

# Forest Cutting Plan

and Notice of Intent under M.G.L. Chapter 132 – The Forest Cutting Practices Act, 304 CMR 11.00 (Effective Date: 3/15/16)

### For DCR Use Only:

File Number	124.43683.26	Case No.	
Date Rec'd	03/30/2026	Nat. Hert.	True
Earliest Start	04/14/2026	Nat. Hert. Imp.	
River Basin	CHICOPEE	Pub. Dr. Wat.	NO
Gen. Obj.	LT	ACEC	False

Site Information

### Location

Town Hardwick  
 Road Turkey St  
 Acres 20.00 Proposed Start Date 03/13/2026  
 Vol. MBF 130 Vol. Cds. 0 Vol. Tons 1200

### Plan Preparer

Name Fletcher Clark  
 Address 1 Rabbit Hill Rd Westborough, MA  
 Town, State, Zip Westborough MA 01581  
 Phone 508-369-6300  
 Type of Preparer LF  
 \*Mass. Forester License # 433  
 \*Required for land under Ch61, Ch61A or Forest Stewardship

### Landowner

Name Mass Wildlife  
 Mailing Address 1 Rabbit Hill Rd Westborough,  
 Town, State, Zip Westborough MA 01581  
 Phone 508-369-5300  
 Ch61  61A  61B  Stew  \*Case # \_\_\_\_\_  
 FSC  CR  CR Holder \_\_\_\_\_

### Licensed Timber Harvester\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mass. Lic. Harvester # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*This information may be supplied after the plan is approved, but before work begins.

Best Management Practices

### Stream Crossings

Indicate location on map	SC-1	SC-2	SC-3	SC-4
Type of Crossing				
Existing Structure				
Type of Bottom				
Bank Height (ft)				
Stabilization				

### Wetland Crossings

Indicate location on map	WC-1	WC-2	WC-3	WC-4
Length of Crossing				
Mitigation				
Stabilization				

### Filter Strips

Indicate location on map	FS-1	FS-2	FS-3	FS-4
Width (50', 100', or VA)	50			

### Harvesting in Wetlands

Indicate location on map	HW-1	HW-2	HW-3	HW-4
Forest Type (see pg 2)				
Acres to be Harvested				
Resid. Basal Area (>50%?)				

### Service Forester Comments

*See attached NHESP letter.*

Codes

Type of Preparer	Type of Crossing	Stabilization	Mitigation	Type of Bottom
LF Mass. Lic. For.	CU Culvert	SE Seed	FR Frozen	LE Ledge
TH Lic. Tim. Har	BR Bridge	MU Mulch	DR Dry	ST Stony
TB Timber Buyer	FO Ford	CO Corduroy	OT Other	MU Mud
LO Landowner	PO Poled	ST Stone		GR Gravel
OT Other	OT Other	HB Hay Bales		OT Other
		OT Other		

#### Note:

Applicant must provide DCR with all relevant information before plan may be approved and cutting may begin. Some forestry activities, such as prescribed burning and pesticide or fertilizer application may require additional permits. Consult MA Forestry BMP Manual for further information.

If Other (OT) is used in any category an explanation must be given on an attached narrative page

### Stream Crossings

Indicate location on map	SC-5	SC-6	SC-7	SC-8	SC-9	SC-10
Type of Crossing						
Existing Structure						
Type of Bottom						
Bank Height (ft)						
Stabilization						

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Indicate location on map	WC-5	WC-6	WC-7	WC-8	WC-9	WC-10
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### Cutting Standards

Indicate location on map	ST-5	ST-6	ST-7	ST-8	ST-9	ST-10
Forest Type						
Acres						
Landowner Objective						
Designation of Trees						
Type of Cut						
Source of Regeneration						

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Products to be Harvested\*

Table with 4 columns: Species, Mbf/Cds, and two empty columns. Rows include White Pine, Red Pine, Pitch Pine, Hemlock, Spruce, Other Sftwd., White Ash, Beech, White Birch, B & Y Birch, and Black Cherry.

\*Note: Volumes indicated in the Plan are as reported by the plan preparer and have not been independently verified by the service forester upon approval. Mbf = thousand board feet.

