

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

**Date Posted: July 18, 2007**

**End of Comment Period: September 1, 2007**

<b>Region:</b>	Western
<b>Recreation District:</b>	Southern
<b>Forest Management District:</b>	SBK
<b>State Forest:</b>	Beartown
<b>Closest Road:</b>	Beartown Mtn
<b>Town</b>	Monterey

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**Stand Description:**

This is an approximately 30 acre northern hardwood stand dominated by sugar and red maple, cherry and red oak. The stand is overstocked and has an average stand diameter of 17 inches. The effective stand age is 98 years. Only about 35% of the 142 feet of basal area is characterized as acceptable growing stock. Most of the beech and yellow birch and much of the cherry and larger sugar maple and cherry is poor quality or mature.

**Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:**

**Aesthetic:** This sale is located on Beartown Mountain Rd. which serves as a lightly used entrance to the north side of the State Forest. The Appalachian Trail crosses the road several hundred feet beyond the sale and some traffic is associated with this trailhead.

**Recreation:** Recreational use of the area includes hunting and hiking by local residents. The Airplane ORV trail runs along the upper edge of the sale.

**Wildlife:** There are no Natural Heritage species or sites and no vernal pools. A wet seep area runs along the southern side of the sale and feeds a springhouse which serves an abutting residence.

**Sale Layout:**

A landing will be established at the far end of the lot to minimize disturbance to neighbors. A buffer will be left adjacent to the seep areas feeding the water supply.

**Silviculture:**

While the stand quality and size would justify a shelterwood harvest, it will be managed under an uneven aged system to minimize aesthetic impact. This harvest will be an improvement cut designed to establish another size class cohort to begin the development of a balanced uneven aged class size distribution. Areas near the road will be harvested using single tree or small patch selection. Those sections near the back of the lot with heavy concentrations of cherry will be harvested using more patch and small group selection methods in order to salvage the high value but mature cherry and to create conditions suitable to cherry regeneration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attached: Topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

