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Biography

Luke is currently the Wood Procurement Manager for the Domtar Johnsonburg Mill. In the four years prior to this, he was the Forest Certification Manager for Domtar. In this role, he managed Domtar's compliance with the FSC, SFI, and PEFC Chain of Custody standards. This included implementing standard changes, internal auditing at 13 North American mills, and managing a 95 member group COC for loggers. With Domtar, he has worked with some of the most difficult issues

facing FSC in North America including FPIC and IFLs. His involvement with FSC certification began in 1994 with Collins Pine Company managing 65,000 acres of certified lands in PA.

He is currently on the FSC US BOD and has participated in the last two General Assemblies. He is serving on the Governance and Policy/Standards committees. His involvement in growing certification includes supporting Working Woodlands in PA with TNC and the newly formed Appalachian Woodlands Alliance led by Rainforest Alliance. From Collins Pine through Domtar, he has over 23 years of experience in FSC certification that goes from forest management to the consumer. He has dealt with the impacts of the changing standards first hand as FSC has grown. Luke has an MBA from Gannon University and a BS in Forest Management from Penn State University.

Position Statement

When I was elected to the US BOD three years ago, my main concerns were system complexity and accessibility to certification for small landowners. While FSC is moving towards stabilizing the system, there remains much work to do. The changes in the Chain of Custody, Controlled Wood, and Forest Management standards will transform the way that FSC offers certification to landowners and customers alike. As these changes unfold over the next two years an engaged Board will be critical to successfully navigating these changes. Local implementation of global standards can have severe unintended consequences. My experience throughout the supply chain, on the current BOD, and with two decades of FSC certification can help mitigate these impacts during this transition.

During the upcoming revision of the Forest Management standard, we must continue to have a focus on making certification available and economically feasible for small landowners. These small private landowners constitute the backbone of the US forest products supply and represent the best opportunity to significantly improve forest management across the landscape. Reducing system complexity, increasing certification of private lands, and providing stability for the market remain key to our continued growth. I appreciate your consideration to allow me continue to work on the US BOD during this transformational time.