

**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry  
Proposed Timber Harvest Summary  
Name: C13**

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

**Region:** Western  
**Recreation District:** South Berkshire  
**Forest Management District:** SBK  
**State Forest:** Otis  
**Closest Road:** C13 Road  
**Town:** Otis

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**Stand Description:**

This is an oak hardwood stand, approximately 50% of the basal area is red oak and 25% is beech. The proposed area is 60 acres. Approximately 70% of the oak is in acceptable growing stock. Oak diameters range up to 28 inches with the majority of the trees in the 18-24 inch range. Only about 5% of the beech is acceptable growing stock and diameters range from saplings to small sawlogs. The effective stand age is approximately 90 years but larger oaks are older.

The site is primarily located on moderate mid slopes with a few acres located on hilltop. A few acres at the base of the slopes are poorly drained and very rocky.

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

**Aesthetic:** This sale does not appear to have any aesthetic or other sensitive public issues. There are no archeologic or other historic features. C13 Road is an unmaintained and very lightly used forest management road.

**Recreation:** Recreation on this site is limited to hunting, an occasional hiker, unauthorized ATV and snowmobiling and cross country skiing in the winter.

**Environmental:** There are no outstanding environmental issues associated with this sale. The area does not fall into any Natural Heritage category.

**Wildlife:** There does not appear to be any critical wildlife concern with this sale. There are no Natural Heritage sites and no certified vernal pools, although one manmade water hole along the road may now function as a vernal pool. There are no known rare plants. Poorly drained areas on the southern section of the sale area may have some potential for the location of rare plants. Wetlands are limited to seasonal intermittent drainages and small wet areas adjacent to these drainages.

**Sale Layout:**

Two small landings may be required, depending on equipment used and time of the year. The C13 Road will serve as the main truck road and, depending on time of the year, skidding on the road may be allowed. A main skid road exists along the western side of the lot. An old road along the east side will serve as a skid road. Secondary skid roads will be laid out to avoid impacting moist areas in the center of the lot. At least one intermittent stream will require a poled crossing and any other channel crossing will be poled.

**Silviculture:**

The goal of this harvest is to regenerate an oak stand using a shelterwood harvest system. All beech will be harvested except for an occasional cavity tree or individual that is resistant to beech bark disease. The area will probably require an operation to control residual beech saplings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attached: Topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

