

2009 SFM MONITORING SUMMARY



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Tolko Industries Ltd.'s 2009 SFM Performance Highlights

SFM Plan performance requirements were achieved for all 23 indicators relating to the sustainability criteria in the Kamloops TSA SFM Plan being reported on. The results for the remaining six Kamloops TSA SFM Plan indicators are reported in the Kamloops TSA Sustainable Forest Management Plan Monitoring Report.¹ The following highlights Tolko's contribution to the Kamloops TSA 2009 Sustainable Forest Management Plan report.

- Tolko operations respected the Kamloops LRMP's objectives for old forest retention. Tolko has been actively involved in ILMB's OGMA legalization process.
- The percentage area in permanent roads and landings in areas harvested during the year was 4.1 percent (38.0 ha), which is well below the 6 percent target.
- 100 percent conformance to riparian and lakeshore commitments was achieved (519.5ha gross area of cutblocks within or adjacent to RMAs)
- 100 percent conformance to soil conservation measures was achieved.
- There were 38 meetings and meaningful communications with a number of local First Nations communities where our Forest Management activities overlap their areas of interest.
- Average time for regeneration establishment was 33 months, below the target of 48 months.
- 53 of 58 (91 %) of non-ESSF blocks declared Free Growing in 2009 had three or more species. All six ESSF blocks declared Free Growing in 2009 had two or more species.
- Road cut and fill slopes were seeded within four months on average, utilizing 750 Kg of seed, all of which was certified seed.
- Four research projects were undertaken including biodiversity/wildlife habitat, blue heron inventory, drag scarification for natural regeneration, and hydra gel tea bags (moisture retention product).

¹This report can be located at <http://kamloopssustainableforestry.ca/>