Does Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

October 20, 2026

We are carrying out an audit of Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. located in Témiscaming, Québec, 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 December 1, 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 Yves Bouthillier. His phone number is (438) 830-2434
  - Writing to Yves Bouthillier at:
    P.O. Box 1771
    Chelsea, QC J9B 1A1
    Canada .
  - Email to Yves Bouthillier at yb@pbn.org
  - In person by arranging to meet with Yves Bouthillier
- 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.

Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. 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

Est-ce que Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. respecte la norme FSC Bois Contrôlé?

Le 20 octobre 2026

Nous procéderons prochainement à l'audit de Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. situé à Témiscaming, Québec, Canada afin de vérifier la conformité de leurs activités avec la norme FSC Bois Contrôlé (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). Nous vous adressons la présente pour vous demander si vous connaissez une raison pour laquelle leurs activités ne respecteraient pas cette norme.

Le bois contrôlé est du bois qui respecte les exigences minimales et que l'on peut donc mélanger au bois FSC et utiliser dans les produits portant l'étiquette FSC Mixte. En particulier, le bois ne doit pas provenir de:

- Forêts récoltées illégalement ;
- Forêts récoltées en violation de droits traditionnels ou civils ;
- Forêts dans lesquelles de hautes valeurs de conservation sont menacées ;
- Forêts qui sont converties en plantations ou en territoire à vocation non forestière ; ou
- Forêts où sont plantés des arbres génétiquement modifiés.

L'évaluation se tiendra le 1er décembre 2026. Nous vous invitons à fournir des commentaires. Voici vos options pour nous les communiquer:

- Quand ? Avant ou pendant l'évaluation.
- Comment ?.
    - En rencontrant un membre du personnel Preferred by Nature en personne.
    - En appelant Yves Bouthillier chez Preferred by Nature. Le numéro de téléphone est le (438) 830-2434
    - En écrivant à Yves Bouthillier à l'adresse suivante :
      P.O. Box 1771
      Chelsea, QC J9B 1A1
      Canada
    - En envoyant un courriel à Yves Bouthillier à l'adresse suivante : yb@pbn.org
    - En organisant une rencontre avec Yves Bouthillier
- Si vous souhaitez que vos commentaires restent confidentiels, veuillez nous en aviser au moment de nous faire parvenir vos commentaires.

Si vous fournissez des commentaires, nous communiquerons avec vous dans les 30 jours suivant l'audit.

Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. a rédigé un sommaire public qui énumère :

- Les risques qu'ils ont identifiés qu'ils peuvent s'approvisionner de bois inacceptable.
- Les mesures prises pour atténuer ces risques.

Nous avons joint ce sommaire public à cette lettre.

Les parties prenantes souhaitant contester tout aspect du processus de certification forestière ou décisions prises par Preferred by Nature concernant le respect de cette entreprise avec la norme Bois Contrôlé, peuvent le faire par une demande de plainte formelle à www.preferredbynature.org.

Nous vous remercions pour toute aide que vous êtes en mesure de fournir.

N'hésitez pas à nous contacter si vous avez des recommandations pour contacter d'autres parties prenantes qui peuvent avoir un intérêt à fournir des commentaires sur cette organisation et cet audit.

Cordialement,

Mélanie Proulx

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FSC Controlled Wood DDS Summary

Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. | *Témiscaming* | *September 2026*

Scope and contact

RYAM's due diligence system (DDS) covers material supplied without an FSC claim for its Témiscaming fibre procurement, Paperboard and High Yield Pulp activities. It addresses material origin, supply chain risks and controls for accepting material as controlled material. Inputs supplied with a valid FSC claim are managed through chain of custody controls.

FSC certificate codes: PNB-COC-001594; PNB-CW-001594 expiry 15/12/2029
Contact: Michelle Fortin, Superintendent, Standards & Compliance
Email: michelle.fortin@ryam.com | Telephone: 819 627 4860
Address: 33 chemin Kipawa, CP 3000, Témiscaming, QC J0Z 3R0

Supply area and supply chains

Supplier records identify Canadian fibre sources in Ontario and Québec, including Crown and private forests. Materials types include logs, chips and purchased pulp, with harvest contractors, sawmills and pulp suppliers. Forest origin is assessed separately from the supplier's address or delivery point.

The existing DDS identifies NA0406, NA0407, NA0414 and NA0602.

Applicable risk assessment

Reference: FSC-NRA-CA V2-1, revised 31 July 2020. Risk designations below concern origin; acceptance also depends on the applicable controls and supply chain assessment.

Supply chain information	Previous summary
Direct suppliers	41
Sub-suppliers	2
Average non-FSC supply chain length	2

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Indicator	Risk designation for the Ontario and Québec scope
Category 1; 2.1; 2.2	Low risk
2.3 Indigenous rights	Specified risk
3.1 Species diversity	Specified risk
3.2 Intact Forest Landscapes	Specified risk
3.0; 3.3 to 3.6	Low risk
4.1 Conversion	Specified risk
5.1 Genetically modified trees	Low risk

Control measures and verification

The DDS uses supplier declarations, origin information and supporting records to assess material. The measures below summarize the approaches identified in RYAM's existing DDS. Their application is linked to the source and the relevant indicator.

