

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bureau of Forestry - Post and Pre-Harvest Forest Tours Federated Women's Club State Forest - Petersham Wendell State Forest – Wendell 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM – May 8, 2018

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Forester Keith DiNardo and Management Forestry Program Supervisor William Hill will be leading a tour of a completed forest management project in the Federated Women's Club State Forest and a tour of a planned timber harvest in Wendell State Forest. The intent of the tours is to provide insight into a completed forestry operation in a forest type very similar to that in the planned harvest operation. DiNardo and Hill will discuss forest management techniques used at the Federated Women's Club SF in a predominantly oak type and compare those planned for oak types in Wendell State Forest. Additionally, there will be discussions of planned forestry operations in red and white pine plantations. The tours will provide a view of the trees designated for harvest, and explain how harvest operations take place. A detailed silviculture prescription for both harvesting operations will be provided to attendees. This tour culminates a public process that included a public meeting and a written comment period for the project.

The tour will begin at the Federation of Women's Club State Forest at 1:00 PM. Meet at the intersection of State Forest Road and West Road in Petersham. Access this location by driving south on State Forest Road 1.8 miles from Highway 122 in Petersham. State Forest signs are posted on Highway 122.

The tour will continue at Wendell State Forest at approximately 4:00 PM. Meet at the Wendell State Forest Headquarters, 392 Wendell Road, Millers Falls.

The tour will be conducted "rain or shine". 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.

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