

Forest Management Certification Reassessment of Milan Hron in Polička, Czech Republic 07. - 09. 10. 2025

Introduction – Preferred by Nature is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification reassessments of the Milan Hron with residence in Polička, Czech Republic. The reassessment will be implemented from 07. to 09.10.2025.

List of entities included in this group certification:

1. AP lesnická s.r.o. (LHC AP Rožmitál); Hradčanské náměstí 56/16, Praha 1- Hradčany
2. AP lesnická s.r.o. (LHC AP Vysočina); Hradčanské náměstí 56/16, Praha 1- Hradčany
3. AP lesnická s.r.o. (LHC MEK Spálené Poříčí); Hradčanské náměstí 56/16, Praha 1- Hradčany
4. Blanka Gawliková; Hurbanova 1256, Praha
5. Hruška Jakub, prof., RNDr., CsC.; Voskovcova 1035/22, Praha 5
6. Ing. Milan Hron; Květná 19, 572 01 Polička
7. Ing. Richard Štengl; Tylova čtvrť 238, Lhenice
8. Ing. Vladimír Šašek (LHC Šašek); Rantířov 4, Rantířov
9. Lesní úřad Děčín, příspěvková organizace; Bynovská 74/20, Děčín
10. Lesy Klatovy s.r.o. (LHC Kolowratovy lesy); Květná 19, Polička
11. Lesy Klatovy s.r.o. (LHC Velkostatek Liblice); Květná 19, Polička
12. Lesy města Olomouce, a.s. (LHC LMO Březové); Lomená 177/4, Olomouc
13. Lesy Města Zlína spol.s.r.o.; Náměstí Míru 10, Zlín
14. Lhotecká provozní s.r.o.; Salačova Lhota 32, Salačova Lhota
15. Město Březová nad Svitavou; Moravské náměstí 1, Svitavy
16. Město Černovice; Mariánské náměstí 718, Černovice
17. Město Jablonec nad Nisou; Květná 19, Polička
18. Město Proseč; Náměstí Dr. Tošovského 18, Proseč
19. Městské lesy Česká Lípa s.r.o.; Náměstí TGM 1, Česká Lípa
20. Městské lesy Doksy, s.r.o.; Valdštejnská 258, Doksy
21. Městys Lukavec; Nám. Sv. Václava 67, Lukavec
22. Obec Bělá nad Svitavou; Bělá nad Svitavou 215, Bělá nad Svitavou
23. Obec Bohatice; Bohatice 79, Bohatice
24. Obec Brněnec; Moravská Chrastová 77, Brněnec
25. Obec Chmelík; Chmelík 76, Litomyšl
26. Obec Čistá; Čistá 375, Čistá
27. Obec Kamenná Horka; Kamenná Horka 29, Svitavy
28. Obec Karle; Karle 4, Svitavy
29. Obec Lavičné; Lavičné 30, Brněnec
30. Obec Mařenice; Mařenice 26, Mařenice
31. Obec Milín; 11. května 27, Milín
32. Obec Pečice; 101, Pečice
33. Obec Pertoltice pod Ralskem; Pertoltice pod Ralskem 165, Pertoltice pod Ralskem
34. Obec Pohledy; Pohledy 89, Pohledy
35. Obec Skalka u Doks; Skalka u Doks 44, Doksy
36. Obec Těchobuz; Těchobuz 60, Pacov
37. Obec Vrančice; 14, Vrančice
38. Radek Steinbach; Mirošov 33, Mirošov
39. Singulární společnost Veverská Bitýška z.s.; Na Bílém potoce 139, Veverská Bitýška,
40. Technické služby obce Květná s.r.o.; Květná 92, Květná
41. TS Jedlová s.r.o.; Jedlová 321, Jedlová
42. Opatství Nový Dvůr; Dobrá Voda 20, 364 01 Toužim,
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Scope of the Certification Assessment – The forest management certification reassessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forests managed by Milan Hron, using the FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for the Czech Republic FSC-STD-CZE-02-2024. Standard is available at: <https://connect.fsc.org/document-centre/documents/resource/1488>. Preferred by Nature is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC™) and this reassessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

The forest under evaluation contains areas either identified as High Conservation Value Forests or where high conservation values, as defined by the FSC, are likely found. Preferred by Nature evaluates the identification, management and protection of these High Conservation Values and solicits related comments from stakeholders.

Assessment Team Composition – The reassessment will be led by Juraj Tužinský. The team members will be: Michal Mikloš and Inés Lasala.

Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ♦ Assessment organization – The audit team will begin the audit on 7 October 2025, separately in three locations: Lesní úřad Děčín, příspěvková organizace; Lesy ČZU a AP lesnická s.r.o. ((LHC MEK Spálené Poříčí).
- ♦ Field assessments – The audit team will visit selected sites managed by the above-mentioned group members on the first day of the audit, on the following day (8 October 2025) the audit will take place: Lesní úřad Děčín, příspěvková organizace; Radek Steinbach and AP lesnická s.r.o. ((LHC MEK Spálené Poříčí) and on the last day (9 October 2025) compliance with the group certification requirements will be assessed at Milan Hron in Polička.
- ♦ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders asking for their opinions and comments on the forest management of the group. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ♦ Public stakeholder meetings – The location, date and exact time of the meeting will be announced soon based on the interest shown.
- ♦ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure auditor will meet with Milan Hron and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ♦ Draft report production – The auditor will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Milan Hron. This should occur 30 days after completion of the reassessment.
- ♦ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Milan Hron and other general stakeholder comments, Preferred by Nature will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by 23 November 2025.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Real Forest s.r.o. forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above as well as comments on the FME's management and protection of High Conservation Values within the forest under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the assessment, during the assessment so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows:

1. Meet with a Preferred by Nature auditor during the fieldwork;
2. Call and give comments to team members;
3. Submit written comments by mail or email to team members.



Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the Real Forest s.r.o. The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only to FSC and Preferred by Nature staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access Preferred by Nature's Dispute Resolution Policy at:

<https://www.preferredbynature.org/library/document/dispute-resolution-policy>

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