

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

**Region:** Western  
**Recreation District:** Berkshire Lower  
**Forest Management District:** Southern Berkshire  
**State Forest:** West Lake  
**Closest Road:** West Street

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**Stand Description:**

This is a 20 acre northern hardwood stand. Beech, which makes up 17 percent of the stand, is dead or dying. Ash is mature and/or declining. Sugar maple, cherry and oak ranges from 2 - 28 inches in diameter and is of poor to excellent quality. Half of the regeneration sample plots are heavily stocked with beech; the remainder have mostly sugar maple.

**Silviculture:**

This will be an uneven aged harvest, concentrating on salvaging beech and ash. Mature and unacceptable growing stock trees of other species will be removed where appropriate. Beech control in the understory may be required after the harvest. This harvest will not result in the proper size distribution for a true uneven aged stand, but is the first step in reaching the desired distribution. The goal of the harvest is to produce a safer, aesthetically acceptable high value hardwood stand. Because of the health and safety considerations associated with the beech and ash, some pockets of the stand will be heavily harvested.

**Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:**

The stand lies along the Abbey Lake access road. This road is used by hikers and snowmobilers. The harvest will remove many of the beech and overmature ash which are a hazard to hikers and which can block access to the Abbey Dam when they fall. There are not any Natural Heritage or unusual wildlife considerations. The road suffered some erosion in last October's rain.

**Sale Layout:**

Existing landings will be utilized, but it may be necessary to establish a new landing. Depending on the volume and the value of the marked trees, it may be necessary to expand the sale across Abbey Road in order to get a marketable volume. This is not likely but will depend on the merchantability of the beech and ash. The road will be graded and if necessary gravel added to repair the damaged areas.

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

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

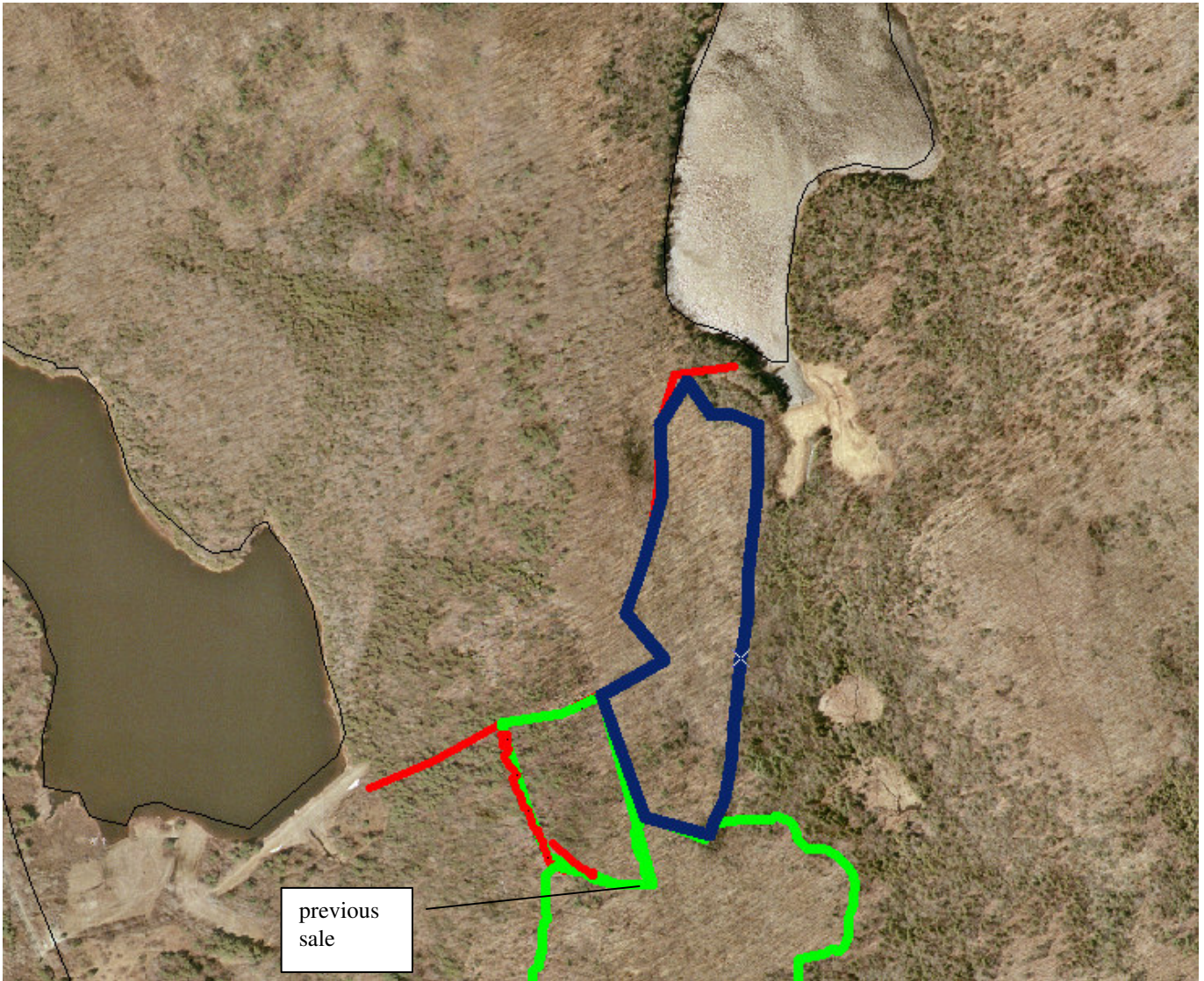
**Regional Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Attached: Orthphoto image showing location of Forest Products Sale Area



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