

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Avon's Huckleberry Hill Recreation Area is an actively managed multi-use area. The Forest Management Plan prepared by the forest management consulting firm Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC in 2009 recommends the periodic harvesting of trees as part of such management. Trees are harvested to promote overall forest health, enhance wildlife habitat, improve resiliency, and to produce forest products.

A portion of the forest is delineated as an area in which trees will be harvested. Trees were marked by a licensed CT Forester, and the trees that have distinctive orange paint markings on them outside of blazed trail areas are intended to be removed. The harvesting of selected trees will begin the week of November 30thth, 2015. An existing log landing area adjacent to Huckleberry Hill Road will be used again for this activity.

We ask that if possible, you use the trails outside of the harvest area, as those trails will not be impacted, and your safety will not be compromised by our activities. If you see the harvester working, do not stop to watch. Keep in mind that they cannot see or hear you. Stay at least 200 feet away from the operator at all times. The operation will not be taking place on weekends, and as long as you stay on marked, official trails, you are welcome to use trails in the harvest area on weekends.

For more information on this project, please contact Eric Hansen, Forester with Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC at (860) 349-7007 or fw@fwforesters.com.

Additionally, the Management Plan is posted on the town's website; <u>www.avonct.gov</u>.

*The Town of Avon is proud to hold the designation of being enrolled in the American Tree Farm System. The Town has been actively managing this and other Town-owned properties for multiple uses since the 1980s.



