

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

Region: Western
Recreation District: Berkshire Lower
Forest Management District: Southern Berkshire
State Forest: Beartown
Closest Road: Ice Glen Road

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Stand Description:

This 50 acre sale area is a mosaic of highly variable types, species and size classes. Included in the area are pockets of sawlog size aspen, pole/small sawlog oak, mature oak, mature and immature hemlock, and northern hardwood. Some portions of the area have a high percentage of beech. Some of this beech is diseased while some appears to not be affected by the beech bark disease. Very large (30") oak, sugar and red maple, tulip poplar and hemlock are dispersed throughout the area as individuals and in small pockets. Much of the area has been harvested in the past 25 years.

Silviculture:

Silviculture will vary with the stand conditions. At least one or two aspen clones will be clearcut. Young stands will be thinned while some older stands will receive a heavier cut to encourage regeneration. There are several goals of the sale including: provide small wildlife openings, reduce the percentage of beech, thin immature trees, harvest mature trees and provide for regeneration of hardwood species. The overall goal is to maintain a healthy, highly variable stand while producing very large high value trees.

Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:

There are no official recreational trails in the area. Recreation is limited to hunting and hiking by neighbors. The large wetland at the base of the mountain is classified by Natural Heritage as a priority habitat and an estimated rare species habitat. The sale area is not in the bubble of this habitat and will not impact this habitat. The area is bisected by several intermittent streams which will be bridged or poled.

Sale Layout:

The area has a network of old roads and more modern skid trails which will be utilized. The landing is located at the end of Ice Glenn Road. The end of this road is a private road, maintained by abutters. As an abutter and through a previous right of way, DCR has the right to use the road, but we do not routinely contribute to its upkeep. We have traditionally required the high bidder of any timber sale using this log landing to contribute a sum of money to the landowner group maintaining the road.

Park Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Regional Director: _____

Date: _____

District Forester: _____

Date: _____

Attached: Topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

