

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

Project Title:

DWSP Harvest Permit Number: 3136
DCR Forest Cutting Plan File Number: 234-7336-15

Site Information

Watershed: Quabbin	Town(s): Petersham
Acres: 60	Nearest Road: Route 122
Natural Heritage Atlas overlap?: No	Public Drinking Water Supply Watershed?: Yes
Forest Types: Mixed Oak	ACEC?: No
Soils: Charlton Montauk loamy till with scattered granite-gneiss outcrops.	
Wetland Resources: None	
Vernal Pools present or within 200 feet of harvest: None	

Harvest Information

Harvest Start Date: January 12, 2015	Harvest End Date: January 12, 2017
Number of Wetland Crossings: None	Number of Stream Crossings: None

Best Management Practices Applied

Stream Crossings	There are no stream crossings.
Filter Strips	There are no filter strips.
Wetland Crossings	There are no wetland crossings.
Harvesting in Wetlands	There is no harvesting in wetlands.

DWSP Forester supervising this harvest
Name: Derek Beard
Forester License #: 14
Phone #: 617-780-0631
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NARRATIVES

General Description/Forest Composition/History

This mix oak area is located on the west slope of Soapstone Hill roughly 3 miles south of gate 35 (Old North Dana Rd.). Scattered stone piles suggest the area was used as semi improved pasture prior to state ownership. The south end of Soapstone Hill is home to a vista accessed by a foot path traversing the ridge. An early 1980s salvage thinning removed gypsy moth infested oak. Understory consists of witch hazel, white pine and black birch.

Area substrate is a well drained rocky Charlton Montauk loamy till with scattered granite-gneiss outcrops.

Site Selection

The primary goal of the watershed forest management program is to create and maintain a forest that provides high quality drinking water to current users and future generations. In order to achieve this, DWSP has determined that the forest should contain a diversity of species in various stages of development (seedlings through large legacy trees). In addition, the forest should be vigorous; actively growing and regenerating. Forest in this condition is ideally suited to be resilient to and quickly recover from small and large scale disturbances such as disease, insect infestation, ice storms and hurricanes.

The area's mix oak forest has a very uniform overstory structure. Given the goal of structural diversity, this forest's lack of young or middle age development requires that some regeneration cutting begin.

Objectives

Diversifying the area's forest structure is the primary objective of the project. This will be accomplished by making a series of small forest openings randomly spaced through the area. Specifically, there are 29 openings covering 7.5 of the 60 acres with an average opening size of 1/3 acre. The well drained till soils are suited for hardwood regeneration. However, white pine is a possibility if the harvest is completed during a seed year.

Cultural Resources

There are several cellar holes in the vicinity of the log landing area. In addition, an old town marker was found on the northwestern edge of the project area. All features will be identified for protection during the operation.

Wildlife Resources

The harvest area does not overlap or abut any priority floral or faunal habitat as compiled by MA Fish & Wildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species program. No unusual wildlife, or wildlife sign has been seen in, or adjacent to, the area. Maintenance of habitat mainly in the form of partially alive and dead standing trees, known as *snags*, will be a priority.

Figure 1: Forest Cutting Plan

Forest Cutting Plan

and Notice of Intent under M.G.L.
Chapter 132 – The Forest Cutting
Practices Act, 304 CMR 11.00
(Effective Date: 1/1/04)

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For DCR Use Only:

File Number	24-2336-15	Case No.	
Date Rec'd	11-26-14	Nat. Hert.	NOI
Earliest Start	12-12-14	Nat. Hert. Imp.	N/A
River Basin	Quabbin	Pub. Dr. Wat.	NO
Gen. Obj.	LT	ACEC	NO

Location TIMBER LOT 3136

Town Petersham
 Road Old North Dana Rd. (Gate 35)
 Acres 60 Proposed Start Date _____
 Vol. MBF 42.6 Vol. Cds. 165 Vol. Tons 21

Plan Preparer

Name Derek Beard
 Address DCR – Div. of Water Supply Protection
21 Elm St.
 Town, State, Zip New Salem, MA 01355
 Phone 978-544-6343
 Type of Preparer LF
 *Mass. Forester License # 14
 *Required for land under Ch61, Ch61A or Forest Stewardship

