

## Does Ed Bobocel Lumber (1993) Ltd. meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

May 13, 2026

We are carrying out an audit of Ed Bobocel Lumber (1993) Ltd. located in Lac La Biche, Alberta, Canada, 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 28, 2026, however, you can provide feedback until June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 to Brittany King. Her phone number is 778-558-8814
  - Writing to Brittany King at:  
P.O. Box 1771  
Chelsea, QC J9B 1A1  
Canada .
  - Email to Brittany King at [bking@preferredbynature.org](mailto:bking@preferredbynature.org)
  - In person by arranging to meet with Brittany King
- 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.

Ed Bobocel Lumber (1993) Ltd. 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

Organisation name:	Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd.
FSC certificate code:	PBN-CW/COC-001990
Organisation's DDS contact person:	Deanna Zelt
DDS prepared/assisted by:	Originally prepared by Tina Langille-Hayward, AI-Pac Certification Specialist with assistance from AI-Pac Woodlands Subject Matter Experts and Megan Bobocel. Reviewed and updated by Deanna Zelt.
Date last reviewed/updated (by the organisation):	May 12, 2026

### 2. Suppliers

Participating site	Non-certified material type sourced	Exact number of suppliers	Supplier type(s)	Average no. of tiers in the supply chains	Approximate or exact number of sub-suppliers
Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd.	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	1 FSC CoC/CW certified company & Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd.	Forest Management Enterprises	1	0

### 3. Supply areas

Supply area	Controlled wood category	Reference to risk assessment used	Risk designation
Central and Northern Alberta, Canada FMU's: L1, L2, L8, S23	1	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1	Low risk
	2	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1	Specified risk
	3	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1	Specified risk
	4	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1	Specified risk
	5	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1	Low risk

## 4. Risk assessment and mitigation

### 4.a Risk mitigation for the origin of the material

Supply area:		
Indicator	Control Measures	Findings from field verification if undertaken as a control measure
Controlled wood category 2. Wood harvested in violation of traditional and human rights		
2.3	<p><b>For sources of material originating directly from the forest of origin, primary producers* may demonstrate one or a combination of the following control measures (Control Measures 1 and 4 applied):</b></p> <p><b>1. Indigenous Peoples with legal and/or customary rights within the Forest Management Unit do not oppose* the Forest Management Plan. *oppose = opposition demonstrated through active litigation, blockade, protest or other significant conflict of substantial magnitude.</b></p> <p>Bobocel would be considered a Primary Producer. Within Bobocel’s supply area there are Indigenous communities (First Nation and Metis) that exercise their traditional rights.</p> <p>Government of Canada: First Nations Profile Interactive Map  <a href="https://geo.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/cipn-fnpim/index-eng.html">https://geo.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/cipn-fnpim/index-eng.html</a></p> <p>Bobocel will not accept material from a harvest that is opposed* by Indigenous Peoples with legal and/or customary rights within the harvest area. Prior to approval of Bobocel’s General Development Plan, Bobocel must adhere to Alberta has First Nations and Metis consultation policies. Operational approvals are dependent upon adequate consultation.</p> <p>Alberta Indigenous Relations  <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/indigenous-consultations-in-alberta.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/indigenous-consultations-in-alberta.aspx</a></p> <p>No recent cases were identified through <a href="#">National Risk Assessment for Canada</a> of conflicts of substantial magnitude as a result of forest management activities. (Page 75)</p> <p><b>4. Best efforts to engage with Indigenous Peoples with legal and customary rights within the Forest Management Unit to understand if/how these rights are violated as a result of forest management activities, is demonstrated.</b></p> <p><b>Guidance: ‘Best efforts to engage’ should be aligned with the attributes of a ‘culturally appropriate’ engagement process. Refer to the FSC Canada National Forest Stewardship Standard (FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018) for a definition and discussion of ‘culturally appropriate’ engagement.</b></p> <p>In the event that there is opposition, prior to material being accepted Bobocel will utilize best efforts to engage with Indigenous Peoples with legal and customary rights within the harvest area to understand if/how these rights are violated as a result of forest management activities.</p>	

