

8 October 2025



TO: Stacy Radford  
Wetlands Officer  
Montville Town Hall  
310 Norwich-New London Turnpike  
Uncasville, CT 06382

RE: Jurisdictional Ruling for a Permitted Use As-Of-Right Activity  
Silvicultural Operation on property of Fox Hill Farm LLC  
Located at 690 Route 163 in Montville, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Radford:

The purpose of this letter is to detail for you our intentions for this property with regard to the prescribed silvicultural treatments. The subject property is located at 690 Route 163 in the town of Montville, Connecticut (see enclosed Assessor's map), and contains some 40 acres of land, more or less. The proposed silvicultural treatment is taking place on approximately 10 acres.

We have prepared a silvicultural treatment for this property with two objectives in mind. Our first objective is to concentrate the growth potential of this site onto the superior quality growing stock in the overstory by removing trees with defect, deformity, die-back and disease. We will be removing mostly beech trees in decline due to beech leaf disease, birch trees with necrotic canker and red maple trees with defect.

The superior quality red oak and tulip poplar crop trees will be left standing to comprise the residual stand, and to act as a seed source for natural regeneration. By implementing those silvicultural treatments as proposed, we hope to bring about a flush of new woody and herbaceous growth on the forest floor, beneficial for a myriad of wildlife species including shrub-land nesting birds.

My client is a recipient of a grant from the USDA/NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to help improve the overall health and productivity of the forest types found here, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

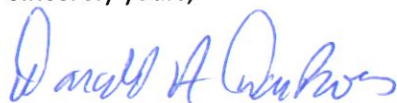
There are no proposed stream crossings and there is no harvesting in wetlands. A licensed forest products harvester will conduct the tree removal operation in accordance with Connecticut BMPs (best management practices). Trees to be removed have been designated by me with blue paint. Hardwood tops shall be removed as firewood. Any non-commercial residual branching shall be lopped to within two (2') feet of the ground in order to promote rapid decomposition and nutrient cycling, and to improve woodland aesthetics.

Skid trails shall be planted with a shade tolerant conservation grass seed mixture at the completion of the tree removal operation in order to stabilize the soils and to prevent runoff and erosion, per USDA NRCS specifications.

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At this time, we are seeking a simple jurisdictional ruling from the Town of Montville as a permitted use, as of right activity under Connecticut State Statute. Please let me know whether I should be in attendance at your next Inland Wetlands meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Donald A. DuBois  
Owner—Forester

Enclosures: Notice of Timber Harvest