

Does Manthei Wood Products meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

October 5, 2026

We are carrying out an audit of Manthei Wood Products located in Petoskey, Michigan, 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 November 24th, 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 Heather Schmiede. Her phone number is 313-655-4796
 - Writing to Heather Schmiede at:
P.O. Box 99
13 Jolina Court-2nd Floor
Richmond, VT 05477.
 - Email to Heather Schmiede at hs@pbn.org
 - In person by arranging to meet with Heather Schmiede
- 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.

Manthei Wood Products 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 Summary

Manthei Wood Products in Petoskey MI

Updated by Anusha Sridhara, September 2nd, 2026; Christopher Gibbons, September 3, 2026

Note: as of October 5, 2019, all Controlled Wood Certificate Holders (CH) sourcing materials that they wish to control from the conterminous United States (excludes Alaska, Hawaii and US Territories) must have updated their DDS to incorporate the FSC US National Risk Assessment. Sourcing from Alaska, Hawaii or US Territories requires a company risk assessment. Sourcing from Canada, either directly, or indirectly due to logical supply area overlap, requires incorporation of the FSC CAN National Risk Assessment.

When complete, this form will meet the requirements in Section 6 of FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 "Publicly Available Information".

1. Due Diligence System information:

Description of Supply Area	Risk Designation	Indicator(s) for Supply Area Specified Risk Designation	Risk Assessment
Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Vermont, New Hampshire, Illinois, New York	Low Risk		FSC-NRA-USA v.1-0
Ohio, Pennsylvania	Specified Risk	Mesophytic Cove Sites	FSC-NRA-USA v.1-0
West Virginia	Specified Risk	Mesophytic Cove Sites	FSC-NRA-USA v.1-0
		Central Appalachian Critical Biodiversity Areas	
Virginia, Maryland	Specified Risk	Conversion	FSC-NRA-USA v1.0
Ontario Canada – Hastings County	Specified Risk	3.1 - Eastern Boreal Transition	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1
Ontario Canada – Hastings County	Specified Risk	3.1 - Eastern Great Lakes Lowland Forest Areas- Ontario	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1
Ontario Canada – Hastings County	Specified Risk	2.3 - The rights of Indigenous and Traditional Peoples are upheld	FSC-NRA-CA V2-1

Washington	Specified Risk	Conversion, Old Growth	FSC-NRA-USA v.1-0
Pennsylvania	Specified Risk	Mesophytic Cove site, Central Appalachian CBA, Conversion	FSC-NRA-USA v.1-0
Georgia	Specified Risk	Florida Panhandle, Southern Appalachian CBA, Central Appalachian CBA, Patch nosed Salamander, Cheoah Bald Salamander, Native Longleaf Pine Systems, Late Successional Bottomland Hardwoods, Mesophytic Cove Sites, Conversion	FSC-NRA-USA v.1-0
West Virginia	Specified Risk	Mesophytic Cove Sites, Central Appalachian CBA, Conversion	FSC-NRA-USA v.1-0

2. Control Measures

Mark the applicable box below:

All sourcing areas are **low risk**; therefore, the following items are not applicable:

- Control measures
- Company led stakeholder consultation
- Technical experts
- Field Verifications of the FMU or supply chain

X Some sourcing areas are **specified risk** areas; therefore, the following items may be applicable and are being implemented by the certificate holder as appropriate and necessary:

- Control measures **See Below**
- Company led stakeholder consultation (for CH-developed control measures) **See Below**
- Technical experts (for CH-developed control measures) **See Below**
- Field Verifications of the FMU or supply chain (for CH-developed control measures or further delineating supply area risk) **See Below**

