

Sustainable Supply. Sustainable Future.



STANDARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Our 100 Mile House operations are *Sustainable Forest Initiative*[®] (SFI[®]) certified and hold SFI and PEFC Chain of Custody certification. Purchased timber comes from a variety of sources that are ISO 14001, CSA-SFM & SFI certified forests.
- Grande Prairie is also SFI certified as well PEFC Chain of Custody certified. Grande Prairie maintains an Environmental Management System; purchased timber comes from a variety of sources, some of which are CSA-SFM-Z809 certified.
- Our Barwick operation is SFI and PEFC chain of custody certified. Barwick is also FSC[®] chain of custody certified.



Sustainable building practices begin in the forest, and Ainsworth is at the forefront of sustainable forest management. We are proud to create engineered wood – a renewable building material – and a good choice for sustainable construction well into the future.

GREEN PRODUCTS, GREEN PRACTICES

We are proud of our commitments to sustainable forest management practices, as well as the international, third-party certifications that our operations have earned. Specifically, we:

- Manufacture our OSB from a number of renewable woods, harvested from sustainably managed North American forests.
- Use northern aspen and white birch, fast-growing trees that can be harvested regularly, and pine trees killed by the mountain pine beetle.
- At a minimum, we comply with all Canadian forest laws. These stringent laws are one reason why Canada retains 91 percent of its original forests, and our deforestation rate is virtually zero.
- Ensure all harvested lands are promptly regenerated.
- Maintain control of 100% of the wood fiber supplies, and use every shred of wood fiber, with virtually no waste.
- Comply with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standards for sustainability.
- Locate our manufacturing plants near our forestlands, for a reduced carbon footprint.
- Manufacture our OSB to US Product Standard PS2, meaning our products have such low formaldehyde emission levels that they easily meet or are exempt from the world's leading formaldehyde emissions standards and regulations.

FORESTLANDS: OUR PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES

Ainsworth conducts harvesting, reforestation and manufacturing operations in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario, Canada. We manage over 3 million hectares (>7.5 million acres) of publicly-owned land, and are responsible for the management of these lands through long-term, renewable agreements with provincial governments.

OUR PRINCIPLES

At Ainsworth, our forest management practices are based on our commitment to maintaining environmental values while providing for economically and socially responsible sustainable forest management. We manage our forestlands according to the following principles:

- **Standard Operating Procedures and Auditing**
Ensure adherence to all regulations and standards, and conduct regular evaluations to ensure performance.
- **Water and Soil Conservation**
Conserve water quality/quantity, and soil productivity through practices that minimize soil and water disturbance.
- **Biological Diversity**
Manage key forest attributes important for ecological and structural diversity via planning and silvicultural systems.
- **Forest Stewardship**
Practice sustainable forest management while balancing environmental, social and economic needs.
- **Aboriginal Communities**
Encourage proactive communication and participation with aboriginal communities in all forest management activities.
- **Wildlife Habitat Management**
Enhance, maintain or conserve key habitat in co-operation with Provincial Fish and Wildlife Managers.
- **Public Involvement**
Encourage active public participation in the review and development of strategic forest management plans.
- **Air Quality**
Protect air quality through the careful use of prescribed burning and the control of wildfires to protect the forest resource.
- **Visual Landscape Management**
Manage visually sensitive areas through harvest design planning and modified harvest methods.
- **Adaptive Management and Continual Improvement**
Adapt forestry practices and planning based upon public input, scientific knowledge and innovation, and demonstrate continual improvement in sustainable forest management.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Our business is based on forest management, and we at Ainsworth are committed to responsible stewardship of the forest, and to maintaining the integrity of our environment. Our commitment extends to:

- **conserving the diversity and function of the forest environment** by practicing responsible stewardship.
- **ensuring our activities do not result in environmental damage.**
- **compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and regulation** and striving to meet and surpass standards.
- **continual improvement of our environmental performance, through regular performance** monitoring and reviews.
- **developing and implementing policies and procedures** that support sustainable environmental, social and economic values.
- **employee training and performance reviews** that systematically expand and improve our individual knowledge and practices.

LEED CREDITS

LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – standards can be important in securing approval and funding based on a project's overall sustainability, and are therefore an important factor when selecting building products.

- All Ainsworth OSB products earn LEED credits for their contribution to a clean-air environment: they use non-toxic resins and adhesives, and are urea formaldehyde free.
- Further, if a construction project is within 500 miles of our North American mill locations, it may earn LEED credits.
- Builders/developers that use FSC®-certified wood products, such as Ainsworth's OSB, on LEED projects can earn one (1) credit towards certification.



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