

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bureau of Forestry Pre-Harvest Forest Tours July 18 & 19, 2017

DCR Foresters will be leading tours of prepared timber sale areas, discussing forest management techniques, providing a view of the trees designated for harvest, and explaining how harvest operations will take place. A detailed silviculture prescription for each harvesting 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. For additional information about the tours and DCR forest management on State Forests, Parks, and Reservations, please contact William Hill, Management Forestry Program Supervisor, at 413-545-3891.

July 18, 2017 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Townsend State Forest, Townsend

DCR Forester Mike Waterman will lead a tour of the 75 acre planned timber sale in a white pine oak forest type. Meet at the parking area at the entrance to the gated State Forest fire road on the west side of Brookline Road (Rt. 13) in Townsend. Directions: From Townsend Center and the intersection of Rt. 119 and Rt. 13, travel approximately 2.44 mile North on Brookline Road (Rt. 13). The parking area at the fire gate will be on the left side of Rt. 13.

July 19th, 2017 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. October Mountain State Forest, Becket

DCR Forester Kristopher Massini will lead a tour of the 152 acre planned timber sale in an Oak - Hardwood forest. Meet in front of the gate at the Finerty Pond Trail snowmobile parking area; 0.5 mile north of Rt. 20 (Jacob's Ladder Trail) on Becket Road. Participants will then drive to timber sale location as a group. Becket Road is 4 miles east from the intersection of Rt. 20 and Rt. 102 (Mass Turnpike – Exit 2) in the Town of Lee and is 3 miles west from the intersection of Rt. 20 and Rt. 8S in West Becket.

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