Landowner

Name DCR – Division of Water Supply Protection
 Mailing Address 485 Ware Rd.
 Town, State, Zip Belchertown, MA 01007
 Phone 412-323-6921
 Ch61 ☐ 61A ☐ 61B ☐ Stew ☐ *Case # _____
 CR ☐ CR Holder _____

Licensed Timber Harvester**

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

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)				

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

EXTENSION #1: Expires 12-10-2016
FE 11/16/16

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 pesticide or fertilizer application may require additional permits.
TB Timber Buyer	FO Ford	CO Corduroy	OT Other	MU Mud	Consult MA Forestry BMP Manual for further information.
LO Landowner	PO Poled	ST Stone		GR Gravel	
OT Other	OT Other	HB Hay Bales		OT Other	
		OT Other			

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

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Products to be Harvested*

Species	Mbf/Cds		Mbf/Cds
White Pine	2.8	Red Maple	
Red Pine		Sugar Maple	
Pitch Pine		Red Oak	24.6
Hemlock		Black Oak	3.3
Spruce		White Oak	6.5
Other Sitwd.		Other Hdwd.	4.2
White Ash		Total Mbf	42.6
Beech		Cordwood (Cds)	165
White Birch		SW Pulp (Tons)	21
B & Y Birch	1.2	HW Pulp (Tons)	
Black Cherry		Chips (Tons)	

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*Note: Volumes and values 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

Indicate location on map	ST-1	ST-2	ST-3	ST-4
Forest Type	OM			
Acres	60			
Landowner Objective	LT			
Designation of Trees	CT			
Type of Cut	SE			
Source of Regeneration	SE/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. After having read the Massachusetts Forest Cutting Plan Information Sheet on page one, indicate your objective by checking the appropriate box below.

☒ 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.

I (we) certify that I (we) have notified the Conservation Commission in the town in which the operation is to take place and the abutters of record within two hundred feet of the area to be harvested.

I (we) understand that the volumes and values (Ch61 only) in this plan have not been independently verified by the service forester upon approval and will report final values and volumes to the Director or his/her agent if the final figures differ from those reported.

Signature of landowner(s)

Date

Determination and Status

Approved ☒ Disapproved ☐ Expires 12/12/16

Cutting Plan ☒ 12/10/14

Signature of Service Forester/Director's Agent _____ Date _____

Extension 1 ☒ 2 ☐ Expires 12-12-2017 Ser. For. Ints. FC

Amendment App 1 ☐ Dis 1 ☐ App 2 ☐ Dis 2 ☐ _____

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

Date

Forest Types	Designation of Trees	Type of Cut	Source of Regeneration
WP White Pine	CT Cut Tree	SH Shelterwood	AD Advanced
WK WP/Hem	LT Leave Tree	ST Seed Tree	SE Natural Seed
WH WP/Hdwd	SB Stand Boundary	CC Clear Cut	PL Plant
WO WP/Oak	OT Other	SE Selection	CO Coppice
RP Red Pine	Landowner Objective	SA Salvage	DS Direct Seed
SR Red Spruce	LT Long-term Mgt.	SN Sanitation	OT Other
	ST Short-term Har.		

*If Other (OT) or a non-standard system is used an explanation must be given on attached narrative page

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Forest Cutting Plan

Narrative Page (Effective Date: 1/1/04)

Use this page to provide further explanation or if Other (OT) was used in any category on pages 3 or 4.

Landowner DCR-DWSP-Quab

Town Petersham

File Number 244-1336-15

TIMBER LOT 3136

BMPs

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.

This group selection (small patch cuts) timber harvesting project consists of 27 canopy openings spread across 60 acres. Opening size ranges from one tenth acre to four tenths of an acre with an average of three tenths of an acre or 1/3 acre. The 27 openings cover a total of 7.5 acres.

A foot path bisects the harvest area. Skid roads cross the foot path in two locations. A 100 foot buffer either side of the foot path, where limited harvesting occurs, has been established (identified on the ground with neon pink flagging). Property line blazed and painted in 2014.

Designation of Trees

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.

