

**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry  
Proposed Timber Harvest Summary  
Name: Torrey Road TSI**

**Date Posted:** January 5, 2009  
**End of Comment Period:** February 20, 2009

**Region:** Western  
**Recreation District:** Berkshire Highlands  
**Forest Management District:** North Berkshire  
**State Forest:** Savoy Mountain State Forest  
**Closest Road:** Black Brook Road  
**Town:** Savoy

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**Stand Description:**

This is an 8.8-acre even-aged sapling and small poletimber stand established following a 1985 plantation removal. The primary species include black cherry, black birch, yellow birch, paper birch, bigtooth aspen, red maple, and sugar maple. Topography is a mixture of very mild slopes and flat ground. Trees are generally healthy but overcrowded. Black knot fungus is common in the black cherry.

**Aesthetic, Recreation, Environmental and Wildlife Considerations:**

**Aesthetic:** The stand is located a quarter-mile north of Black Brook Road and is not visible from the roadway. Torrey Road (not maintained) provides access but is gated. Saplings and poles will be felled and left in place. Tops will be lopped to within 2' of the ground where necessary to speed decomposition. Visible disturbance should be minimal.

**Recreation:** Public use consists mainly of snowmobiling and hunting.

**Environmental:** The proposed treatment area is approximately 2300' from the nearest designated forest reserve area located along Tannery Brook and approximately 3300' from a designated forest reserve area located along Black Brook. The proposed treatment area is not near any designated scenic by-ways.

**Wildlife:** The proposed treatment area is approximately 2200' from the nearest NHESP designated priority habitat associated with Parker Brook, Tannery Pond, and Tannery Brook. No NHESP priority habitat, estimated habitat, certified vernal pools, or potential vernal pools are located in or near the proposed treatment area. NHESP staff will survey the proposed treatment area prior to

final treatment planning. NHESP will document any rare animals or plants and any notable habitat features.

**Sale Layout:**

Work will be performed by hand-felling. No forest products will be removed from the treatment area. No skidding, trucking, or other heavy equipment will be used.

**Silviculture:**

The primary goal of this treatment is to improve spacing and species composition in the stand in order to increase growth rates while maintaining quality among the more desirable growing stock. The short term desired condition is an even-aged small poletimber stand consisting of black cherry, mixed birch, and maple with a high percentage of acceptable growing stock. The long term desired condition is a large poletimber / small sawtimber stand that can be treated commercially for the production and continued growth of high quality forest products. Future commercial thinnings may be appropriate, or the stand can be converted to an uneven-aged condition with single tree and group selection.

**Park Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regional Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

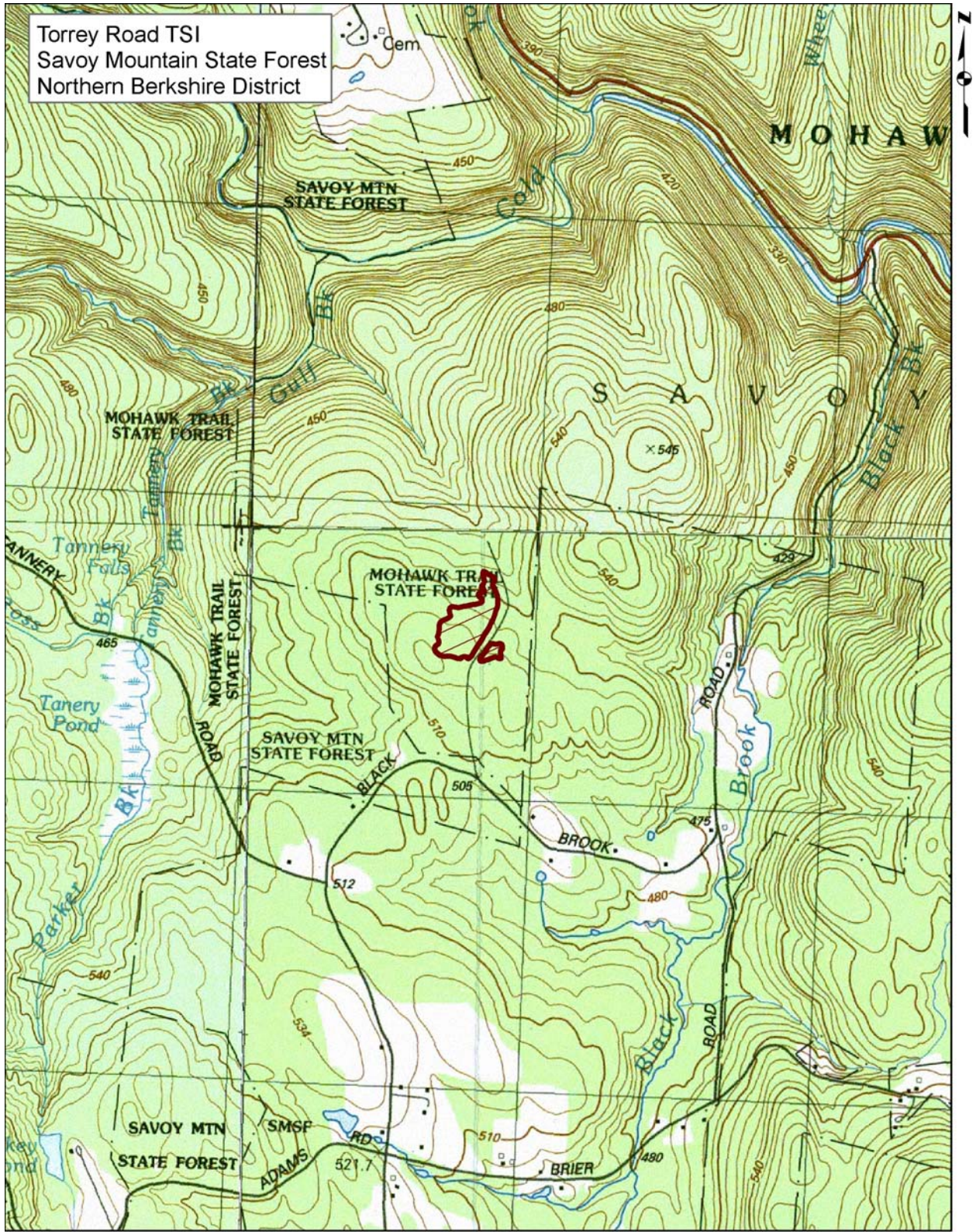
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District Forester:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attached: topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

Torrey Road TSI  
Savoy Mountain State Forest  
Northern Berkshire District



NOTE: Proposed harvest boundary is based on preliminary stand type data and is subject to change.

