

FSC Certification for Family Forests

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- Dovetail Partners is a nonprofit organization that provides authoritative information about the impacts and trade-offs of environmental decisions, including consumption choices, land use, and policy alternatives.
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FSC Family Forests Alliance



- Created to provide a national mechanism for bringing together individuals and organizations committed to promoting responsible forest stewardship through FSC standards.
- A forum for enlarging the community of landowners and small businesses practicing responsible forestry.
- www.familyforestsalliance.org



Alliance Organizers

- Blue Ridge Forest Cooperative, Christiansburg, VA
- Community Forestry Resource Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Dovetail Partners, Minneapolis, MN
- Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative, South Deerfield, MA
- Northwest Natural Resource Group, Port Townsend, WA
- Southern Forests Network, Asheville, NC
- Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands, New Gloucester, ME



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- Appalachian Sustainable Development
- Cook County Sustainable Forestry Cooperative
- Eastern Ontario Model Forest
- The Forest Guild
- Forestry for the Bay Program, Chesapeake Bay Program
- Harrop-Procter Community Forest
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- National Wildlife Federation, Northeast Natural Resource Center
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- Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks
- Scientific Certification Systems
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- Sustainable Woods Network
- Vermont Family Forests
- Wisconsin Family Forests



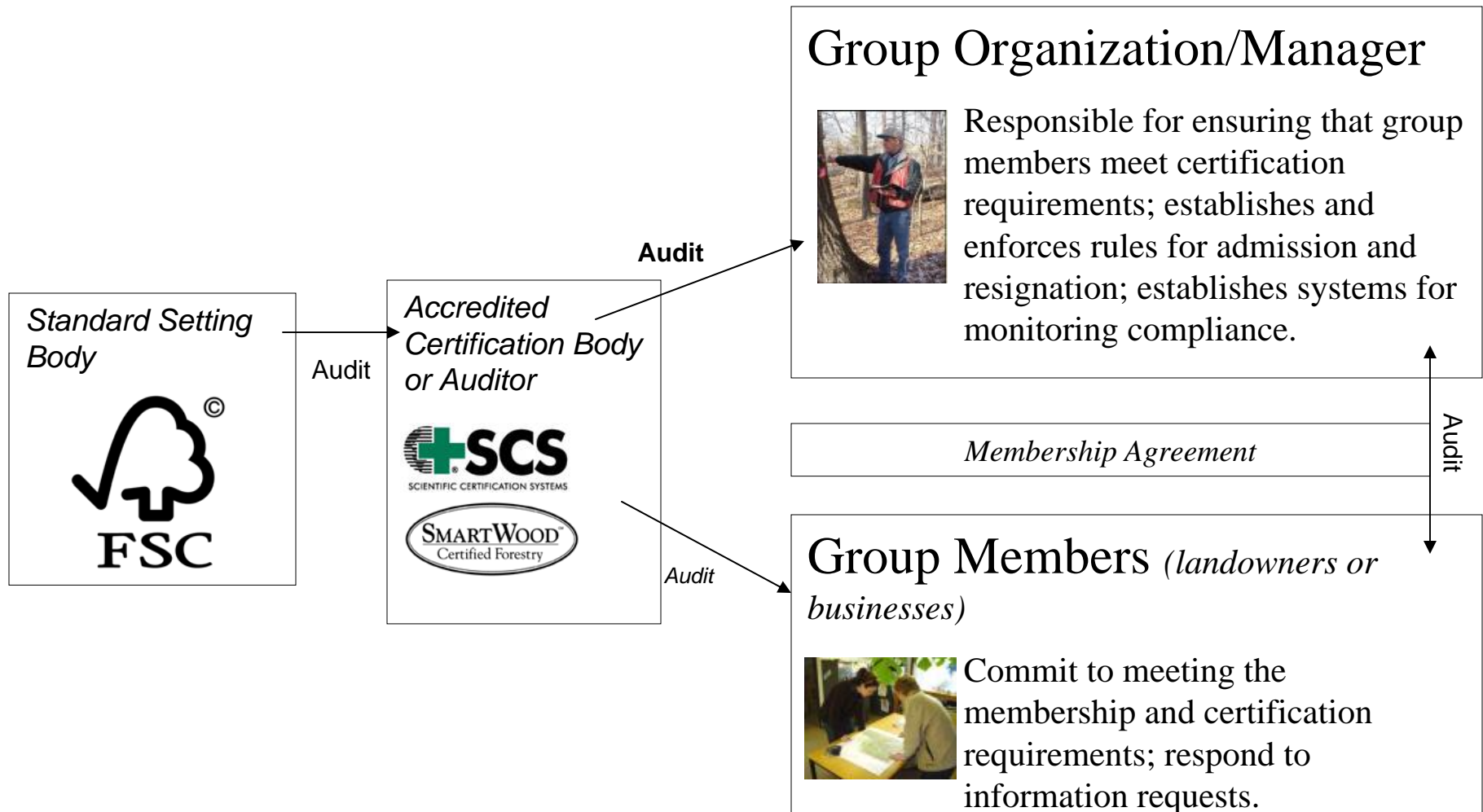
Primary Purposes of the Alliance



- Advocate for FSC policies, public policies, and procurement policies that better serve FSC-certified family forests.
- Operate as a forum to share information and strategies for successful models of certification, forest management, policy development, and market development.
- Provide more visible networks and membership opportunities for family forest owners who feel underserved by existing forest management models and landowner organizations.
- Work collaboratively to develop new resources and tools for group certification programs.



Group Certification



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- 41 FSC group FM certificates in the United States, totaling about 1.7 million acres, of which approximately 635,000 acres are family forestland. (9/07)
- 2+ million acres of family forestlands are currently under review for FSC certification, including 38,000 parcels enrolled in Wisconsin's Managed Forest Law (MFL) program and approximately 5,200 landowners in Massachusetts.
- The MFL program averages 105,000 acres of timber harvests per year, resulting in approx. 713,000 cords of pulpwood and 47.6 million bd ft of sawtimber annually.



Group Certification Resources

- Group FM Certification - *Examples of Operation Manuals, Templates, Guidance Documents, and Case Studies*
 - <http://www.dovetailinc.org/GroupCert.html>
- Group COC Certification - *Examples of Operation Manuals, Guidance Documents, and Case Studies*
 - <http://www.dovetailinc.org/groupcoc.html>
- Online Discussion Forum for Group Managers
 - <http://www.sustainablewoods.net/forum/>



2008 Action Plan



- FSC-US Standards Review Process
- FSC-US Family Forest Standards Development
- FSC-IC & General Assembly



For more information...



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