

**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Water Supply Protection, Office of Watershed Management
*Forest Management Project Summary***

Project Title: Moosehorn and North Main

DWSP Harvest Permit Number: 3165

DWSP Proposal ID: NS-16-15

DCR Forest Cutting Plan File Number: 204-28932-21

Location Information

Watershed: Quabbin

Town(s): New Salem

Acres: 33.1

Nearest Road: Moosehorn Road

Natural Heritage Atlas overlap?: No

Public Drinking Water Supply Watershed?: Yes

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)?: No

Site Information

Forest Types: white pine-hemlock, hemlock, and oak-hardwood, northern hardwoods

Soils: Montauk fine sandy loam, 3-25% slopes, and Chatfield-Hollis complex, 8-15% slopes.

Wetland Resources: A long, narrow wetland between two hills nearly bisects the project area, starting about 350 feet from the north border of the harvest area and extending to the south border. A second, smaller wetland starts about 90 feet from North Main Street and extends 150 feet east, where it becomes an intermittent stream that crosses an existing cart road before entering the large wetland.

Vernal Pools: none known

Harvest Information

Harvest Start Date: March 12, 2021

Harvest End Date: May 19, 2021

Number of Wetland Crossings: one

Number of Stream Crossings: none

Best Management Practices Applied

Stream Crossings: n/a

Filter Strips: Variable width filter strips on internal and adjacent wetlands and streams, including Moosehorn Brook across the Moosehorn Road to the north.

Wetland Crossings: Stabilized with corduroy, mitigated with bridge panels..

Harvesting in Wetlands: n/a

DWSP Forester supervising this harvest

Name: Helen Johnson

Forester License number: 383

Phone number: (617) 733-2937

Email: Helen.Johnson@mass.gov

Narrative

General Description/Forest Composition/History

Lot 3165 is located in New Salem between North Main Street and Moosehorn Roads. The terrain descends easterly from North Main Street to a long narrow wetland, then up and over a ridge and back down to Moosehorn Road.

The overstory is primarily emergent white pine and hemlock over diverse mixed hardwoods, including red and black oak, black birch and red maple, as well as smaller components of sugar maple, white ash, black cherry, and yellow birch, as well as occasional poplars and pitch pine. Hemlock is most prevalent in the eastern portion of the lot, becoming nearly pure hemlock with little or no regeneration on parts of the ridge near Moosehorn Road.

Forest health is variable. Many of the hemlocks have thinning crowns due to hemlock wooly adelgid, and possibly also hemlock elongate scale. The white pine has been moderately impacted by white pine weevil, but it's generally still vigorous. Nectria fungus and sugar maple borer are also present.

Site Selection

This site was selected because its high proportion of tall overstory pines and hemlocks, combined with inadequate regeneration make it a high risk for severe stand damage in the event of a major windstorm (hurricane, tornado, microburst, etc.) or other natural disaster.

Silvicultural Objectives

The primary objective is to create a new age class of vigorous young trees of all species through small group selection, with openings up to two acres. Group size will be appropriate for the terrain, with the larger openings located on the most moderate slopes. Openings will be irregular in shape, and will be located where there are clusters of trees that are diseased, declining, or have unstable stem structure. Declining hemlock, weevilled white pine, nectria-infected black birch, and other diseased and declining trees will be prioritized for removal. Oaks, hickories, northern hardwoods (sugar maple, white ash, black cherry, and yellow birch) and pitch pine will be favored for retention. The healthiest individuals of all species will be retained.

Cultural Resources

There are several stone walls in the northwestern corner of the lot, near North Main Street. These will be avoided and protected as much as possible; however due to terrain limitations it is necessary to cross two of the walls in locations where they've been crossed in the past. There are no other known cultural features in the project area.

Rare or Endangered Species

NHESP has not identified any rare or endangered species in the project area.

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and Notice of Intent under M.G.L.

