

**Comment received via email 2/25/2015**

Dear Department of Conservation and Recreation,

Never in my life have I heard of a more preposterous solution than to kill off the very trees you are attempting to save. The trees need to stay in the woods, and alive. If your department has an ethic, it should be to make every effort to save these worthy beings within their own habitat.

The effort to save the ash trees (and whatever mature giants you may be planning to cut down) through logging is a thinly disguised effort to extract yet more cash from the public's dwindling natural resources.

Throughout the years, logging our publicly owned forests has done nothing but harm to our natural resources. Who can forget the senseless clear cut that stretched for miles in October Mountain State Forest a few decades ago? And we call this logging "in the public interest"?

Please kill your bad idea (and not the trees) as swiftly as possible, and save your department from further disgrace.

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**Bureau of Forestry Response**

Unfortunately the ash trees cannot be saved from the emerald ash borer as seen throughout its path through the United States. [Research](#) indicates that almost 100% mortality of ash trees will occur due to emerald ash borer in forest stands. The proposed timber harvest in Pittsfield State Forest is designed, in part, to further diversify forest stand conditions in the wake of significant ash loss and, through timber sale revenue, improve access to the state forest, and provide the partial means for cleanup of dying ash from the state forest roadways.