

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

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Region: Western
Recreation District: Southern
Forest Management District: SBK
State Forest: Beartown
Closest Road: Benedict Pond
Town: Gt Barrington

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Stand Description:

This is a 45 acre hemlock/hardwood stand. Percentage of hemlock varies from nearly 100% on a wet basin site to scattered individuals on some areas. Other common species present include red oak, white birch, cherry and red and sugar maple. The predominant size class is sawlog size- 14-24 inch dbh with some larger individuals. Quality and vigor is generally good except that some hemlock is overmature and declining. Stocking ranges from fully stocked to overstocked.

Aesthetic, Recreation, Environmental and Wildlife Considerations:

Aesthetic:

The harvest area will not be visible from the road. the appropriate buffer will be maintained along the Wildcat ORV trail, which runs along the southern edge of the stand. The major aesthetic concern is the log landing which is proposed to be located at the site of a CCC camp. The site is located on the main road through the forest and the CCC camp is sometimes used by visitors as a parking site while viewing wildlife at adjacent wetlands. The proposed landing would be sited at the edge of the camp in an area where gravel is now stored and located to avoid any archeological sites

Recreation:

As noted above the area is adjacent to a popular wildlife viewing site and a main ORV trail forms the edge of the sale. The site is also a popular hunting area.

Environmental:

The sale is bounded on the north by a small stream, but there do not appear to be any particular environmental concerns. Particularly wet sites approaching the stream will be avoided.

Wildlife:

There are no known rare plants or animals, no vernal pools and no Natural Heritage concerns on this site. Wildlife habitat or diversity should not be impacted either positively or negatively by the harvest. It will maintain the current mix of wetland, open field, recent clearcuts and hemlock/hardwood forest.

Sale Layout:

The preferred landing is at the old CCC camp on Benedict Pond Rd. An alternative is to improve approximately 1800 feet of old log road which is now used as an ORV trail. Skid roads will primarily follow old charcoal roads through the site.

Silviculture:

The objective of the sale is to improve growth and quality of the stand by thinning poor quality and competing stems. Another goal is to thin good quality hemlock trees to improve the likelihood of hemlock surviving a future adelgid infestation.

This sale will serve as the first of a series of shelterwood harvests.

Park Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Regional Director: _____

Date: _____

District Forester: _____

Date: _____

