

Forest Management Certification Assessment of Plesetskaya KMTS LLC in Arkhangelsk region, Russia 02/08/2017

Introduction - NEPCon is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification assessment of the Plesetskaya KMTS LLC located in Arkhangelsk region, Russia. The assessment will be implemented from 04/09/2017 to 05/09/2017.

Scope of the Certification Assessment – The forest management certification assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forests managed by Plesetskaya KMTS LLC, using the standard FSC-STD-30-005 (2-0) EN. To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact NEPCon by telephone, email or website listed below. NEPCon is accredited by FSC and this assessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

Assessment Team Composition – The assessment team will be led by Nikolai Tochilov. The team members will be named later.

Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ♦ Assessment organization – NEPCon team will assemble in Plesetsk, Plesetsk district, Arkhangelsk region on 04/09/2017.
- ♦ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by Plesetskaya KMTS LLC from 04/09/2017 to 05/09/2017.
- ♦ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Plesetskaya KMTS LLC forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ♦ Public stakeholder meetings – A public stakeholder meeting will be held in Plesetsk, a centrally located public meeting place for Plesetskaya KMTS LLC. Date, time, and location will be announced soon.
- ♦ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with Plesetskaya KMTS LLC managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ♦ Draft report production – The assessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Plesetskaya KMTS LLC. This should occur within 5 days after completion of the assessment.
- ♦ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Plesetskaya KMTS LLC forest managers, and other general stakeholder comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by October 21 2017.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Plesetskaya KMTS LLC forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above as well as comments on the FME's management and protection of High Conservation Values within the forest under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments prior to the assessment, so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision by 21/10/2017. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a NEPCon assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Nikolai Tochilov, NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from NEPCon Russia. If he is not in the office, please give your comments to Alexander Gorbunov.
3. Submit written comments by mail or email to Nikolai Tochilov. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the Plesetskaya KMTS LLC.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only to FSC and NEPCon staff. Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access NEPCon's Dispute Resolution Policy at www.nepcon.org

Contacting NEPCon

- ♦ Email: nt@nepcon.org for Nikolai Tochilov or ag@nepcon.org for Alexander Gorbunov
- ♦ Worldwide Website – www.nepcon.org .
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List of forest management units being included into the scope of certification assessment:

Lesnichestvo	Forest district	Compartments	Area, ha
Puksoozerskoye	Kvandozerskoye	1-9, 14-21, 30-37, 74-81, 96-103, 107-124	
	Vyyazhskoye	21-26, 35-60	
Total			82 994