



Department of Conservation and Recreation
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bureau of Forestry

Forest Management Tours November 18, 2022

DCR Foresters will be leading tours of prepared forest management areas, discussing goals and objectives, silvicultural techniques, providing a view of the project area, and explaining how the operations will take place. A detailed silviculture prescription for each operation will be provided to attendees. These tours culminate a public process that included public meetings and a written comment period on each project.

The tours will be conducted rain or shine as indicated below. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather and to wear sturdy shoes. Walking within these project areas may be difficult due to fallen trees, rocks, and other obstacles. For additional information about the tours and DCR forest management on State Forests, Parks, and Reservations, please contact Tom Brulé, Management Forestry Program Supervisor, at 413-545-3891 or thomas.brule@mass.gov.

Friday November 18, 2022; 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Mount Washington State Forest, Mount Washington
DCR Management Forester Tom Ryan will lead a tour of the Cattle Barn Lot Project. The forest management activities planned for this property are part of a larger landscape scale restoration initiative. This project encompasses approximately 362 acres in total area. Primary objectives are to enhance and maintain the ecological function for this portion of the upper Karner Brook Watershed and falls within designated priority habitat for the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), area of critical environmental concern (ACEC) and is a drinking water supply source for the town of Egremont. Silvicultural treatments will focus on salvage and sanitation harvest of dead and dying white ash; clear-cut of dead and dying white spruce plantations; treatment of invasive species to prevent further spread and allow regeneration of native species; and finally, the use of single tree and group selection to diversify the overall forest structure and species composition.

Meet at lower “Potato Shed Field” on East Street in Mount Washington State Forest. Attendees will then walk within the project area to view the planned operation. This tour will involve approximately 1-2 miles of walking on/off road. Attendees should be prepared to be away from their vehicles for an extended amount of time and distance for this tour.

- From Mount Washington Town Hall – Travel northerly on East Street for approx. 2.7 miles. Meeting location is on your right (East) at entrance to the historic potato field.
- From Egremont/Mount Washington town line – Travel southerly on East Street for approx. 1.65 miles. Meeting location is on your left (East) at entrance to the historic potato field.

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Mount Washington State Forest
Landscape Scale Restoration Project
Public Tour Locus Map