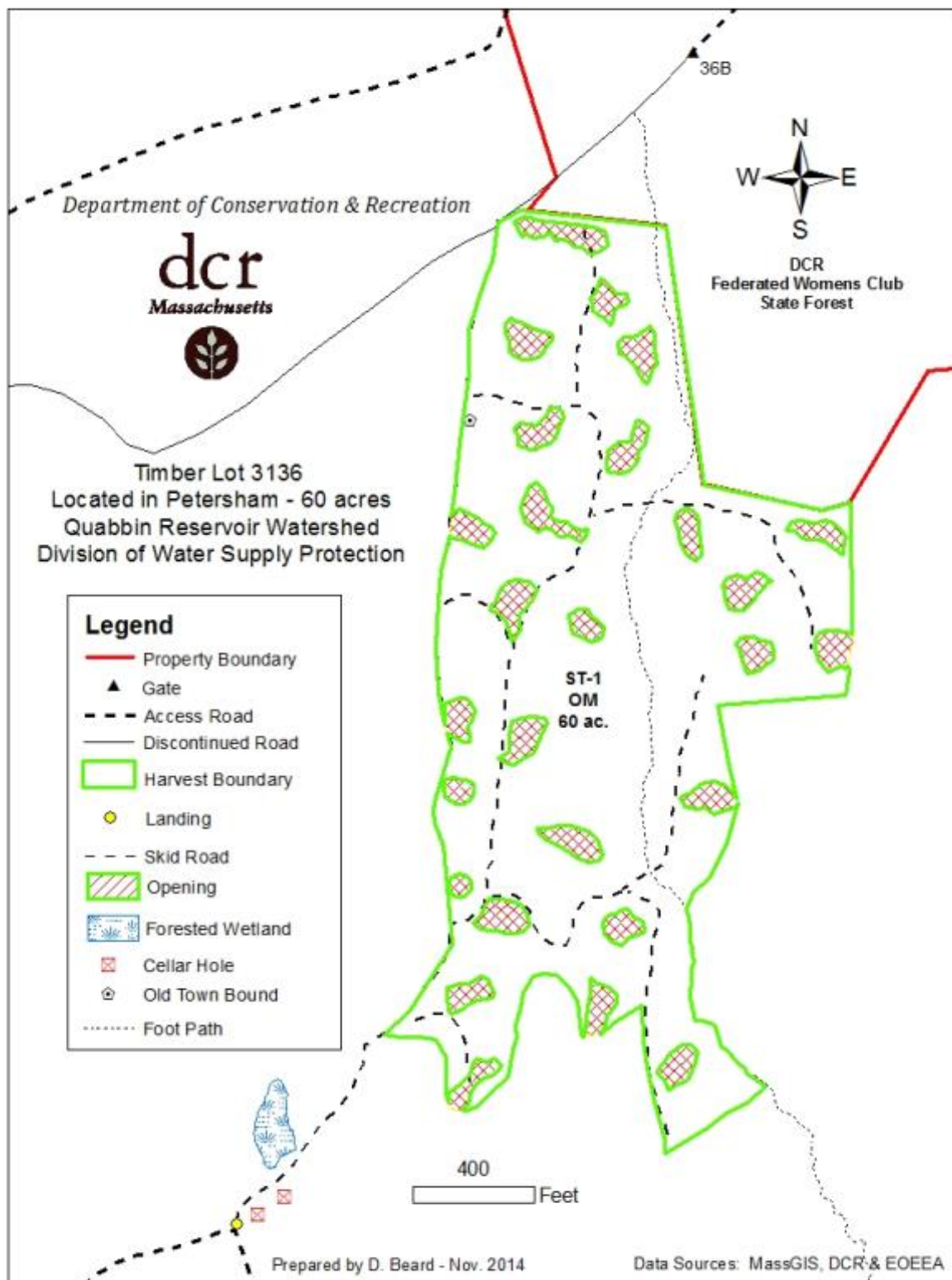
Stand No.	Species to be Cut	Size of Trees to be Cut	Quality of Trees to be Cut	% BA/Acre Removed

