

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bureau of Forestry Pre-Harvest Forest Tours November 23rd, 2021

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.

This tour will follow state and local requirements concerning COVID 19.

The tours will be conducted rain or shine as indicated below. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather and to wear sturdy shoes. Walking within these project areas may be difficult due to fallen trees. For additional information about the tours and DCR forest management on State Forests, Parks, and Reservations, please contact Tom Brule', Management Forestry Program Supervisor, at 413-545-3891.

Tuesday November 23rd, 2021, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Chester-Blandford State Forest, Blandford DCR Forester Kristopher Massini will lead a tour of the Old House Lot a 32 -acre planned timber sale of Norway spruce, aspen, white pine – oak, and hemlock stands. Meet at intersection of Beulah Land Road and Dynamite Box Road (see attached map). Attendees will then walk within the project area to view the planned operation. This tour will involve approximately 1-2 miles of walking off trail. Attendees should be prepared to be away from their vehicles for an extended amount of time and distance for this tour.

- From Route 20 in Chester Go southeast on Blandford Road continuing to Chester Road for approximately 5 miles. Turn left on to Beulah Land Road, stay on this road for approximately 1 mile to intersection with Dynamite Box Road.
- From Route 23 in Blandford Go Northwest on Chester Road for approximately 2.5 miles. Turn right on to Beulah Land Road, stay on this road for approximately 1 mile to intersection with Dynamite Box Road.

Other routes are not suggested due to poor road conditions and closed gates, please do not follow GPS recommendations which do not use the above route.

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Chester - Blandford State Forest Old House Lot - Locus Map

