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The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program certifies over 180 million acres of forest lands in the US to a standard that insures that forest lands are being managed sustainably by systems that: (1) protect water quality, soil, wildlife, and unique resources; (2) promote human health and safety; (3) provide training and education; and (4) communicate the benefits of the practice of sustainable forestry to the general public. Certified program participants must demonstrate to a third party auditor that they have systems in place that meet the rigorous SFI 2010-2014 Standard. And the results of the audits are available to the public on the SFI website [www.sfiprogram.org](http://www.sfiprogram.org).

The New Hampshire State Implementation Committee (NH-SIC) members include landowners, wood using facilities, wood producers, land managers and consultants, biologists, loggers, training providers, and others. The members work collaboratively to achieve a number of objectives required by the SFI Standard. In 2010, the SIC accomplished a number of important goals:

- Review of the NH Professional Logger Program to insure that the program was meeting the needs of the participants and meeting the requirements of the standard. The program had 551 attendees in 2010 in 12 different classes;
- Provided financial support for the Professional Logger Program, Project Learning Tree, Co-operative Extension breakfast seminars; and the printing of landowner education materials;
- Promoted the 1-888 reporting line for the public to report inconsistent practices;
- Promoted SFI certification for public lands including the Town of Errol; and
- Supported Habitat for Humanity in a Conway area project.

And in 2010, the SIC welcomed a new member, Connecticut Lakes, represented by LandVest. There are now eighteen organizations represented on the SIC.

The focus for the SIC in 2011 will be to work with non-member land managers to bring their lands into the growing number of SFI participants, and to improve communication to the public through a new NH-SIC website. We will continue to give financial support to programs that supply training and education.

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