Introduction
The Rainforest Alliance is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification re-assessments of the Ecotrust Canada located in British-Columbia, Canada. The audit will be conducted during the week of November 6th 2017.

Scope of the Certification Assessment
The forest management certification re-assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the Ecotrust Canada forest management practices, using the FSC BC Small Operations Standard for the small holders in the group and the FSC BC Main Standard for the new member (Burns Lake community forest). The standards are available at: https://ca.fsc.org/en-ca/fsc-certification/policy-and-standard-documents/forest-management-standards

Rainforest Alliance is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and this re-assessment process must follow procedures which have been approved by the FSC.

Re-Assessment Team Composition
The audit team will be composed of David Brunelle and Yves Bouthillier.

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

- **Field audit**: The auditor will visit Burns Lake Community Forest on November 7-8th 2017.

- **Stakeholder consultation**: Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Ecotrust Canada’s forest management in British-Columbia. This will include private interviews and discussions.

- **Final audit briefing**: Prior to departure the team will meet with Ecotrust Canada’s managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.

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• **Draft report production:** The audit team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Ecotrust Canada 4 weeks after the audit.

**Your Input Sought**
As a part of the forest certification assessment process, we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Ecotrust Canada’s forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standards referenced above. 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 audit process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the audit, during the audit, or prior to November 15th 2017. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a Rainforest Alliance assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to David Brunelle, the Rainforest Alliance staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from Toronto.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to David Brunelle. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing Ecotrust Canada.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only the FSC and Rainforest Alliance staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access Rainforest Alliance’s Complaints, Appeals and Dispute resolution procedures at [http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/forestry/certification/transparency/dispute-resolution](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/forestry/certification/transparency/dispute-resolution)

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