

Michigan State Forests and Forest Certification:
A Message from Rodney A. Stokes, Director-designate of the
Department of Natural Resources
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In 2005, the Michigan State Forest system achieved dual certification from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), the two leading forest sustainability certification organizations in North America. This certification continues today on over 3.8 million acres of state forest land managed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE).

Forest certification is an affirmation that our forests are being managed in an environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable way. Certification plays an important economic role, helping us remain competitive in the wood products market, while also ensuring that our forests remain healthy and well-managed.

The DNRE is committed to maintaining forest certification on "in-scope" lands within the State Forest system, and is committed to conforming to the FSC and SFI Standards and all related FSC and SFI policies.



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