Chapter 132 – The Forest Cutting

Practices Act, 304 CMR 11.00

(Effective Date: 3/15/16) *Amendment 1 (1/2)*

For DCR Use Only:

File Number 204-28931-21

Case No. 1/0

Date Rec'd 8-18-20

Nat. Hert. yes

Earliest Start 8-27-20

Pub. Dr. Wat. yes

River Basin Chicopee

ACEC No

Gen. Obj. LT

Site Information

Location

FINAL (5/25)

Town New Salem Quabbin Lot 3165 Amendment 1
 Road North Main Street
 Acres 33.1 Proposed Start Date 9/9/2020
 Vol. MBF 46.1 Vol. Cds. 50 Vol. Tons 96

Landowner

Name DCR-DWSP, Quabbin Section (ATTN: Forestr)
 Mailing Address 485 Ware Road

Town, State, Zip Belchertown, MA 01007

Phone 617-733-2937

Ch61 61A 61B Stew *Case #

FSC CR CR Holder

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	40'			
Mitigation	OT			
Stabilization	CO			

Filter Strips

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

Codes

Type of Preparer	Type of Crossing	Stabilization	Mitigation	Type of Bottom	Note
LF Mass Lic For.	CU Culvert	SE Seed	FR Frozen	LE Ledge	Applicant must provide DCR with all relevant information before plan may be approved and cutting may begin.
TH Lic Tim Har.	BR Bridge	MU Mulch	DR Dry	ST Stony	Some forestry activities, such as prescribed burning and
TB Timber Buyer	FO Ford	CO Corduroy	OT Other	MU Mud	pesticide or fertilizer application may require additional permits.
LO Landowner	PO Poled	ST Stone		GR Gravel	Consult MA Forestry BMP Manual for further information.
OT Other	OT Other	HB Hay Bales		OT Other	
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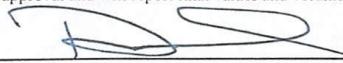
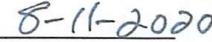
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***Note: Volumes indicated in the Plan are as reported by the plan preparer and have not been independently verified by the service forester upon approval. Mbf = thousand board feet.**

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Narrative Page (Effective Date: 3/15/16)

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Landowner DCR-DWSP
 Town New Salem
 File Number _____

Use this Section to provide further explanation or if Other (OT) was used in any category in the Best Management Practices Section on Page 3. SC-1 is an existing ford on an intermittent stream with a hard bottom. Consistent with the DWSP Land Management Plan, it will be bridged if flowing. However the stream rarely contains water, so bridging is unlikely to be necessary. If the stream bed is damp but does not contain flowing water, tops and slash will be used to stabilize the soil. In dry conditions no stabilization will be necessary.

BMPs

Designation of Trees

Regeneration & Future Condition

Use this Section to describe the types of trees to be harvested and/or retained if Other (OT) was used for "Designation of Trees" in the Stand Treatment Section on page 4. Additional narrative description may be added on a separate page.