Cutting Standards

Table with 5 columns: Indicate location on map, ST-1, ST-2, ST-3, ST-4. Rows include Forest Type (WO), Acres (20), Landowner Objective (LT), Designation of Trees (SB), Type of Cut (SH), and Source of Regeneration (AD).

Landowner Signature

The most important information on a cutting plan is the Landowner's objective, as this will determine which trees will be harvested and which will remain; this decision will also determine the future condition of the forest for decades to come.

LT - Long-term Forest Management

Planned management of the forest to achieve one or more of the following objectives: produce immediate and maximize long-term income, enhance wildlife habitat, improve recreational opportunities, protect soil and water quality, or produce forest specialty products.

ST - Short-term Harvest

Harvest of trees with the main intention of producing short-term income with minimal consideration given to improving the future forest condition, which often results in a forest dominated by poor quality and low value species.

I (we) have read the Massachusetts Cutting Plan Information Sheet, and am aware of my (our) management options. I (we) hereby certify that I (we) have the legal authority to carry out the operation described above.

Handwritten signature of the landowner.

Handwritten date: 3/25/2026

Signature of landowner(s)

Date

Determination and Status

Form with checkboxes for Approved, Disapproved, and Expires. Includes handwritten date 3/30/2028 and signature of Service Forester/Director's Agent.

Final Report and Comments

I hereby certify that the afore described Forest Cutting Plan and all relevant statutes have been substantially complied with.

Signature of Service Forester/Director's Agent and Date

Form with checkboxes for Extension and Amendment, and fields for Expires and Ser. For. Ints.

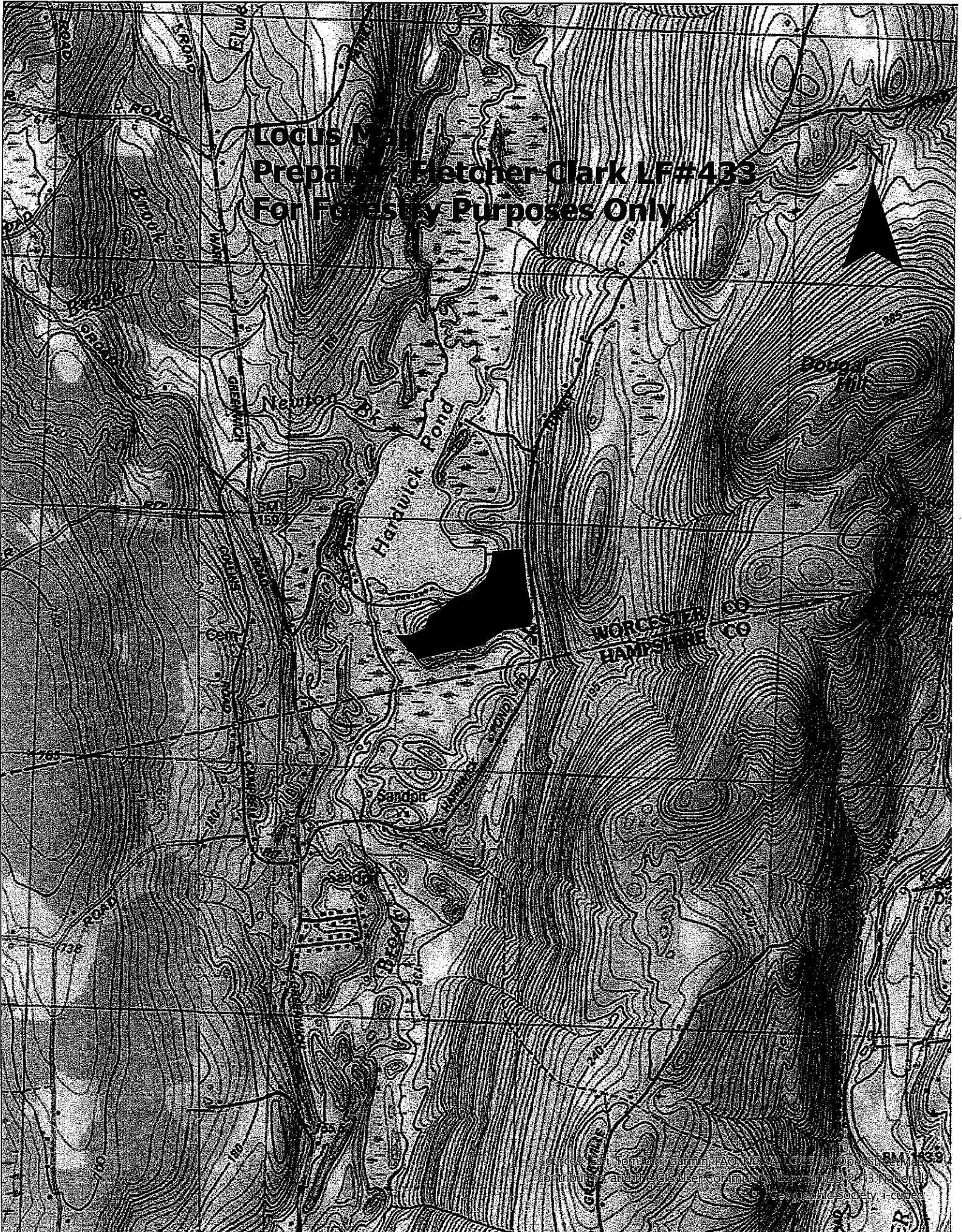
Table with 4 columns: Forest Types, Designation of Trees, Type of Cut, and Source of Regeneration. Lists various codes and their corresponding descriptions.



