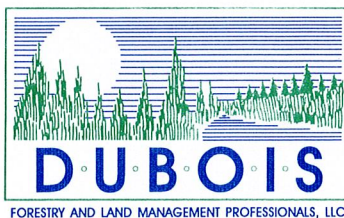


23 November 2021

Joe Wagner, Wetlands Agent
Town of Andover
17 School Road
Andover, CT 06232



Dear Mr. Wagner:

Please find enclosed a Notification of Timber Harvest for the property of Kathleen Sideris, 37 Boston Hill Road, Andover, Connecticut. The proposed tree removal operation is needed to remove dead and dying ash trees due to the emerald ash borer (EAB), and dead and dying oak trees that resulted from recent gypsy moth defoliation. Trees to be removed have been designated by me with blue paint.

Staddle Brook bisects the property from west to east. We will need to install a temporary stream crossing (see Topographical Map) to allow for the passage of woodland machinery to the remote northern regions of the property for forest management purposes. The temporary stream crossing (portable bridge) will be installed by the forest products harvester and then removed at the completion of the tree removal operation.

Our goal in this silvicultural operation is to concentrate the growth potential of this site onto the better quality sugar maple, hickory, birch, and the healthy oak trees in the overstory, while releasing for future growth the advanced regeneration in the understory. This would typically be referred to as a **salvage / release thinning**. I have marked for removal 49 MBF (thousand board feet) of sawtimber and 100 cords of firewood. Hardwood tops shall be removed as firewood. Residual branching shall be lopped to within two (2') feet of the ground in order to improve woodland aesthetics and to promote decomposition and nutrient cycling.

The log loading area is located in the property's southwest corner off of Boston Hill Road. We will utilize the existing barway and the existing log landing area that was installed during the first selective thinning some twenty years ago. This location slopes gently away from the road and poses no risk of runoff into wetlands or onto the public highway. The forest products harvester will be required to "harden" the log loading area with rip rap stone and gravel in order to form a tracking pad and to prevent the movement of soil onto the public highway. Once underway, the operation should take about 90 days to complete, barring any interruptions due to severe weather.

If you require any further information from me, please contact me at my home office number listed below. If I need to be present at your next Inland Wetlands meeting, please let me know of the date, time and location of that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. DuBois
Forester

Enclosures: Notification of Timber Harvest