

## Does MacDonald & Owen Veneer & Lumber Co. meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

We are carrying out an audit of MacDonald & Owen Veneer & Lumber Co. located in Brookville, PA, Bowling Green, KY and Luck, WI, United States to see if their operations comply with FSC's [Controlled Wood](#) standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). We are writing to you to ask if you know of any reason why their operations would not meet this standard.

Controlled Wood is wood that meets minimum requirements and that can therefore be mixed with FSC wood and used in products with an FSC Mix label. In particular, the wood must not be:

- harvested illegally.
- harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.
- harvested from forests with a high conservation value that is threatened by management activities.
- harvested from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.
- from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

We will carry out our audit on July 21 & 22, 2021. Here is how you should comment, if you wish to do so:

- When? You should send comments to us before or during the audit.
- How? You can comment by .
  - Phone to Andreeanne Meley or Alicia Raimondi, Preferred by Nature staff member from United States. Their phone numbers are Andreeanne, 919-621-0167, or Alicia, 860-942-9024
  - Writing to Andreeanne Meley at 13 Jolina Court, PO Box 99 – Richmond, VT 05477.
  - Email to Andreeanne Meley at [ameley@preferredbynature.org](mailto:ameley@preferredbynature.org)
  - In person by arranging to meet with Andreeanne Meley or Alicia Raimondi
- If you want your comments to be confidential please notify us when you submit the comments.

If you provide comments, we will provide feedback to you within 30 days of the audit.

MacDonald & Owen Veneer & Lumber Co. has written a summary document that lists:

- the risks they have identified that they may source unacceptable wood
- the measures they implement to mitigate those risks.

We have attached this summary document to this letter.

If you wish to dispute any aspect of this forest certification process or the decision we reach as to whether this company meets the Controlled Wood standard, you can access our Dispute Resolution Policy at [www.preferredbynature.org](http://www.preferredbynature.org).

Thank you for any help you are able to provide.

If you have any recommendations for contacting other stakeholders that may have an interest in providing comments on this company and audit, we would also gladly receive these from you.

Yours sincerely,

Andreeanne Meley  
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