

**Quabbin Reservoir Watershed
Public Tour of Proposed Watershed Forestry Projects
Tuesday, May 12th, 2015
3:00 PM**

Location: Meet at Quabbin Visitor Center which is located at 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007.

QWAC Members Present: Elisa Campbell (Sierra Club)

DCR Staff Present: Herm Eck, Justin Gonsor, Brian Keevan, Steve Ward, Steve Wood,

Tour Start Time: 3:12 PM

The first lot visited is a red pine plantation located off to the east side of the boat cove in Quabbin Park, Belchertown, MA. The red pine scale, an invasive insect, has been killing the red pines in Quabbin over the past few years. Red pines close to the road that had the potential to become hazardous were cut down in 2012. There is a FY16 proposal to cut most of the remaining red pines that are accessible. White pine, birch, and oak are the species projected to regenerate in place of the red pines.

The second lot visited is located inside Gate 12 in the town of Pelham, MA. It is a 55 acre, FY14 lot that has already been marked and sold. There is a cellar hole located inside this lot; precautions will be taken to not disturb the site. Hand felling is required for trees over 22" DBH. The lot is tractor trailer accessible.

The third and final lot visited is located inside Gate 8 in Pelham, MA. It is a 44 acre, FY14 lot that has already been marked and sold. There are no stream crossings located inside the lot. Winter is the suggested time in the year to cut as that is when the Quabbin boating season has ended.

Tour End Time: 5:45 PM



Legacy Tree



Oak to be Cut



Wildlife Tree