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Dear Mr. Walker :

WestRock CP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("WestRock") welcomes you to our American Tree Farm System® ("ATFS") Independently Managed Group ("IMG").

WestRock agrees to assist you in the management of your woodland tracts as follows:

Wolf Creek Tract: 340 Acres in Summers County, WV

Our assistance, based upon your objectives for your property, will include the preparation of Geographic Information System (GIS) based forest management recommendations - in accordance with the American Forest Foundation's (AFF) 2021 Standards of Sustainability for Forest Certification (please see the second Attachment). The American Forest Foundation is the parent organization of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS).

In return for this assistance, if you decide to sell any forest products from the above described property, you agree to give WestRock a full and fair opportunity to purchase any pulpwood, sawtimber, biomass or other forest products produced on these lands, except when such products are harvested for your own use.

As a member of this group, forest products removed from your property are certified by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification ("PEFC™") through The American Forest Foundation's (AFF) ATFS. PEFC™ is an internationally recognized certification organization that endorses ATFS.

As a member of the ATFS IMG you agree to comply with AFF's most current Standards. WestRock will work with you to develop forest management goals for your property in agreement with your stated objectives. Your objectives will be placed in an agreement signed by you within a year of your signature on this letter of acceptance. The agreement may be prepared by your WestRock representative, if so desired.

Landowners must agree to the standards of membership in Attachment A and meet the following requirements of the AFF Standards in order to be enrolled in the WestRock Group Certification Program:

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WestRock Eligibility Criteria:

1. The property must be at least 40 acres in size.
2. The property cannot exceed 20,000 contiguous acres in size.
3. The property is located within the wood procurement region of a WestRock manufacturing facility.
4. The Group Member must be willing to be part of the WestRock IMG Certification Program and participate in an ATFS Group Certification Audit.
5. The tract is of a size and condition that allows the forested area to be managed and operated for timber production, as well as other resource values.
6. The landowner has the interest and commitment to carry out mutually agreed to forest management recommendations.
7. The Group Member must be willing to allow access to the property with prior notification for periodic internal monitoring and an independent auditor for auditing conformance to the AFF Standards of Sustainability; and
8. The Group Member must be willing and able to take corrective action if non-conformance with the AFF Standards is identified.

ATFS Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership must be privately held or held by a public entity.
2. Properties must be nonindustrial but may be associated with small local business.
3. The landowner must clearly exhibit commitment to sustainable management through management objectives or a management plan. Conformance to the requirements of the 2021 AFF Standards of Sustainability is the benchmark for meeting this eligibility requirement.
4. The landowner demonstrates proactive forest management involvement. Forest owners may demonstrate proactive involvement by collaborating on the development of the management plan, by periodic monitoring visits to the property or by hiring a qualified natural resource professional to oversee the management of the property.
5. Ownership goals and objectives reinforce the ATFS mission. The landowner's conformance to Standard 1 of the 2021 AFF Standards of Sustainability is sufficient for meeting this eligibility requirement.
6. The landowner, or their IMG manager, is engaged in active outreach efforts or can contribute to the effort.

AFF Standards Elements:

1. Landowner demonstrates commitment to forest health and sustainability by developing a forest management plan, implementing sustainable practices, and seeking opportunities to expand their knowledge and understanding of sustainable forest management.
2. Landowner shall comply with all relevant federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations and ordinances governing forest management activities.
3. Landowner completes timely restocking of desired species of trees on a regeneration harvest site and nonstocked areas where tree growing is consistent with land use practices and the landowner's objectives.
4. Forest management practices maintain or enhance the ecosystems and ecosystem services provided by the forest, including air, water, soil and site quality.
5. Forest management activities contribute to the conservation of biodiversity.
6. Forest management activities recognize the value of forest aesthetics.

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7. Special sites are managed in ways that recognize their unique historical, archeological, cultural, geological, biological or ecological characteristics.
8. Forest product harvests and other management activities are conducted in accordance with the landowner's objectives and consider other forest values.

Either you or WestRock may cancel this Agreement effective ninety (90) days after written notice given by one party to the other. Alternatively, it may be canceled immediately by mutual consent.

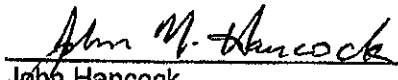
WestRock will assist you in locating contractors to perform your forest management activities. However, WestRock will not be liable for the acts of these independent contractors. While we will help you in good faith, we cannot promise a lack of bias, specific results, or be responsible if you are disappointed in any silvicultural practice or market yield. You are expected to make your own decisions concerning forest management activities based on recommendations and other advice. In making those decisions you are encouraged to consult with other persons as you deem appropriate.

Please indicate your acceptance by signing in the space provided and returning the same.

On behalf of WestRock, we look forward to our long-term relationship in the management of your certified woodland.

Yours truly,






John Hancock
Regional Fiber Supply Manager- Covington

Date

9/26/22



Landowner

Date

9/23/22

Landowner

Date

cc: Nathan Weaver

Aaron Walker



Landowner's Name: Aaron Walker

Tract(s) Included in this agreement: Wolf Creek Tract

Forest Management Objectives:

- *Harvest mature timber, protect residual growing stock.*
- *Improve access with haul and skid road construction.*
- *Manage high visibility areas in an aesthetically sound manner.*

As a landowner participating in WestRock's American Tree Farm System Independently Managed Group I agree with the aforementioned forest management objectives.

Landowner

Signature

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Date

Landowner

Signature

Date



ATTACHMENT A

WestRock's American Forest Foundation Independently Managed Group

Standards of Membership:

Landowners agree to the following:

- Commit to promote the growing of renewable forest resources, protect environmental benefits, and promote increased public understanding of the benefits of productive forestry.
- Comply with all relevant federal, state, county and municipal laws and regulations, State Forestry Best Management Practices and all relevant forest practices acts and ordinances.
- Agree to develop and implement a long-term forest management plan. The management plan will be active, adaptive, and embody the owners' current objectives; remain appropriate for the tract and reflect the current state of knowledge about forestry and natural resource management.
- Along with your WestRock forester and other natural resource professionals, monitor your property for changes that could interfere with your management objectives.
- Commit that harvested forestland will achieve satisfactory stocking levels reflecting the forest owner's management objectives, either naturally or artificially, with desirable species of trees within 5 years after harvest.
- Evaluate, and when practical, apply alternatives to pesticides for the prevention or control of pests, pathogens, and unwanted vegetation. When forest chemicals are used do not exceed manufacturers labeled rates.
- Maintain records of all chemical applications on the property.
- Confer with natural resource agencies and heritage programs and other knowledgeable sources about threatened or endangered species that occur on the property, and protect habitats and communities occupied by these species as required by law.
- Minimize negative visual impacts of forest activities.
- Identify and manage historical, biological, archaeological, cultural and geological special sites in a manner consistent with owner's objectives.
- Use trained loggers for harvesting activities and other natural resource professionals when necessary.
- Ensure loggers and other forest activity contractors carry required workers compensation and general liability insurance, as required by law.
- Incorporate measures to contribute to the conservation of Forests of Recognized Importance if they are identified on or near your property.
- Agree to allow inspection of the property to assure conformance with these Standards of Membership.
- Affirm that prescribed burning, when used, is conducted in accordance with ownership management objectives and state and local laws and regulations.
- Implement and maintain contracts for forest products harvests or other management activities and monitor those harvests or activities for conformance to the contract and the current AFF Standards of Sustainability.
- Inform the WestRock representative of changes in contact information or ownership changes in a timely manner.

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