

**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
Bureau of Fire Control and Forestry
Proposed Timber Harvesting Summary
Name: Tuttle Brook**

Region: Western
Recreation District: Central Berkshire
Forest Management District: Central Berkshire
State Forest: Peru
Closest Road: Curtin Road

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Stand Description:

This is a 13-acre low quality old field white pine lot. This stand also contains northern hardwoods, including red maple, white ash, black cherry and white birch. Because of damage by white pine weevils, the white pine for the most part are crooked and of poor quality leaving them at risk to wind and ice damage.

Silviculture:

This stand will be treated using a shelterwood regeneration cut to promote regeneration of white pine and the associated hardwoods. The second stage of this shelterwood harvest will be in approximately 15 – 20 years after the completion of this project and adequate regeneration has been established.

Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:

This area is bounded by Curtin Road to the east, Garnet Hill Road to the south, and the state forest boundary to the west and north. There is no formal recreation in this area and there is no evidence of illegal trails. Tuttle Brook runs just to the north of the sale area and will not be affected. There are no Natural Heritage or water resource features in the sale area. Slash will be removed from the edges of the road per state regulations. Two existing potential wildlife trees will be left on average per acre where they do not pose a threat to public safety; these trees will range in size and feature composition.

Sale Layout:

The landing and logging trails will enter this project from Garnet Hill Road. Coordination with the town of Peru to spread gravel and improve the roads in this area will be sought. This project area is not within the buffer area of Tuttle Brook.

Park Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Regional Director: _____

Date: _____

District Forester: _____

Date: _____

Attached: Topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

