

## 2010 SFM MONITORING SUMMARY



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### **Westbank First Nation's SFM Performance Highlights: 2010**

Westbank First Nation (WFN) joined the Okanagan SFMP in the spring of 2010. This is our first year of reporting under the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Plan. Performance goals were achieved for 39 of the 43 targets relating to the sustainability criteria in the Plan. Highlights of the 2010 SFM report follow:

- A total of 9 blocks were harvested.
- All blocks retained wildlife tree patches. All blocks retained 2-5 stubs per hectare.
- Total area planted was 376.1 ha. 100% of the areas planted were planted with species appropriate to the site.
- 96.1% of the areas planted were planted within two growing seasons.
- No permanent roads were constructed
- Planned soil disturbance was achieved on 100% of blocks.
- A total of 12.4 hectares was harvested on sites where maximum allowable soil disturbance was set at 5%.
- In total 6 of the blocks harvested in the past year were identified as having partial retention visual quality objectives. Although all of these blocks were developed to remove timber attacked by mountain pine beetle full visual impact assessments were conducted.

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### **Performance Requirements Were Not Achieved for 4 Targets**

**Target 22:** The EMS process which was intended to have been implemented in early 2010 was delayed until 2011. Our road risk rating will be completed as part of our EMS process. Although most of the permanent and temporary roads were visited in 2010 those visits were not documented.

**Target 23:** All existing temporary roads were either used for hauling or were visited by field crews. Although no issues were noted with the temporary roads visits in 2010 were not formally documented.

**Target 24:** Although grass seed was purchased and used its use was not tracked.

**Target 28:** Although 6 blocks harvested in the past year had been developed on the basis of recommendations of Visual Impact Assessments (VIA) the resulting disturbances were not photo documented.