawmill. No FSC logs will be sawn. Probably have only one log supplier. Sampling audits of harvesting sites revealed compliance with FSC and controlled wood log suppliers. Audits at green lumber suppliers for controlled wood revealed logs originating from prescribed area and no risk of mixing lumber during the process. Resumed with Maple Hardwoods and Precision Hardwoods as lumber suppliers and reviews by Jason Stebbins scheduled for week of 5/19/25.

For last half of 2025 and winter of 2026, Robbins rejected Paradise Sawmill in Levering , MI as a possible custom sawmill. Discontinued with Maple Hardwoods and resumed with Precision Hardwoods in Tower, MI as winter only lumber supplier. Precision Forestry is sole supplier of logs in lower MI where we bought logs for 20 years. No FSC purchased and no risk of non-compliance controlled wood. Robbins reduced the number of lumber suppliers and volume of controlled wood purchased in 2026 to less than 27% of the mix; all from western UP.