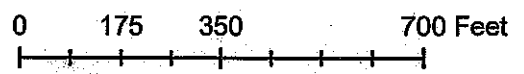
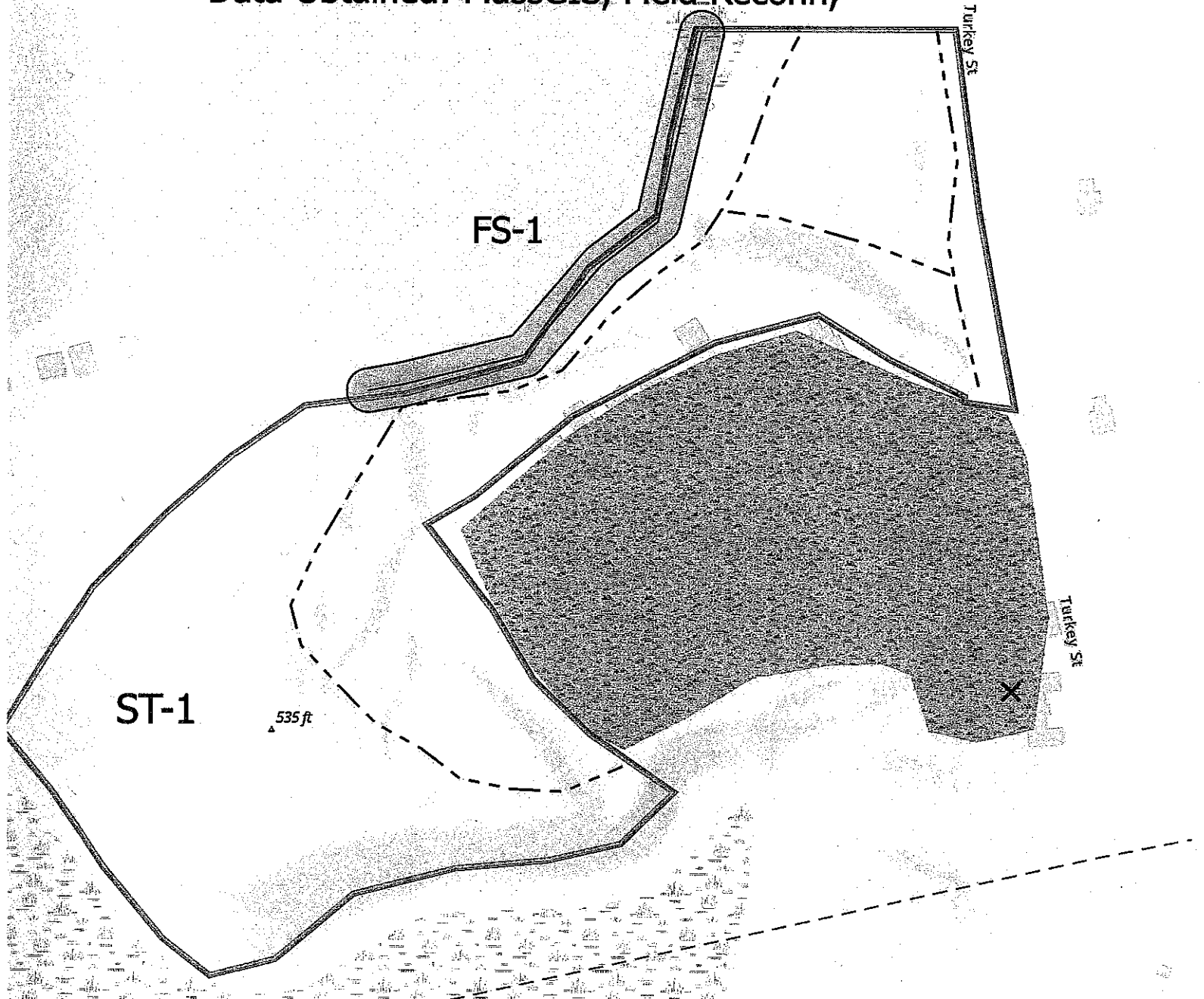
Use this Section to provide additional comments.