	<p>Additional Support for Indicator 2.3.</p> <p>Alberta has First Nations and Metis consultation policies that must be followed by industry. Operational approvals are dependent upon adequate consultation.</p> <p>Alberta Indigenous Relations  <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/indigenous-consultations-in-alberta.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/indigenous-consultations-in-alberta.aspx</a></p> <p>Government of Canada - Consultation, Engagement and the Duty to Consult  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs.html</a></p> <p>As well, there are historic First Nations treaties established in Alberta. Specific claims deal with past grievances of First Nations related to Canada's obligations under historic treaties or the way it managed First Nations' funds or other assets. To honor its obligations, Canada negotiates settlements with the First Nation and (where applicable) provincial and/or territorial governments.</p> <p>Government of Canada Reporting Centre on Specific Claims  <a href="https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100030291/1539617582343">https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100030291/1539617582343</a></p>	
Controlled wood category 3. Wood from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities		
3.1	<p><i>SPECIFIED RISK relating to Woodland Caribou for the following ecoregions within Bobocel's supply area:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mid-Continental Canadian Forests</i></li> <li>• <i>Canadian Aspen Forests and Parklands</i></li> </ul> <p><b><i>For each species whose critical habitat* has been identified within a Specified Risk ecoregion, one or more of the following control measures shall be demonstrated, as applicable (Control Measure 1 applied).</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1. Evidence demonstrates that harvesting does not take place in critical habitats* for Specified Risk species identified.</i></b></p> <p>All of Bobocel's Controlled Material supply can be tracked back to its source through source IDs, commercial timber permits and TM9 tickets. The majority of the Controlled Material sourced originates from areas outside the critical habitats of Woodland Caribou.</p> <p><b><i>For Woodland Caribou (Control Measure 8 applied)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>8. Evidence demonstrates that forests in the sourcing area have a management plan that contributes to the recovery of woodland caribou critical habitat*, as identified in the Federal Recovery Strategy.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The management plan identifies and implements:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>a) Best Management Practices (BMPs) that reduce disturbance to and restore critical habitat* including, but not limited to:</i></b></p>	

• *access management (e.g. road decommissioning, integrated access plans, restoration of linear features); OR*

• *aggregate harvesting (i.e. harvest scheduling to minimize disturbance footprint).*

*OR*

*b) Harvest deferrals, set asides, and/or protection areas within areas of critical habitat\*, where forest operations are not permitted.*

*Rationale is provided as to how such actions will contribute to reducing the level of disturbance over time in critical habitat\*, in support of meeting the 65% undisturbed habitat threshold requirements in the Federal Recovery Strategy.*

For all caribou ranges in Alberta the following would apply:

Alberta and Canada signed an *Agreement for the Conservation and Recovery of the woodland Caribou in Alberta* in 2020 under Section 11 of the federal *Species at Risk Act*. This Agreement outlined a combination of habitat and population management actions intended to address the goals and objectives of Alberta Woodland Caribou Recovery Plan and Policy and the Federal Recovery Strategies for both boreal and southern mountain woodland caribou populations. The Agreement is legally binding and establishes a timeline for when each action is to be undertaken. These actions include:

- Sub-regional Landscape Planning to achieve critical habitat outcomes at the caribou range level, consistent with ECCC's *Range Plan Guidance for Woodland Caribou, Boreal Population* (2016).
- Integrated Land Management and access management – A strategic, planned approach to restore, manage and reduce human footprint on the landscape.
- Restoration of human footprint including linear features (legacy seismic lines).
- Net reduction in disturbance to critical habitat from the energy sector.
- Planning of forestry footprint that is consistent with caribou conservation and recovery. To date this has been based around aggregated harvest practices that mirror natural disturbances. Aggregated harvesting further reduces the amount of access required during a given timeframe and reduces new habitat disturbances. The grouping of harvest activities also enables regrowth of contiguous forest patches.

