



## Notice of Public Consultation – FSC® & SFI Certification

Notice Issued on May 4, 2026

**Audited Organization:** GreenFirst Forest Products Inc.  
**Area in the Audit Scope:** Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada  
**Audit Dates:** June 16-18, 2026

### Introduction

Preferred by Nature, an accredited Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification body, will conduct an annual surveillance FSC audit of the forest management activities and chain of custody and an SFI forest management surveillance audit of GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. located in Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada. This audit will take place during the week of June 15, 2026.

The audit will be conducted by Jeremy Williams, RPF, accompanied by Denis Pelletier, RPF.

**We invite stakeholders and Indigenous communities to share with us their comments** on forest management practices on the area audited. **We welcome any comments, whether public or confidential. The source of the information provided will be kept confidential.** Comments may be forwarded to the Audit Team Leader Jeremy Williams (647-883-1704, [jeremy.w@sympatico.ca](mailto:jeremy.w@sympatico.ca)) or to the Certificate Manager at Preferred by Nature, James Hallworth (249-516-1655, [jhallworth@preferredbynature.org](mailto:jhallworth@preferredbynature.org)).

### Audit Scope

The FSC & SFI annual surveillance audits of forest management activities will include verification of the environmental, silvicultural and socio-economic aspects of GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. using the FSC Canadian Forest Management Standard (FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018 V1):

<https://ca.fsc.org/ca-en/forest-management>

and the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard Section 2:

<https://forests.org/forestmanagementstandard/>

Information about this FSC certificate holder, include public summaries of audit reports, is available on the FSC Search website at the following address:

<https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a024000005sS2FAAU/?tab=address>

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Information about this SFI certificate holder, include public summaries of audit reports, is available on the SFI certification database at the following address:

<https://www.sfidatabase.org/>

## Audit Process

The audit team will begin its consultation with stakeholders and Indigenous communities immediately. During the week of June 15, 2026, the audit team will carry out a field visit to recent or ongoing forestry operations in the area in the audit scope. It will also conduct consultations with stakeholders and Indigenous communities, including private interviews, discussions and, if necessary, public meetings. At the end of the audit, the auditors will hold a closing meeting with the audited Organization to present the preliminary results. Approximately one month after the closing meeting, a confidential preliminary report will be sent to the certificate holder for comment. Preferred by Nature will then make a certification decision, considering the comments received and the review process, by end of August. A public summary of the audit report will be published on the FSC Search website: <https://search.fsc.org/en/> as on the SFI Certification Database: <https://www.sfidatabase.org/>

## Other Information

- Preferred by Nature's dispute resolution procedure is available to stakeholders and Indigenous communities at <https://www.preferredbynature.org/library/document/preferred-nature-dispute-resolution-procedure>
- About Preferred by Nature: <https://www.preferredbynature.org/about-us>