

**Town of Carrabassett Valley Public Hearing
6:00 p.m. Monday June 18th at the Library Building
Regarding Proposed 2018 Timber Harvest on the
Town's Public Lot**

The Board of Selectmen and the Town's Public Lot Forestry Committee are holding a public hearing at the above time and place to hear public comments on a proposed 2018 Timber Harvest Plan for a portion of the Town's 2037 acre Public Lot. The 2018 plan calls for harvesting three blocks of 35 acres (Block C1), 38 acres (Block C2) and 42 acres (Block C3). The harvest area is on the lower portion of the Town lot located below the Outdoor Center. An informational packet including a location map can be viewed on the Town's website (www.carrabassettvalley.org).

The proposed harvest will be consistent with past selective/specification harvests. As in past practice, a 75' buffer will be maintained along existing trails with only light harvesting of high risk trees (marked by paint) within the buffer.

The Board of Selectmen and the Town's Forestry Committee request that interested citizens attend this public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to the Town Office prior to this hearing.

Town of Carrabassett Valley Public Lot 2018 Timber Harvest Plan

The following proposed plan is for harvesting in the summer of 2018. There are four separate blocks. Three are in the northern (lower elevation) part of the property - close to Route 27, the access road entrance and the Town Lot Road. All have close interaction with recreation trails. Block C2 has multiple trails within the block. More trails are planned in the future, so harvesting now will minimize the impact the harvest has on the future trail system. Block A1 is adjacent to the 2017 harvest block. It was originally planned for last year's harvest, but wasn't completed. Trail interactions are similar to during last year's harvest – trails are on the outer edge except the one ski trail running through the middle.

Road work needs this year are minimal – gravel on the new yard along the access road, and removal of culverts on the road built last year. Culvert removal would be in order to close down the road and prevent an attractive nuisance.

Below are descriptions of the harvest and road work. Harvest blocks include estimated harvest volumes and income. The road work estimates gravel costs, installation and machine time for culvert removal.

Harvest Blocks

Block C1

This 35-acre block along the Outdoor Center access road is stocked with mature spruce, fir, cedar, red maple, aspen, and white birch. There is a small amount of large white pine. Spruce diameters average 12-15 inches and fir averages 6-9 inches. Basal area is 140 square feet per acre on average. The terrain is rolling with some of the low points being inoperable wetlands. A new yard has been constructed (needs gravel) and all of the 35 acres can be yarded to that location. An original harvest design included about 10% more area, which is either very wet or separated from the yard by wetlands. There are ski trails along the outer edge of the block. These will be buffered for the harvest.

750 Tons \$12,375

Block C2

This 38-acre block is located near the intersection of the access road and the Town Lot Road. Species found here are red maple, aspen, white ash, spruce, white birch and cedar. Basal area averages 130 square feet per acre. The cedar is confined to lower terrain in limited spots on the block. There are mountain bike, ski and snowshoe trails in the block, especially at the southern and eastern edges. The trails will need to be buffered.

980 tons \$17,950



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Block C3

This 42-acre block, located in the northeast part of the lot along the north boundary and the Town Lot Road is comprised of fir, spruce, white birch, aspen, red maple and cedar. Basal area averages 130 square feet per acre. The terrain is fairly uniformly dry with a few small areas of wet ground. Cedar is mainly restricted to the wetter areas, but is also found in small numbers throughout the block. Part of the road needed to access the block is ski trail and will need to be buffered.

960 tons **\$20,640**

Block A1

This 66-acre block is well stocked with 130 square feet per acre basal area, comprised of yellow birch, red maple, red and white spruce, hemlock, sugar maple and American beech. The wood is mature, and roughly 100 to 120 years old. There is a light sapling pole layer that is heavy to maple and yellow birch. There are a few small, unmapped brooks in the block which require the integrity of the banks be maintained.