The Agreement expired in October 2025, and a new agreement is currently being negotiated. Subregional planning is continuing without the Agreement in place.

In addition to the Alberta-Canada Conservation Agreement, other regulations and best practices addressing caribou habitat management, and working to contribute to reducing the level of disturbance over time in critical habitat, in support of meeting the 65% undisturbed habitat threshold requirements in the Federal Recovery Strategy include:

- Reforestation of legacy linear footprint within new harvest blocks.
- Reforestation of temporary roads within 3 years as required by the 2024 Provincial Operating Ground Rules
- Landscape and site level forest planning and operational approaches that reduce disturbance to and support recovery of critical habitat. This includes Spatial Harvest Sequence development that contributes to caribou habitat requirements and supports woodland caribou recovery. It also includes Operating Ground Rules that provide operationalized direction to forest companies and government for incorporating wildlife habitat requirements for caribou during timber harvest planning, implementation and monitoring.
- Conservation areas within woodland caribou ranges. The Alberta government has made progress towards achieving all aspects of Canada Target 1 and Aichi Target 11. As an example, in 2018 the Alberta government announce the addition of 1.36 million hectares to Alberta's protected areas network resulting in 6.7 million contiguous hectares of boreal forest in Alberta, much of it

located with woodland caribou ranges. Al-Pac and Northland established ~337,000 hectares of "Designated Conservation Lands" mostly within caribou range in May 2023, in accordance with FSC 6.5.

**Alberta-Canada Agreement for the Conservation and Recovery of the Woodland Caribou in Alberta**  
<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/agreement-for-the-conservation-and-recovery-of-the-woodland-caribou-in-alberta>  
<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/first-report-implementation-section-11-agreement-conservation-recovery-woodland-caribou-in-alberta>

**Alberta's Action on Caribou – Caribou Range Planning**  
<https://www.alberta.ca/caribou-range-planning.aspx>  
<https://www.alberta.ca/caribou-sub-regional-task-forces.aspx>

**Parks and Protected Areas**  
<https://www.albertaparks.ca/media/6492835/alberta-parks-protected-areas-provincial-map.pdf>

**Pathway to Canada Target 1**  
<http://www.conservation2020canada.ca/home>

**Creating world's largest boreal protected forest**  
<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=55951F7FBFC21-B342-F69F-2BB2163D213E56F7>

**Alberta leads Canada on woodland caribou protection**  
<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=41892E6E8E071-F5BD-84CC-6CF522ACE9658E41>

**Progress Report on Steps Taken to Protect Critical Habitat for the Woodland Caribou (Rangifer tarandus caribou), Boreal Population, in Canada – June, 2019**  
[https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/virtual\\_sara/files/reports/Chr-BorealCaribou-v00-June2019-Eng1.pdf](https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/virtual_sara/files/reports/Chr-BorealCaribou-v00-June2019-Eng1.pdf)

**Caribou (Rangifer tarandus) Boreal population: Report on the progress of the recovery strategy implementation (period 2017 to 2022) and the action plan implementation (period 2018 to 2023)**  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry/report-progress-recovery-document/caribou-rangifer-tarandus-boreal-report-progress-recovery-strategy-2017-2022-action-plan-2018-2023.html>

The **Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute's (ABMI) Caribou Monitoring Unit (CMU)** was developed to support woodland caribou recovery in Canada. The CMU works with academics, industry, and government to facilitate applied research and provide scientific expertise to evaluate and monitor caribou recovery options. Current CMU projects range from prioritizing areas for habitat restoration to determining how predator numbers and landscape features affect caribou populations, to evaluating the efficacy of seismic line restoration. The CMU continues to develop relationships with stakeholder groups and support efforts to increase our collective understanding of issues facing boreal woodland caribou in Western Canada.  
<https://cmu.abmi.ca/>  
<https://cmu.abmi.ca/prioritizing-restoration/prioritizing-areas-for-restoration/>

