



Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **DCR Announces Public Meetings for Forest Management Projects in F. G. Hills State Forest, Chester Blanford State Forest and Otter River State Forest**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Bureau of Forestry will be hosting the following public meetings to discuss three forest management projects:

- Wednesday, July 22, 2015 - 6 pm – Borderland State Park, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA 02356. A "Home Fuelwood" project in F.G. Hill State Forest will be presented. This proposed project involves light thinning of hardwood trees while providing an opportunity for local residents to cut firewood for home use.
- Thursday, July 23, 2015 – 6 PM – MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) West Region Office, 740 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01202. One project located at Chester Blanford State Forest will be presented. This proposed project involves the removal of dying red pine plantation overstory to release native oak, pine and maple and also the thinning of hemlock and oak hardwood forest types.
- Tuesday, July 28, 2015– 6 PM – Athol Town Hall, 584 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331. A project located in Otter River State Forest will be presented. This proposed project intends to remove dying red pine, white pine and scotch pine plantation overstory to release native oak and pine. The project also involves thinning healthy red pine plantations to release native oak and pine.

The website address to view the three proposals titled Southeast Home Fuelwood 2015, Beulah Land Red Pine and Beaman Pond Lot is:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/forestry-and-fire-control/proposed-forest-management-projects.html>

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