1810 tons **\$25,340**

Total Tons: 4500 Total Income: \$72,850

Total without Block A1: 2690 Total Income: 47,510

Road costs

Gravel on new yard **\$2100**

Culvert removal **\$2500**

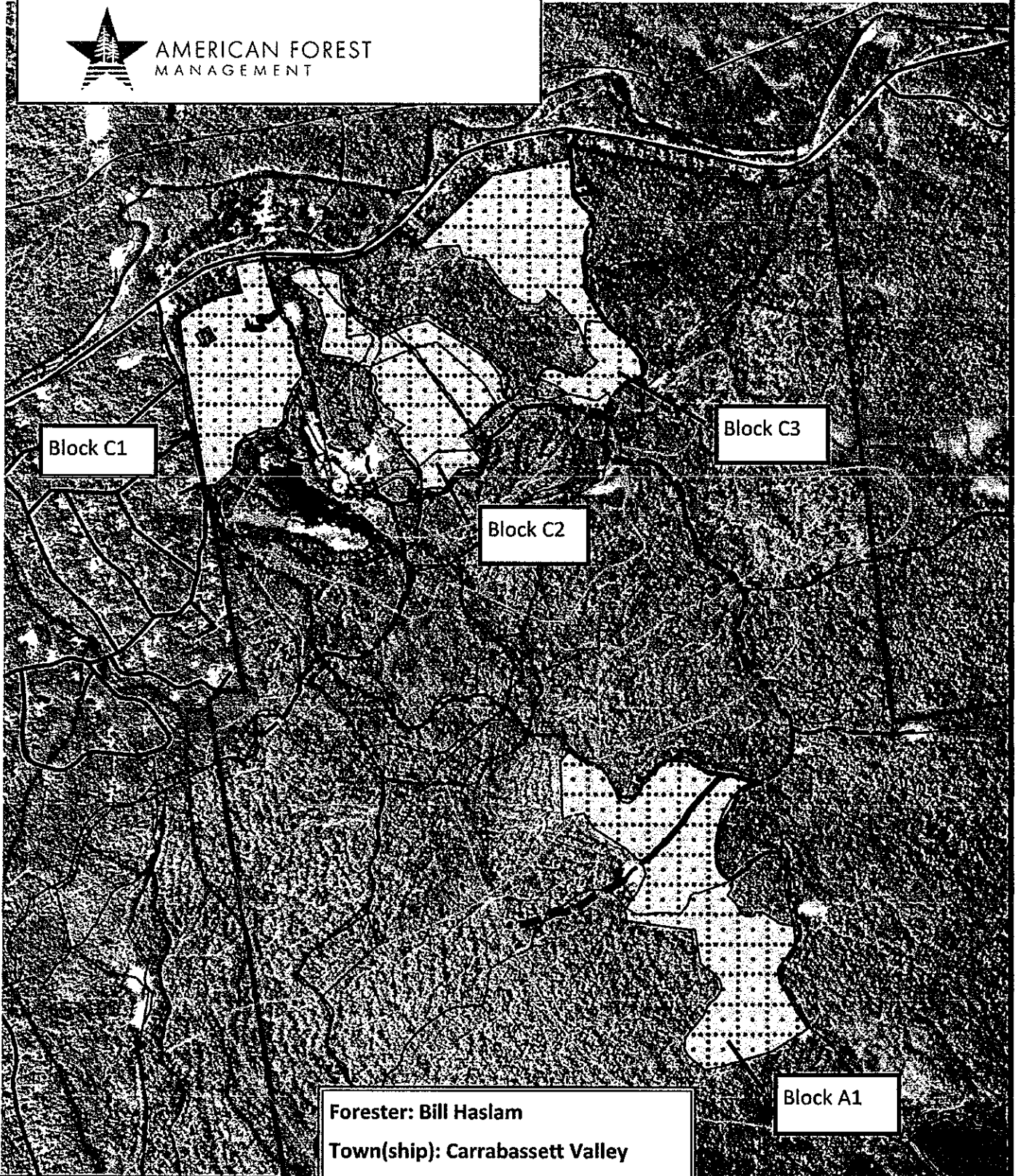
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2018 Timber Harvest Plan



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Block C1

Block C3

Block C2

Block A1

Forester: Bill Haslam
Town(ship): Carrabassett Valley
2018 Harvest Blocks
Date Prepared: April 30, 2018

0 660 1,320 Feet
Mapping Coordinate System:
UTM Zone 19 Unit: Meters NAD83
NOT A LEGAL SURVEY