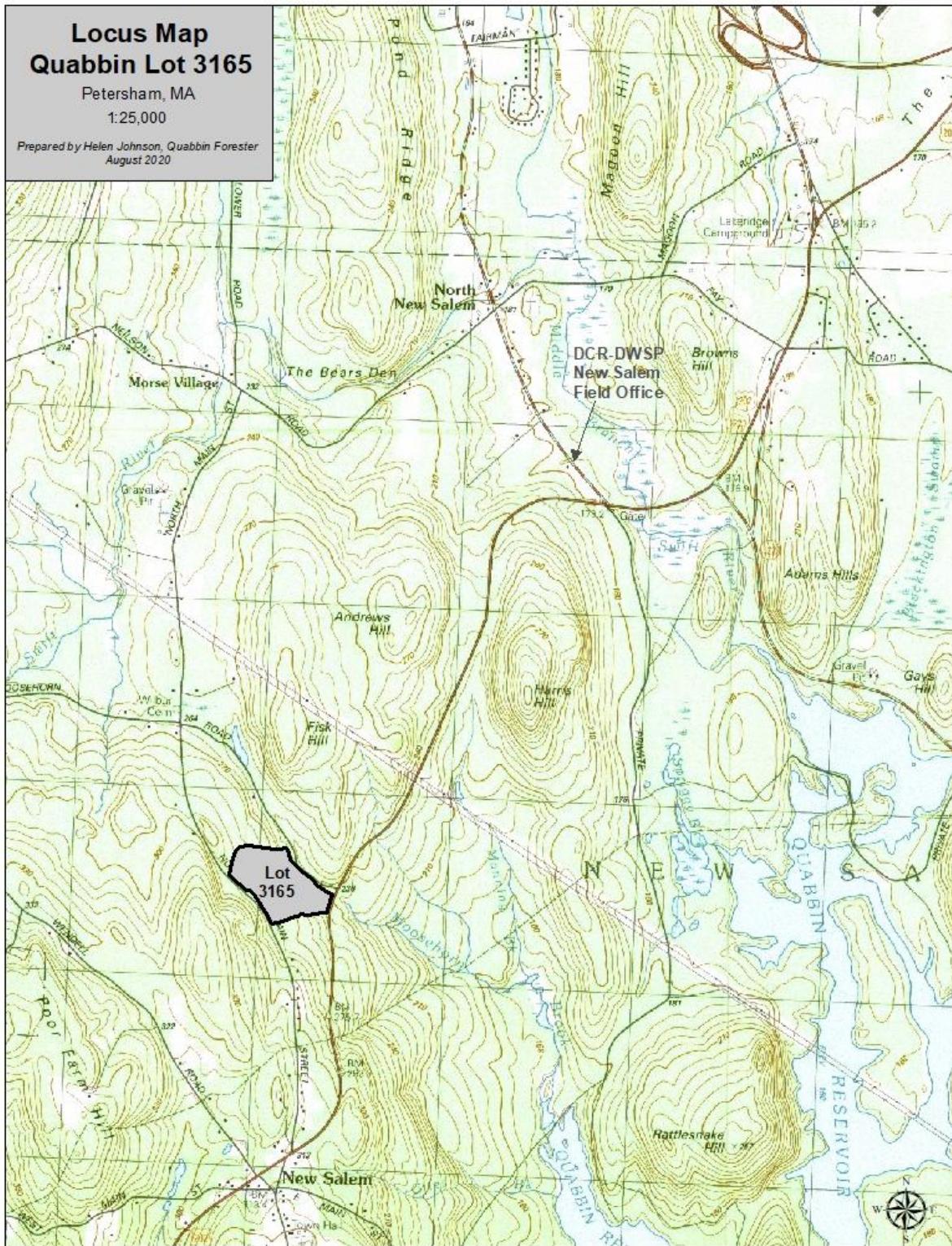
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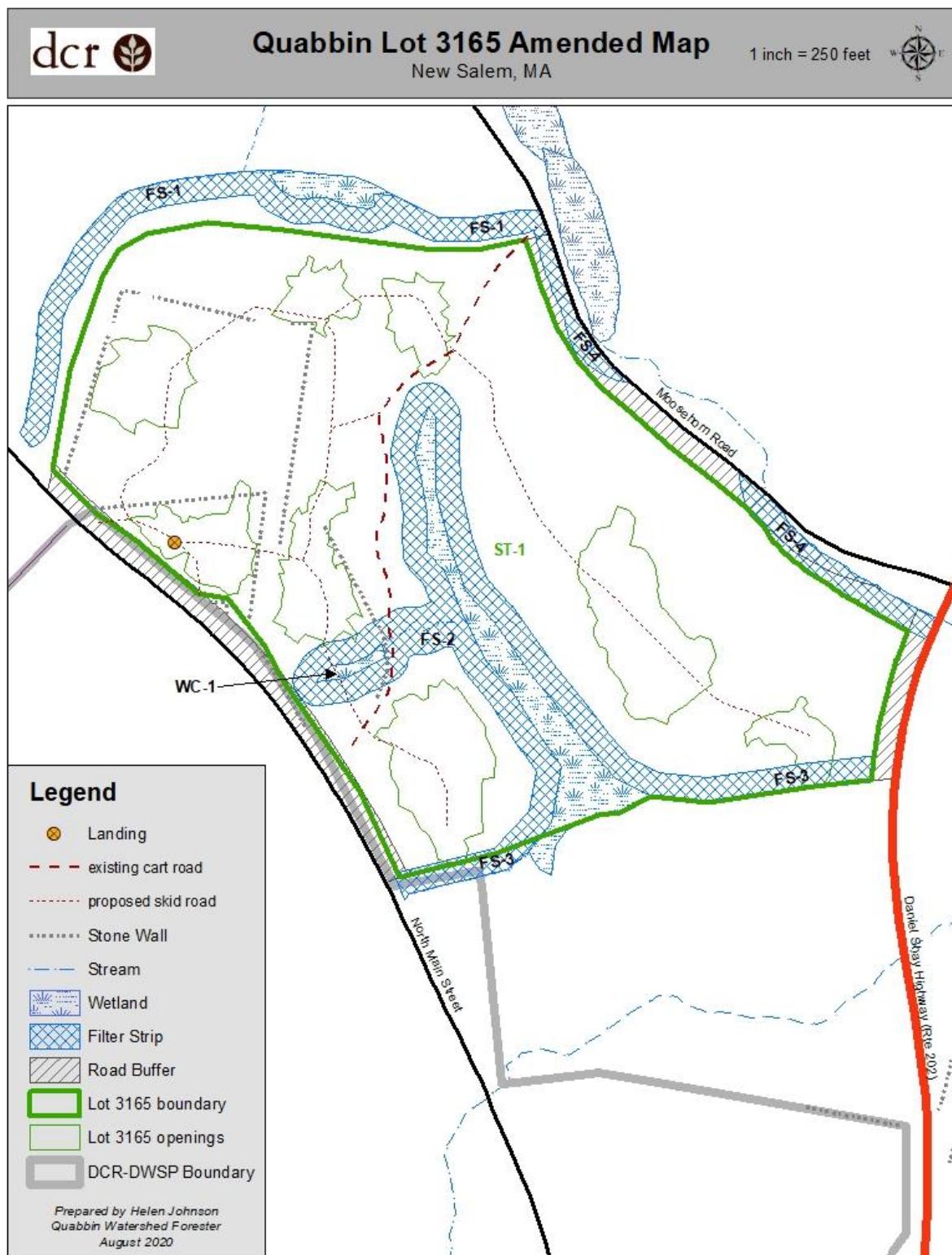
Use this Section to describe how Chapter 132 requirements will be met if a non standard system (HG, DL, or OT) was used for the "Type of Cut" in the Cutting Standards Section on page 4.

Stand No. Source of Regeneration (ex. AD, SE) How will Regeneration be obtained/protected?
 If using AD - Describe the species present and how the regeneration will be protected
 If using SE - Describe the source of the seed and the number of seed trees/acre

Stand No. Desired Future Condition
 Describe what the stand is expected to look like five years from the harvest, including the condition of the overstory & understory

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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 DCR-DWSP Quabbin Ware Rd, Belchertown, MA 01007 in accordance with the
(Name of Owner) (Address)

provision of M.G.L. Chapter 132, Section 40-46, filed in Amherst F.O. with the Dept. of Conservation
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Quabbin 3165 lot, New Salem

Approval Date 8/21/2020
Director's Agent Andrew Rawcliffe
DCR Phone No. 617.549.1677

ISSUED BY:

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