**Caribou Conservation: Restoring Trees on Seismic Lines in Alberta, Canada**  
[http://www.ace-lab.org/assets\\_b/Filicetti%20et%20al.%20\(2019\)%20forests-10-00185.pdf](http://www.ace-lab.org/assets_b/Filicetti%20et%20al.%20(2019)%20forests-10-00185.pdf)

**Forest Harvest supports seismic line reforestation**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0378112725000143>

#### **Legislated Species at Risk protection within Alberta's forest practices**

Species at Risk protection is accounted for within the *Alberta Forest Management Planning Standard* and the Operating Ground Rules, which are required for all forestry operations in Alberta. The Government of Alberta identifies species at risk and prepares protection measures and monitoring requirements which are incorporated into the *Forest Management Planning Standard* and implemented through Forest Management Plans. Sections 5.7 and 5.9.11, as well as Annex 4 of the *Forest Management Planning Standard* outline some of the values to be considered when developing harvest sequences, including habitat requirements and access strategies.

#### **Alberta Forest Management Planning Standard**

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/3491799>

#### **Alberta Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules (2025)**

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/timber-harvest-planning-and-oqr-2025>

In addition to the above measures that promote caribou and caribou habitat recovery in Alberta, specific action to further that recovery within the caribou ranges within Bobocel's supply area are summarized as follows.

- **Cold Lake**

- A Government of Alberta led range planning process has been completed for the Cold Lake range. The plan demonstrates how the range can meet a 65% undisturbed threshold in the coming decades, through restoration, access management, and rules or regulations for resource industries. Strategies related to caribou habitat restoration, access management, integrated landscape management and wildlife population/habitat management have been included in the final plan which was approved by provincial cabinet in 2022. <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/cold-lake-sub-regional-plan>
- Active restoration of legacy seismic lines is being completed by industry. **The Regional Industry Caribou Collaboration (RICC)** is a group of energy & forestry companies working collaboratively across tenure and lease boundaries to coordinate habitat restoration, conduct research on caribou ecology and landscape relationships, and lead investigative trials on landscape restoration methods, effectiveness and wildlife responses to habitat treatments. RICC is focused on the Cold Lake and East Side of Athabasca caribou ranges in AB. To date coordinated caribou habitat restoration treatments have been implemented on more than 1,200 km of legacy seismic lines across the Cold Lake and East Side Athabasca River Caribou Ranges. <https://cmu.abmi.ca/testing-recovery-options/regional-industry-caribou-collaboration/>

With the passing of an Order in Council (2018) the Dillon River Wildland Park was established. The conservation area covers 199,545 hectares, a portion of which overlaps the Cold Lake Caribou Range. With the Wildland Park and the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range 64 per cent of the range inaccessible for forestry operations.

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<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=55951F7FBFC21-B342-F69F-2BB2163D213E56F7>

- An additional 12% of the Cold Lake Caribou Range is covered by harvest deferrals.

**The Alberta-Pacific 2015 Forest Management Plan (FMP)** includes best management practices (from the collaborative NE Alberta plan under the former Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement) for caribou conservation, such as aggregated harvesting, integrated land management to reduce the industrial footprint on the landscape, and access management, as well as significant deferrals in all five caribou ranges within the Forest Management Agreement Area. Quota Holders in AI-Pac's FMA area are bound by the conditions of the FMP.

**AI-Pac's Caribou Conservation Strategy** outlines AI-Pac's caribou conservation strategies and related verifiers / monitoring programs. Included within the strategy is coordinated restoration of industrial infrastructure, participation on provincial and national caribou conservation initiatives, and the importance of protected areas.