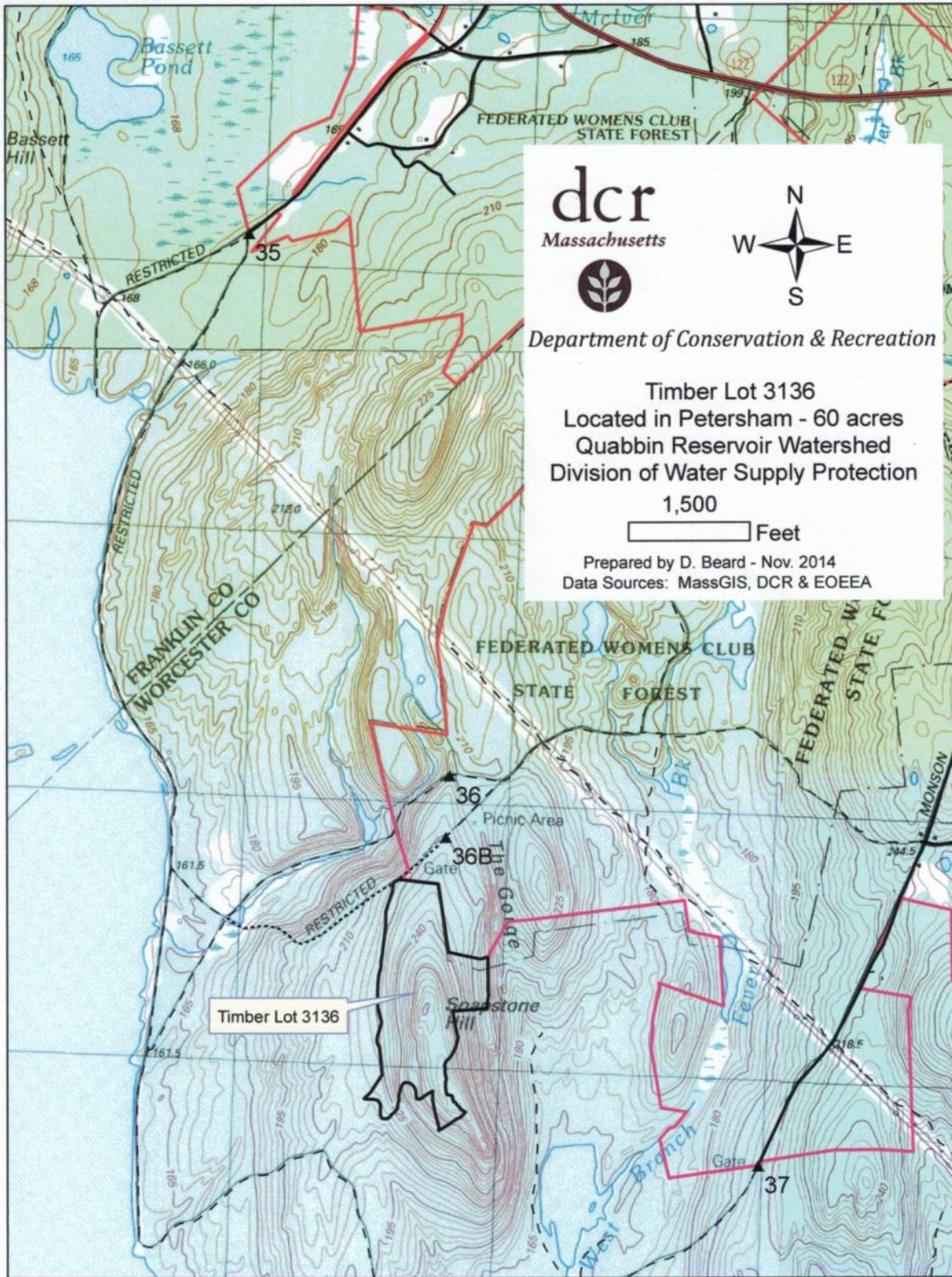
Regeneration & Future Condition

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
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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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Timber Lot 3136
Located in Petersham - 60 acres
Quabbin Reservoir Watershed
Division of Water Supply Protection
1,500

Feet

Prepared by D. Beard - Nov. 2014
Data Sources: MassGIS, DCR & EOEEA

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Department of Conservation and Recreation

Division of State Parks and Recreation

FILE # 234-7336-15



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 PETERSHAM in accordance with the
(Name of Owner) (Address)

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

Timber Lot 3136 lot.

Approval Date 12-10-14

Director's Agent FLETCHER CLARK

DCR Phone No. 413-262-2367

ISSUED BY:

Priscilla E. Geigis, Director
Division of State Parks and Recreation

Figure2: Pre Harvest & Post Harvest Photographs, A & B



A: Planned canopy opening on the northeast side of the project area, Nov. 2014



A: Post harvest, June, 2017



A: After one year of growth July 2018



B: Planned canopy opening at foot of slope on the west side of the project area, Nov. 2014



B: Post harvest, June 2017



B: After one year of growth, July 2018