

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

Region: Western
Recreation District: Berkshire Lower
Forest Management District: Southern Berkshire
State Forest: Otis
Closest Road: Norton Road

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Stand Description:

This is a 45 acre small sawlog size oak–hardwood stand. The stand is overstocked. The primary species is red oak, but hemlock is present in varying density throughout the stand and there are patches of white pine.

Silviculture:

This will be a commercial thinning to improve the vigor and growth rate of the stand. Selected crop trees will be primarily dominant or co-dominant red oak, but crop trees of all species will be selected in order to maintain a diversity of tree species.

Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:

There are no particular aesthetic or wildlife considerations for this area. There is one cellar hole and stone wall complex adjacent to Norton Road. Two snowmobile trails cross through the sale area as part of the Otis Snowmobile Club trail system. One trail is mapped and recognized by DCR, the other is not.

Sale Layout:

The log landing will be located just off the intersection of Norton Road and the snowmobile trail. Winter logging may interfere with snowmobiles entering the trail. If necessary, arrangements will be made to provide usable access. It may be necessary to use a portion of the unauthorized trail which follows an old logging road. Trails will be left free of debris and will be re-graded. Care will be taken to avoid impacting the cellar hole and stone walls. If further review indicates that standing trees may harm the old foundation, they will be removed.

Park Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Regional Director: _____

Date: _____

District Forester: _____

Date: _____

Attached: Topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