**Alberta-Pacific 2015 Forest Management Plan**

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/alberta-pacific-fma-area-2015-forest-management-plan>

AI-Pac, Mistik Management Ltd, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and Ducks Unlimited Canada have partnered in a collaborative Protected Areas Gap Analysis project for northeastern Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan to identify areas to be considered for conservation so as to address key values on the landscape, such as caribou range. This project encompasses the Cold Lake range and is in alignment with Criterion 6.5 of the National Forest Stewardship Standard.

- **East Side Athabasca River (ESAR)**

There were five conservation areas that overlapped with the caribou range. With the passing of an Order in Council (2018) the Dillon River Wildland Park was established. The conservation area covers 199,545 hectares, a portion of which overlaps the East Side Athabasca River Caribou Range. With the addition of the Dillon River Wildland Park, 9 per cent of the caribou range is now within a conservation area.

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- An additional 53% of the East Side Athabasca River Caribou Range is covered by harvest deferrals.
- **The Alberta-Pacific 2015 Forest Management Plan (FMP)** includes best management practices (from the collaborative NE Alberta plan under the former Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement) for caribou conservation, such as aggregated harvesting, integrated land management to reduce the industrial footprint on the landscape, and access management, as well as significant deferrals in all five caribou ranges within the Forest Management Agreement Area. Quota Holders in AI-Pac's FMA area are bound by the conditions of the FMP.

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[plan](#)

- A small portion of ESAR is outside the Alberta Green Zone. However, most of the area within that portion of the range remains on crown land rather than private land. This crown land would be covered under the ESAR range plan and managed as per the area within the green zone. There is no forest tenure allocated by the government through a forest management agreement or a timber quota. To minimize landscape disturbance while Alberta develops strategies to conserve and recover caribou habitat and populations, the Provincial government has a restriction on energy sector development, including the sale of mineral rights, within all caribou ranges in Alberta. This would further restrict activity in that area. The proportion of private land within the ESAR caribou range represents less than 0.2 per cent (18 km<sup>2</sup>) of the entire range. The privately owned quarter sections are along the Highway 63 corridor and consist of agriculture landbase or have other anthropogenic footprint and are, therefore, not well suited to caribou habitat. The Draft Provincial Woodland Caribou Range Plan does not differentiate between Green Zone and White Zone in this area, but maintains the entire ESAR Caribou Range as the area of focus. As well, sub-regional planning outlined in the Section 11 Agreement between Canada and Alberta is now underway with completion expected in late 2023. Additionally, the entire ESAR range is part of the study area for the Regional Industry Caribou Collaboration, a group of energy and forestry companies that are working together to deliver cooperative, range-level efforts aimed at recovering boreal caribou and their habitat.

**Alberta's Action on Caribou – Caribou Range Planning**

<https://www.alberta.ca/caribou-range-planning.aspx>

**Section 11 Agreement for Caribou**

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/agreement-for-the-conservation-and-recovery-of-the-woodland-caribou-in-alberta>

**The Regional Industry Caribou Collaboration (RICC)**

<https://cmu.abmi.ca/testing-recovery-options/regional-industry-caribou-collaboration/>

- AI-Pac, Mistik Management Ltd, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and Ducks Unlimited Canada have partnered in a collaborative Protected Areas Gap Analysis project for northeastern Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan to identify areas to be considered for conservation so as to address key values on the landscape, such as caribou range. This project encompasses the East Side Athabasca River range and is in alignment with Criterion 6.5 of the National Forest Stewardship Standard. The area of assessment for this project includes the portion of the caribou range located within the White Zone and on private land. In May 2023, 8% of the ESAR range was included in Designated Conservation Lands established through this project.
- The Christina herd of the ESAR range is encompassed with the government-led Cold Lake Subregional Task Force. Recommendations related to caribou habitat restoration, access management, integrated landscape management and wildlife population/habitat management have been submitted to the GoA, and a final plan was approved by provincial cabinet in 2022.  
<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/cold-lake-sub-regional-plan>
- The remainder of the ESAR range is encompassed within the government-led Wandering River Subregional Task Force. Recommendations related to caribou habitat restoration, access management, integrated landscape management and wildlife population/habitat management have been submitted to the GoA. The Wandering River