This is a continuation of the important barrens restoration work within the larger Muddy Brook complex. White Pine is the target generalist species to be removed as an overstory shelterwood system. All other tree species, primarily Oak, will be retained to create an oak woodland with an understory of sandplain heathland. Advanced regeneration has been secured by the last timber harvest on this site. Regeneration consists of oak and black birch. Future restoration work will expand the current grassland into a larger footprint of warm season grasses. Therefore adjacent uplands will consist of Oak woodland juxtaposed with a native grassland in and among the greater Muddy Book valley and associated wetland complexes.

**Locus Map**  
**Prepared by Fletcher Clark LF#433**  
**For Forestry Purposes Only**



Map Preparer Fletcher Clark LF#433  
 Data Prepared 3/13/26  
 For Forestry Purposes only  
 Data Obtained: MassGIS, Field Recon,



**Legend**

- Landing
- Skid Rd
- Stand Boundary
- Field
- Buffer
- FS1

Sources: Esri, Vantor, Airbus DS, US NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyreisen, Rijl and the GIS user community, Sources: OpenStreetMap



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### Forest Cutting Plan Review 304 CMR 11.04(6)

Jacob Seidel  
DCR Service Forestry  
Central: District 5

Forest Cutting Plan No.:	124.43683.26
NHESP Tracking No.:	26-20281
Town:	Hardwick
Road:	Turkey Street
Landowner:	MassWildlife
Preparer:	Fletcher Clark (Westborough, MA; License #433)
Date:	April 27, 2026

Dear Jacob,

The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife ("the Division") has reviewed the above-referenced Forest Cutting Plan ("the Plan") pursuant to the special approval procedures of the Forest Cutting Practices Regulations (304 CMR 11.04(6)).

Based on details of the Plan, and information in the NHESP database, the Division does not expect activities proposed in the Plan to negatively impact Priority Habitat or result in a **Take** (as defined in 321 CMR 10.02) of plant or animal species protected under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) (M.G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations (321 CMR 10.00). Therefore, the Division does not require that the Plan be modified at this time.

Please copy the Division on any proposed amendment, extension, and on the approved Plan for the site. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Nikolis Gualco, Endangered Species Review Biologist at [nikolis.a.gualco@mass.gov](mailto:nikolis.a.gualco@mass.gov) OR (508) 389-6375.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse Leddick".

Jesse Leddick  
Assistant Director

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Division of State Parks and Recreation



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# FOREST CUTTING PLAN CERTIFICATE

Post this in a conspicuous place within the area in which the harvesting operation is to take place.

This certifies that Mass Wildlife (Name of Owner) Rabbit Hill Road (Address) in accordance with the

provision of M.G.L. Chapter 132, Section 40-46, filed in Clinton with the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, Division of State Parks and Recreation, a Notice of Intent to cut forest products upon the Turkey lot.

Approval Date 5-11-26  
Director's Agent Jacob Seidel  
DCR Phone No. 857-345-2535

ISSUED BY: Priscilla E. Gelgis  
Priscilla E. Gelgis, Director  
Division of State Parks and Recreation