

### **Description of Timber Harvest Activity**

Limb-It-Less Logging, LLC will be implementing a wildlife habitat enhancement timber harvest of 5 acres in size on the property of Jason & Shannon Fancher located at 49 Saltbox Lane, Uncasville, Map 15 Lot 5 containing 93 acres and more particularly identified on the attached "Timber Harvest Map Property of Fancher". The timing of this harvest will be fall/winter of 2025. Access to the property utilizes the existing town road that extends from Saltbox Lane as shown on the attached Map.

The objective of this harvest is to clear cut the 5-acre area to create an early successional (young) forest. The young forest that develops will help bring more diversity of wildlife to this forestland. Due to past harvesting activities on the property, this area is not supporting any acceptable growing stock. The trees in this area are stunted and deformed which made this section a perfect candidate for this cut. The terrain is mostly flat with gentle contours. All the tops and brush will be piled in up to 6 piles per acre to create cover for wildlife such as rabbits and other ground bearing wildlife.

### **Harvesting equipment**

The equipment that will be used on the site will be a Feller Buncher and log forwarder. The Feller Buncher mechanically cuts the trees and directionally fells them away from wetlands, watercourses, and the leave trees. The forwarder will be used to move the harvested trees to the landing where the logs will be loaded on trucks for transport. This mix of machines and techniques will provide low impact to the forestland during and after the timber harvest.

### **Stream/Wetland Crossings**

No stream or wetland crossings are needed to facilitate this harvest. The clear cut area is approximately 350 feet to the east of the brook that runs through the middle of the property. No impact to the brook is expected from this harvest. No disturbance will happen between the clear cut and the brook.

### Sedimentation and Erosion Control plans

Due to the lack of any steep grades on the property in the work area, no erosion or sedimentation is expected. If at any time during the harvest excessive rainfall occurs or the ground becomes soft, the harvest will be postponed until favorable conditions prevail.

### Timber Harvest BMP's

**Upland areas:** Stumps will be cut as low as possible. Trees will be directionally felled to minimize residual stand damage. Residual slash from the harvest will be lopped to 5' and piled. Water bars will be installed on any gentle slopes on the skid trails. Haul/Skid trails and landing areas will be seeded and mulched. All BMP's and erosion control measures will strictly be followed in accordance to the CT DEEP's Best Management Practices Field Guide, 2012 edition.

Any questions or comments can be directed to me personally at the contact info below.

Thank you,

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**FOREST PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

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Supervising Forest Products Harvester

Certification # S.F.P.H.000316

Expires 03/01/2026

**Supervising Forest Products Harvester:**

- May execute written or oral contracts or agreements for the purchase of commercial forest products from woodland owners.
- May supervise and participate in a commercial forest product harvesting operation.
- May mark trees as means of clearly designating which are to be cut and/or which are to be left uncut.
- May plan and design an operational or harvest plan.