	<p>Subregional Plan is currently in development, and Al-Pac and Northland are working with Alberta to design a forest harvest plan that will meet cumulative disturbance targets (i.e. &lt;35% disturbance). A draft plan was released for public comment in December 2025, but a final plan has not yet been approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Regional Industry Caribou Collaboration (RICC)</b> RICC is a group of energy &amp; forestry companies working collaboratively across tenure and lease boundaries to coordinate habitat restoration, conduct research on caribou ecology and landscape relationships, and lead investigative trials on landscape restoration methods, effectiveness and wildlife responses to habitat treatments. RICC is focused on the Cold Lake and East Side of Athabasca caribou ranges in AB. To date coordinated caribou habitat restoration treatments have been implemented on more than 1,200 km of legacy seismic lines across the Cold Lake and East Side Athabasca River Caribou Ranges. <a href="https://cmu.abmi.ca/testing-recovery-options/regional-industry-caribou-collaboration/">https://cmu.abmi.ca/testing-recovery-options/regional-industry-caribou-collaboration/</a></li> <li>● <b>West Side Athabasca River (WSAR)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Alberta-Pacific 2015 Forest Management Plan (FMP) includes best management practices (from the collaborative NE Alberta plan under the former Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement) for caribou conservation, such as aggregated harvesting, integrated land management to reduce the industrial footprint on the landscape, and access management, as well as significant deferrals in all five caribou ranges within the Forest Management Agreement Area. Quota Holders in Al-Pac's FMA area are bound by the conditions of the FMP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Al-Pac's Caribou Conservation Strategy</b> outlines Al-Pac's caribou conservation strategies and related verifiers / monitoring programs. Included within the strategy is coordinated restoration of industrial infrastructure, participation on provincial and national caribou conservation initiatives, and the importance of protected areas.</p> <p><b>Alberta-Pacific 2015 Forest Management Plan</b> <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/publications/alberta-pacific-fma-area-2015-forest-management-plan">https://open.alberta.ca/publications/alberta-pacific-fma-area-2015-forest-management-plan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 77% of the West Side Athabasca River Range is covered by harvest deferrals.</li> <li>○ Al-Pac, Mistik Management Ltd, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and Ducks Unlimited Canada have partnered in a collaborative Protected Areas Gap Analysis project for northeastern Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan to identify areas to be considered for conservation so as to address key values on the landscape, such as caribou range. This project encompasses the Westside Athabasca range and is in alignment with Criterion 6.5 of the National Forest Stewardship Standard. In May 2023, 13% of the WSAR range was included in Designated Conservation Lands established through this project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3.2	<p><b><i>For all Specified Risk IFLs (per Table 5) one or more of the following control measures shall be demonstrated, as applicable. (Control measure 1 applied.)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>1. Forest operations do not occur within IFLs.</i></b></p> <p>IFLs with Specified Risk do not occur within the supply area.</p>	
Controlled wood category 4. Wood from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use		

