

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

**Region:** Western  
**Recreation District:** Berkshire Lower  
**Forest Management District:** Southern Berkshire  
**State Forest:** Beartown  
**Closest Road:** Brett

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**Stand Description:**

This sale will cover two stands. The first is a 13 acre mature oak stand which received a preparation cut shelterwood harvest in 1986. The stand is successfully regenerated with an approximate total of 3,237 seedlings per acre. 2,200 of these seedlings per acre are of desirable tree species, with red oak being the most common.

The second stand is a 20 acre large sawlog size oak-hardwood stand which received an improvement harvest in 1980. Mature oak are scattered throughout the stand as are declining ash and diseased beech. Other species include red maple and yellow and black birch.

**Silviculture:**

The first stand will receive a removal cut. All trees except a few wildlife trees per acre will be removed to release the existing oak seedlings. The objective is to remove the overstory trees to release to young regeneration in order for the young forest composed of red oak to be free to grow.

The second stand will receive another partial harvest to continue the process of regenerating the stand. In some parts of the area this will be a shelterwood cut to remove 50 % of the crown cover and other sections the harvest will be a lighter harvest designed to improve tree growth and provide larger crown trees which will increase seed production. One or two more harvests over the next 20-25 years will be necessary to complete the process. Ash and beech will be heavily harvested to salvage declining trees. The objective is to partially remove the older overstory trees for the purpose of creating openings to allow for the regeneration of a new forest.

**The Aesthetic, Recreation and Wildlife Considerations:**

There are no particular aesthetic considerations with this sale. There are no recreational trails through the sale area. An occasional hiker, local horseback rider and cross country skier uses Brett Rd. there are also no Natural Heritage concerns on the site. The sale is abutted on one side by an unnamed stream and portions are abutted by vegetated wetlands or beaver related wetlands.

**Sale Layout:**

The sale will be accessed by using Brett Rd. including a section of road which is not maintained by the town. A bridge on Brett Rd will need to be replaced and significant road grading and addition of gravel will be required to make this part of the road passable. The sale will utilize a small existing landing. It may be necessary to allow log storage at other sites along the road. The terrain and location of wetlands present several problems. A new skid road will have to be located to skirt a beaver swamp. Total skid distance is greater than ½ mile. The skid trail will utilize an existing skid road network with modifications to get around the wetland. Because of the expense of reaching this lot, it may prove necessary to locate other stands to be harvested in the vicinity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attached: Topographic map showing location of Forest Products Sale Area