Indicator	Control approach and supporting evidence
2.3 Indigenous rights	Indigenous Peoples with legal and/or customary rights within the Forest Management Unit do not oppose the Forest Management Plan. RYAM verifies that no sourcing occurs from areas with unresolved conflicts related to Indigenous rights.
3.1 Species diversity	RYAM ensures that harvesting does not occur in critical habitats of species at risk through: • Review of the ecoregion to identify species at risk. • Verification that suppliers operate under provincial legislation protecting species at risk. • Distribution of Best Practice Guides to suppliers outlining critical habitats, threats to species and required mitigation measures.
3.2 Intact Forest Landscapes	RYAM verifies that forest operations respect FSC Canada NRA thresholds for landscape disturbance through: • Verification that harvesting activities remain within allowable disturbance thresholds • Confirmation that no harvesting occurs in protected areas Where applicable retain the relevant IFL identification and cumulative impact assessment.

4.1 Conversion	To mitigate this risk, RYAM implements the following control measures:
	• Verification of supplier sourcing areas using geospatial data (ForestTrackt / ResourceWise polygons)
	• Confirmation that sourcing occurs within defined forest management units and regulated Crown forest areas
	• Cross-check of sourcing polygons against known forest land base to ensure:
	  ○ No sourcing from converted or non-forest land
	  ○ Alignment with areas governed by provincial Forest Management Plans
	RYAM relies on provincial regulatory frameworks (MNRF / MRNF), under which:
	• Forest land remains designated as forest
	• Regeneration is legally required
	• Conversion to non-forest use is prohibited or strictly regulated

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Land Trackt - Polygons:



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Traceability and mixing risk

The DDS provides for review of supplier sourcing information, declarations and relevant forest management and transport records. Geospatial information is used to establish source locations and assess applicable risks. Mixing risk is assessed for the supply chain, including intermediate yards, processing and supplier inputs. Direct delivery to RYAM does not by itself establish that upstream mixing risk is low.

Review and follow up

Supplier information and supporting records are reviewed when sourcing conditions change and through the DDS review process. Inconsistencies, incomplete origin information or concerns about a source require further verification. Material is accepted as controlled material only when the applicable DDS requirements have been met. Relevant records are retained for at least five years.

Consultation and verification results

RYAM maintains objective evidence demonstrating the implementation of control measures, including:

- Geospatial sourcing data (ForestTrackt / ResourceWise polygons) used to identify and verify supplier sourcing areas
- Mapping outputs confirming that sourcing occurs within defined forest management units and regulated Crown Forest areas
- Supplier declarations linked to sourcing regions and risk classification
- Records demonstrating supplier receipt and acknowledgment of Best Practice Guides
- Supporting documentation from provincial authorities (MNRF / MRNF) confirming the regulatory framework governing forest management, including protection of species at risk and restrictions on forest conversion

These records are maintained and made available to the certification body upon request.

Supplier Verification
Verification of non-certified material suppliers includes:

- Annual supplier declarations
- Validation of supplier sourcing areas through geospatial data (ForestTrackt / ResourceWise)
- Ongoing communication of Best Practice requirements related to species at risk and habitat protection
- Monitoring of supplier compliance with DDS requirements and risk classification

Records are retained for a minimum of five (5) years.

Comments and complaints

Any individual or organization may submit comments or complaints about RYAM's DDS, sourcing risks or material acceptability to Michelle Fortin using the contact details on page 1. Include the source or activity concerned, the reason for the concern and any supporting information. Concerns received by a participating site are forwarded to the DDS coordinator for recording.

RYAM records the complaint, acknowledges receipt within 48 hours and provides an initial response and information on its complaint procedure within two weeks.

Complaints about an FSC risk assessment designation are forwarded to the responsible assessment body. Other complaints receive a preliminary assessment of whether the evidence is substantial. RYAM explains its conclusion and considers additional information from the complainant.

RYAM seeks dialogue to resolve substantial complaints. Within two weeks of receipt, it forwards substantial complaints to its certification body and the relevant FSC National Office, together with the planned response and precautionary measures.

RYAM applies a precautionary approach to continued sourcing of the relevant material while a substantial complaint remains unresolved. Verification begins within two months of receipt of the complaint.

Where a complaint is substantiated, RYAM determines corrective actions and how they will be enforced, then verifies completion and effectiveness. Material and/or suppliers are excluded if corrective action cannot be determined or enforced; relevant material and suppliers are excluded if no corrective action is taken.

RYAM informs the complainant, certification body and relevant FSC National Office of the outcome and actions taken. Complaint records, actions and relevant correspondence are retained for at least five years.

DDS review and document references

Supplier information and supporting records are reviewed when sourcing conditions change and through the DDS review process. The summary is updated to reflect applicable supply areas, controls and verified results.

Technical references: FSC-NRA-CA V2-1, updated 31 July 2020; FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, Sections 6 and 7; and the current FSC Controlled Wood Directive where applicable. Certificate details: Preferred by Nature public listing for Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P., PBN-COC-001594, checked.