4.1	<p><i>For each reporting zone that has been identified as Specified Risk, one or more of the following control measures shall be demonstrated (Control measure 1 applied.)</i></p> <p><b>1. Evidence demonstrates that supplied material does not originate from areas converted to non-forest.</b></p> <p>All of Bobocel's controlled material supply is through the company's timber quota allocation. Sustained yield management, and therefore reforestation, is a legal requirement for forest companies in Alberta. Forest companies who harvest from Crown land are legally required to meet reforestation standards on harvest areas. Additionally, Operating Ground Rules require that forest companies plan and implement silvicultural practices that result in reforested stands that meet approved regeneration standards. Therefore, conversion does not occur.</p> <p><b>Reforestation Standards of Alberta</b>  <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/publications/7010852">https://open.alberta.ca/publications/7010852</a></p> <p><b>Alberta Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules (2025)</b>  <a href="https://open.alberta.ca/publications/timber-harvest-planning-and-ogr-2025">https://open.alberta.ca/publications/timber-harvest-planning-and-ogr-2025</a></p>	
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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 verification if undertaken as a control measure
<i>Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd. Millsite</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Wood delivered directly from forest to millsite.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>1 Tier</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>None – Entire Supply area controlled. Tracking system in place (TM9s accompany every load). Only FSC certified, FSC Controlled or controlled material accepted into the mill yard. Uncontrolled Wood Procedure in place.</i></p>	<p><i>TM9 forms accompany every load.</i></p>	

#### 5. Technical experts used in the development of control measures

N/A, technical experts were not required.

#### 6. Stakeholder consultation processes

N/A, stakeholder consultation not required.

#### 7. Complaints procedure

We encourage stakeholders who have suggestions for improvements, comments, or complaints related to our controlled wood due diligence system to contact Deanna Zelt Al-Pac's certification Specialist at:

Deanna Zelt, RFP  
FSC Certification Specialist  
Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.  
Phone: 780-525-8258  
Fax: 780-525-8097

We commit to follow up on stakeholder input as soon as we receive it and to provide stakeholders with feedback within 2 weeks.

*Provide the organisation's complaints procedure. The procedure must satisfy the requirements of Section 7 of the standard.*

### **Stakeholder input and complaints**

Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd has a procedure in place to handle comments and complaints from stakeholders that are related to its DDS. The procedure includes:

- a. When a comment or complaint is received from a stakeholder in relation to the company's Due Diligence System, receipt of the comment or complaint will be acknowledged by Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd. and the stakeholder will be informed of this complaint procedure.
- b. An initial response to complainants will be provided within a time period of two (2) weeks;
- c. Where complaints relate to risk designations from the NRA, the complaints will be forwarded to FSC.
- d. For all other complaints a preliminary assessment will be conducted to determine whether evidence provided in a complaint is or is not substantial, by assessing the evidence provided against the risk of using material from unacceptable sources. Where the categorization of low risk sources is challenged by an external party, and documented evidence provided thereof, Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd. will re-evaluate the source and justify the basis on which it has been categorized within 2 weeks of receiving a formal challenge.
- e. Dialogue with complainants will be sought to solve complaints assessed as substantial before further action is taken.
- f. As well, substantial complaints and precautionary steps for resolution will be forwarded to the certification body and the FSC Canada office within two weeks of receipt of the complaint. Information on the steps to be taken by the organization in order to resolve the complaint, as well as how a precautionary approach will be used, shall be included with the complaint.
- g. On such cases in which evidence is considered relevant to warrant field verification such verification will be conducted within 2 months after its receipt.
- h. A precautionary approach will be employed towards the continued sourcing of the relevant material while a complaint is pending. A complaint is pending if it has been considered to be substantial and no effective corrective action has been taken yet.
- i. In the event of a non-compliance with the Controlled Wood Standard as confirmed by field verification, the wood and supplier will be declined. In order for the supplier to be able to renew its supply of controlled wood to Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd. corrective actions will be required and a re-evaluation of the controlled wood requirements will occur to ensure the effectiveness of the corrective actions. As well, ongoing probationary monitoring of the supplier will be undertaken for a period of six months.
- j. The complainant, certification body and FSC Canada office will be informed of the results of the complaint and actions taken towards its resolution.

- k. Records of the complaint, investigation and corrective or follow up actions will be maintained with the supplier's contract for a five-year period.
- l. If frequent non-compliances occur Ed Bobocel Lumber Ltd. will review their risk assessment procedure and make required changes.

**Annex**

*Bobocel Risk Assessment to the NRA (2026) attached separately.*