



DCR Postpones Public Meetings for Forest Management Projects in Florida, October Mountain, Huntington, Granville, and Marlboro-Sudbury State Forests and Balance Rock State Park

Out of an abundance of caution due to the developing Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, the scheduled Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Bureau of Forestry's public meetings for the below projects have been postponed to a later date. We will be in touch regarding the updated date and location as soon as possible.

On March 10, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration announced new guidance for Executive Branch employees in order to prevent and mitigate the spread of the disease, including canceling or virtually holding conferences, seminars, and other discretionary gatherings hosted by Executive Branch agencies involving external parties.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as the Commonwealth works to address this public health issue.

- **POSTPONED:** Monday, March 16, 2020 - 6 pm – DCR Western Regional Headquarters, 740 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01202. Five projects will be presented. The project located at Florida State Forest proposes to use uneven age and even age management in both mixed hardwood stands and Norway spruce plantations to regenerate native species, Huntington State Forest proposes to use a combination uneven/even age management system (irregular shelterwood) and even age management in hemlock-hardwood stands to regenerate native species; October Mountain State Forest proposes to use even age management in Norway spruce and red pine plantations to regenerate native species; Granville State Forest proposes to use a combination uneven/even age management system (irregular shelterwood) in oak hardwood, hemlock hardwood and northern hardwood forest types to regenerate native species; and the project in Balance Rock State Park proposes to use uneven age management to regenerate native hardwoods in northern hardwoods, oak-hardwoods and white pine-hardwoods forest types.
- **POSTPONED:** Thursday March 19, 2020 – 6 PM – Hudson Public Library – 3 Washington St., Hudson, MA. A project in Marlboro-Sudbury State Forest will be presented. The project proposes to use even age management system (shelterwood) to

regenerate native species in a white and red pine plantation and thinning in pine and oak stands to promote growth.

The proposals may be viewed at this website address: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/forest-management-projects>.

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