



Project Name: Smallholders Access Program pilot test

January 2019 – January 2021

Objective:

- To test the Smallholder Access Program (SAP) standard developed by Rainforest Alliance as part of their Appalachian Woodland Alliance project

Geography & Unique Needs:

- Appalachian region in the South and South East USA
- Private ownership of small family forests
- Natural forests with natural regeneration
- Forests only accessed every few decades for harvest
- Degraded forests, low levels of law enforcement
- Scarcity of FSC-certified material

Activities/Methodology:

- Developed a Smallholders Access Program (SAP) **standard**
- Developed a **Standard Operating Procedure**

Outcomes:

- Under development

Reference Documents:

- FSC-POL-01-001 [FSC Policy for Pilot Tests of Draft FSC Standards](#)
- [FSC-STD-USA-01-2010 USA Natural and Plantations EN](#)
- FSC-STD-20-007 [Forest Management Evaluations](#)
- FSC-STD-30-005 [FSC Standard for Group Entities in Forest Management Groups](#)

2019 GOALS

The feasibility of implementing the SAP standard will be tested

The potential implications of the SAP standard (for stakeholders, market, competitors, etc.) will be analyzed

The SAP standard will be evaluated to determine if it can be incorporated into the FSC system, and how

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PROJECT LINKS

To provide input to:

- Risk Based Approach project
- FSC guidance for SDGs (smallholders and communities' provisions)
- Group Certification Standard Revision
- Forest Management Evaluation Standard revision