

Bureau of Forestry Pre-Harvest Forest Tours September/October 2014

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.

September 25, 2014, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Kenneth Dubuque State Forest, Hawley

DCR Forester Nick Anzuoni will lead a tour of a 100-acre planned timber sale that will use uneven age - group selection silviculture in a northern hardwood forest type. Meet at the Student Conservation Association (SCA) Camp in Dubuque State Forest on MA Route 8A. Signs will be posted. From MA Route 2, travel 8.6 miles south on MA Route - 8A South. Meeting place is on the right. From MA Route 116 N travel 8/10 mile on Rt. 8A North. Meeting place is on left.

September 26, 2014, 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. October Mountain State Forest, Washington (note early start)

DCR Forester Kris Massini will lead a tour of a 250-acre planned timber sale that will use uneven age - group selection silviculture in a northern hardwood forest type and hemlock hardwood forest type. There will be an approximate 1 & 1/2 mile roundtrip walk into and through this project at times over rugged ground. From US – 20 travel towards Becket Center on MA Route 8 North for 5 miles. At the intersection of Rt. 8, McNerney Rd. and County Round, go left on County Rd. Travel on County Rd for 5.4 miles (staying left at V intersection of Lenox Whitney Place Road) following signs for forest tour. Please carpool as parking space is limited.

October 1, 2014, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Warwick State Forest, Warwick

DCR Foresters Mike Gieryk and Keith DiNardo will lead a tour of a 65-acre planned timber sale using uneven age group selection silviculture in an oak pine forest type and hemlock pine forest type. Meet at the former Warwick Prison Camp on Richmond Road in Warwick. From Warwick Center along MA Route 78, take Athol Road 1.5 miles, turn left on Richmond Rd. and travel 1.1 miles. Meeting location is on the right.

October 2, 2014, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Templeton State Forest, Templeton

DCR Forester Joelle Vautour will lead a tour of a 150 acre planned timber sale that will use even age - shelterwood silviculture in a red pine and white pine plantation. From US Route 202 / MA Route 2 take exit 19 for US Route 202 North. Merge onto US Route 202 North and travel 8/10 mile. Meeting location is on left in a large gravel parking area. Attendees will carpool from this location to the state forest.

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Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request by emailing Agatha Summons-McGuire at <u>agatha.summons@state.ma.us</u> or by calling her at 617-626-1282. Please provide Ms. McGuire with a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can, as well as information on how she can contact you if more information is needed. Please allow at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice to Ms. McGuire of a need for reasonable accommodations; last-minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), please also contact Ms. McGuire.