

APES Forestry Practices Harvesting and Sustainable Forestry Practices Internet Activity

Directions: Follow the various links as outlined on this page and answer any questions on a separate sheet of paper.

http://www.fscus.org/about_us/

1. Describe in a few sentences the purpose of the Forest Stewardship Council.

<http://www.fsc.org/types-of-certification.html>

2. Describe the types of certification the FCS provides. How do you think this certification will influence the demand for “certified” wood products?

http://www.fscus.org/images/documents/FSC_brochure.pdf

Be sure to read over the entire pdf file so you can answer the questions!

3. List the 10 basic principles and criteria under which the FCS operates.

4. Rank the top three principles in order of importance in your view, and defend each choice.

5. What kind of products does FCS certify?

6. What are the differences between FCS 100%, FSC Recycled, and FCS Mixed Source, product certifications?

7. In your opinion, do you think independent, 3rd party, certification of forest products would influence your decision to purchase wood based products of any kind?

8. Do you think sustainable wood product certification would have much impact on the general public’s purchasing habits? Why or why not?

9. In your mind, would a company that utilizes only certified products be making a big financial mistake, or a shrewd business move in light of more emphasis on “green” products?