Assessment Indicator Requiring Control Measure(s)	Control Measures Per Indicator
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3.1 Wood harvested from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities	Educational materials and landowner outreach or coordination with local conservation organization as determined by the specified risk. Mitigation measures will be reviewed annually. ○ 3.3.a.i – AGC attended CW Regional Meeting ○ 3.3.a.ii – Staff reviewed CW Regional Meeting Report ○ 3.3.b – Central Theme: Education & Outreach: Utilizing AGC Mitigation System
4.1 Conversion Wood from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use	Educational materials and landowner outreach of coordination with local conservation organization as determined by the specified risk. Mitigation measures will be reviewed annually. Conversion: 4.2 • 4.2a – AGC attended CW Regional Meeting and Staff reviewed CW Regional Meeting Report • 4.2b – Central Theme: Education & Outreach: Utilizing AGC Mitigation System
Wood Harvested from Eastern Boreal Transition, Eastern Great Lakes Lowland Forest Areas are threatened by management activities.	See FSC-NRA-CA V2-1. Mitigation measures will be reviewed annually. 2.3 The rights of Indigenous and Traditional Peoples are upheld (FSC-NRA-CA V2-1) We will apply Control Measure 1 as specified in the national standard. “Indigenous Peoples with legal and/or customary rights within the Forest Management Unit do not oppose the Forest Management Plan”. No active opposition to operations on private lands,
Wood Harvested from Eastern Boreal Transition, Eastern Great Lakes Lowland Forest Areas are threatened by management activities.	See FSC-NRA-CA V2-1. Mitigation measures will be reviewed annually. 3.1 Species Diversity (FSC-NRA-CA V2-1) We provide landowners and suppliers information as required in Control Measure 3. Evidence demonstrates that owners and/or managers of privately-owned forests are informed about: • the critical habitats of species within their managed forests; AND • the threats to the critical habitat; AND • best management practices to reduce threats to critical habitat; AND

	• applicable legislation.
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Assessment Indicator Requiring Control Measure(s)	Control Measures for Addressing Risk of Supply Chain Mixing of Unacceptable or Non-eligible Sources
	There is no risk of mixing controlled and unacceptable material in our wood basket during transport, processing and storage because the entirety of our wood basket is either low risk or we have implemented mitigation measures required by FSC-NRA-US V1-0 and FSC-NRA-CA V2-1.

Stakeholder Consultation, Technical Experts, and Field Verifications
Company utilizes the American Green Consulting Group's Mitigation Action Plan, which is based on suggested mitigation from the FSC-US NRA Mitigation Guidance documents as well as FSC-US notes from regional meetings. While the information included in American Green educational materials is all based on publicly available research, the following experts are partnering with AGC in creating the noted materials. The Forest Stewards Guild – <i>Central Appalachian CBA, Conversion</i>, • Areas where the Forest Stewards Guild is active may be found here: https://foreststewardsguild.org/where-we-work/ • Qualifications of Forest Stewards Guild staff may be found here: https://foreststewardsguild.org/meet-the-team/ Ecoforesters - <i>Mesophytic Cove Sites</i> • Ecoforesters is active throughout Appalachia. Information about their work may be found here: https://www.ecoforesters.org/positive-impact-forestry/ • Qualifications of Ecoforesters staff may be found here: https://www.ecoforesters.org/about-us/meet-the-team/ Eastern Boreal Transition, Eastern Great Lakes Lowland Forest Areas Ontario CANADA SmartCert, Cp 151 Succ. Rosemont, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H1X3B7

3. Complaints

Procedure for filing complaints	Our complaints procedure consists of the following steps: We will acknowledge the complaint as soon as possible and will provide an initial response to the complaint within two weeks. We will forward complaints related to risk designations in the FSC United States or FSC Canada Controlled Wood National Risk Assessments (NRA), as designated within the FSC US NRA or FSC CAN NRA. For complaints not related to risk designations in the FSC CW US NRA or FSC CW CA NRA: We will conduct a preliminary assessment to determine whether evidence provided in a complaint is or is not substantial. This will be done by assessing the evidence provided against the risk of using the material from unacceptable sources. We will engage in dialogue with the complainants that aims to solve complaints assessed as substantial before further actions are taken. We will forward substantial complaints to our certification body and relevant FSC office for the supply area within two weeks of receiving the complaint. Information on the steps to be taken by us in order to resolve the complaint, as well as how a precautionary approach will be used, will also be included with the complaint. We will employ a cautionary approach towards the continued sourcing of the relevant material while a complaint is pending. We will implement a process to verify a complaint assessed as substantial within two months of its receipt. We will determine the corrective action to be taken by suppliers and the means to enforce its implementation by a supplier if a complaint has been assessed and verified as substantial. If a corrective action cannot be determined and/or enforced, the relevant material and/or suppliers shall be excluded. We will verify whether corrective action has been taken by suppliers and whether it is effective. We will exclude the relevant material and suppliers from our supply chain if no corrective action is taken. We will inform the complainant, our certification body, and relevant FSC office of the results of the complaint and any actions taken towards its resolution, and for maintaining copies of relevant correspondence. We will record and file all complaints received and actions taken. Complaint records will be maintained by the Operations Director for 5 years.



Contact information of the person or position responsible for addressing complaints

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