

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

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End of Comment Period: September 1, 2007

Region:	Western
Recreation District:	Southern
Forest Management District:	SBK
State Forest:	Sandisfield – West Lake
Closest Road:	Hubbard
Town	Sandisfield

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Stand Description:

This is a 9 acre area composed primarily of a pine/hardwood stand. The main species are white pine and red oak, with varying amounts of hemlock, beech, maple and cherry. The sizes of trees in the main canopy range from 14 - 30 inches dbh. The stand is highly variable with species and size classes occurring in varying combinations throughout the area. Basal area averages approximately 160 feet.

Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:

Aesthetic: There are no particular aesthetic concerns with this sale. It is located on a dead end road which serves three residences. Tops from harvested trees will probably not be visible from the road.

Recreation: Recreational use of the area is limited to hunting and occasional hiking by local residents. A nearby snowmobile trail will not be impacted.

Wildlife: There are no Natural Heritage species or sites and no vernal pools. The sale is abutted on two sides by a wet hemlock stand and in places by an intermittent stream. The sale will not impact these areas.

Sale Layout:

An existing landing and skid road will be used. A minimum of 50 feet will be left uncut along the intermittent stream.

Silviculture:

This will be an improvement cut designed to harvest mature pine and hemlock and to provide additional growing space to designated crop trees. One goal is to ensure the continuation of a white pine component on the forest. White pine and red oak will be the preferred crop tree where practical. A secondary goal is to thin hemlock in order to decrease susceptibility to hemlock woolly adelgid.

Park Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Regional Director: _____

Date: _____

District Forester: _____

Date: _____

Attached: Topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

