

Green Mountain Timber Harvests a Generation Later

December 3, 2011

GMNF, Winhall and Peru, VT

Agenda and travel instructions

Please join us for site visits to and discussions of timber harvests of varying types undertaken for a variety of objectives on the Green Mountain National Forest. We'll see how and discuss why the forest responds to openings, group selections, shelterwood regeneration cuts, and other harvest methods.

Dress for the weather! Warm clothing, hat, gloves, and waterproof boots are recommended. (You might pack rain gear as well.) The tour will end between noon and 1 p.m.



9 am: Meet at the AT/LT parking area on Rts. 11/30 in Winhall, VT (The parking area is on the north side of the highway, somewhat hidden from view downslope. Look for the Pedestrian Crossing signs and a small numbered [#286?] Forest Service sign at the parking lot entrance.) We will carpool where possible.

9:15 a.m. Site visit 1

Snow Valley Road and Rt. 30 in Winhall

To view and discuss:

- Ice storm salvage – single tree and group selection (1-2 acre groups) completed in 1989
 - Permanent wildlife openings (5-6 acres in size) created in 1989
- Single tree and group selection harvests (groups of up to 0.5 acres) completed in 2010

10:15 a.m. Site visit 2

Mad Tom Notch Road (USFS 21) in Peru (all harvests completed in the 1980s and 1990s.)

To view and discuss:

- The shelterwood method of regeneration in a northern hardwoods forest. Both shelterwood establishment cutting (for seed production) and shelterwood overstory removal harvesting examples will be shown and discussed.
- Single tree and group selection harvest (groups of less than 0.25 acres)



Noon-1 p.m. Return to parking lot and adjourn.

Contact Shelly Stiles at the Bennington County Conservation District for more information.

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This event has been assigned 2.5 category 1 CFE credits.