

Boscawen Town Forest Timber and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project

The Boscawen Conservation Commission (BCC) is conducting a timber harvest this November/December on approximately 35 acres of your 438 acre Town Forest.

The harvest is consistent with a 10 year management plan approved by the BCC in July 2017 which can be viewed on the town website: www.townofboscawen.org. Town Forester Charlie Niebling will supervise the harvest, and the work on the competitively bid sale will be conducted by Adam E. Mock & Son Logging and Chipping LLC of Webster NH.

The harvest will involve about 20 patch cuts of between 0.75 and 1.5 acres in size in the Dagody Hill area. The purpose of the patch cuts is to establish younger-aged forest in a stand in which very little forest and habitat management has occurred. The patches will allow for regeneration of pine and oak, both species that require direct sunlight for successful regeneration. The patches will provide habitat diversity for a wide range of game and non-game wildlife species.

Below is a scale map showing the location and shape of patches. Harvesting will use existing skid trails as well as new trails to reach the patches. The skid trails will cross Dagody Hill Trail in two locations at right angles. Two patch cuts will provide views to the west from Dagody Hill Trail.

Once the harvest operation begins, the work will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. Work may be interrupted by wet weather. The logging operation will be active from about 7 AM to 5 PM each day. Approximately 4 to 8 truckloads of logs, firewood and biomass energy chips will leave the harvest each day on Weir Road. Revenues from the harvest, net of expenses, will support other town forest management activities and also generate a return to the town general fund. The principal products of the harvest will be high quality red oak and white pine lumber, which will be sold to NH mills, supporting jobs and economic activity.



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