

## **Andover IWWC Narrative – Andover CC Recommendations**

In response to the Andover Conservation Commission's recommendations, Hull Forest Products, Inc. response is below.

- There will be minimal trees cut and removed within the wetland, watercourse, & vernal pools boundaries, mostly trees needed to-be cut for proper access on the proposed crossings. With that being said, most trees 14" and more at diameter at breast height (DBH) will be cut outside of the wetland, watercourse, & vernal pool boundaries. This includes the upland review areas for them.
- Heavy machinery will be used within the upland review areas but only as needed to cut and remove the trees that we will be cutting, there will be no unnecessary machinery use within the upland review area that doesn't directly pertain to the timber harvest.
- We would very much like to have the harvest occur in the winter months, but with the delays we have had I can no longer guarantee that it will be harvested between November-February. Temporary timber bridge mats will be used for the wetland and drainage crossings as well as any other areas needed depending on ground conditions. Since I cannot guarantee the harvest will happen in the winter months, I cannot guarantee that the bridge mats will be removed before March 1.
- In our Timber Sale Agreement (TSA) with the landowner, we guarantee that any ruts over 12" deep will be smoothed out to an acceptable depth by our company before the TSA time runs out. Ideally, we leave no ruts and I will also instruct our subcontractor to smooth any ruts over 6" deep or notify myself so our company can handle it directly.
- All slash (tree tops & any other unmerchantable portions of the tree) will be left where the tree is direct area where the tree is felled. Some slash may be used to stabilize areas the machines operate off of the main skid trails. No slash or corduroy will be implemented as a soil stabilization method in skid trails within wetland or drainage boundaries. With that being said, it may be used on both approaches of the crossings at Hull Forest Products, Inc. and our subcontractor's discretion.

Please inquire to me directly with any further questions or concerns regarding our proposed Timber Harvest.

Sincerely,

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