

Certification of Yale Myers Forest

October 26, 2001

To Interested Parties and Stakeholders:

The Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (Yale) is seeking Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) endorsed certification for its Yale-Myers Forest. Yale has retained Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) to conduct the certification evaluation. SCS is an FSC-accredited certification body located in Oakland, California. Please note the following:

- 1) Pursuant to Forest Stewardship Council guidelines, we are writing to inform you of the pending certification evaluation of the 7,840-acre (3,213 ha) Yale-Myers Forest located in the towns of Ashford, Eastford, Union, and Woodstock, Connecticut.
- 2) The field evaluation is scheduled to commence on October 29, 2001, with ongoing follow-up investigations as needed.
- 3) The SCS Forest Conservation Program Draft Interim Standard for Forest Stewardship, modified to reflect the Yale-Myers Forest in Connecticut, will be used in the evaluation of the defined forest area managed by Yale. Appropriate consideration will also be given to the developing FSC Regional Standards. We welcome comment on the Draft Interim Standard, as well as Yale's management of the Yale-Myers Forest. The Draft Interim Standard can be obtained from www.woodlotalt.com/publicdocuments/publicdocuments.htm and information on the draft regional standards, as well as the standards setting process, can be viewed at <http://fscus.org/>.
- 4) For questions or to offer general comments on the upcoming project, please contact Dave Wager, Manager - Forest Conservation Program (Email: Dwager@scs1.com), or Michael Thompson, SCS Evaluation Team Leader for this project (Email: mthompson@woodlotalt.com). Additional information about FSC and SCS can be obtained from www.fscoax.org and www.scs1.com. Information about the Yale School Forest can be found at their web site (www.yale.edu/schoolforest).
- 5) As provided by the FSC Interim Dispute Resolution Protocol (Document 1.4.3) and the SCS Forest Conservation Program Operations Manual, dispute resolution procedures are in place and available to interested parties.

Sincerely,

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