



Notice of Public Consultation – FSC® Certification

Notice Issued on September 2, 2026

Audited Organization: Gestion FORAP Inc.

Area in the Audit Scope: Old MU 35-71, now included in MU 121-71

Audit Dates: Week of October 5, 2026

Introduction

Preferred by Nature, an accredited Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certification body, will conduct a annual surveillance FSC audit of the forest management activities and chain of custody of Gestion FORAP Inc. located in Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, Quebec, Canada for old MU 35-71, now included in MU 121-71. This audit will take place during the week of October 5, 2026.

The audit will be conducted by Jordan Thibault, registered forestry engineer.

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 and Certificate Manager at Preferred by Nature, Jordan Thibault (819-513-0036, jthibault@preferredbynature.org).

Audit Scope

The FSC annual surveillance audit of forest management activities will include verification of the environmental, silvicultural and socio-economic aspects of Gestion FORAP Inc. using the FSC Canadian Forest Management Standard (FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018 V1): <https://ca.fsc.org/ca-en/forest-management>

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/a0240000005uCvYAAU/>

Audit Process

The audit team will begin its consultation with stakeholders and Indigenous communities immediately. During the week of October 5, 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 December 2026. A public summary of the audit report will be published on the FSC Search website: <https://search.fsc.org/en/>

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>