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To the Town of Montville, Connecticut Inland Wetlands Committee:

This is a timber harvest notification for property located on Old Colchester Road. The property consists of a three separate parcels with a total of 136 acres. The entirety of the property will be subject to the harvest, with the exception of the wetland areas.

The primary goal of this timber harvest is to maintain and promote a healthy, oak-dominated forest. The harvest will focus on removing mature tulip poplar, along with lower-quality birch and maple, to create additional growing space and increase light availability for developing oak regeneration. Selective removal of some oak will also occur in areas where overcrowding is limiting growth, allowing higher-quality trees more room to develop.

This treatment follows a shelterwood system, designed to establish a new generation of forest beneath the partial canopy of the existing stand. By retaining the healthiest and most desirable trees, this approach mimics natural disturbance patterns while maintaining a continuous forest cover. The remaining overstory will provide both seed source and protection, supporting the gradual establishment and growth of a new, well-structured forest over time.

This harvest will be a traditional harvest where all the trees designated for harvest will be felled by a chainsaw, a skidder will be used to pile the trees in the forest, then a forwarder will transport the trees to the log landing area. The tops of the trees and residual branches will be slashed three feet from the forest floor or lower.

The wetlands shown on the town's wetland maps appear to be mostly accurate and will not be subject to harvesting. There will be two stream crossings. The wetland crossings will be traversed using bridge mats arranged to prevent equipment from coming into contact with the wetland soils. Conn., 2012 field guide of Best Management Practices will be used as reference for the timber harvest. The harvest will take approximately two months to complete (weather dependent). We will ensure to complete the work as ground conditions allow as to not work if the conditions become too wet due to weather. Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Sincerely yours,

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