



State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Forestry
Qualified Forester's Report
(as per Public Act 04-115)

Date:

Owner(s) of record for the subject lands:

Name:			
Address:			
Address:	Telephone: () -		
City:	State:	Zip:	

Qualified Forester's statement:

I swear that: (1) I have personally examined the land proposed for forest land classification in compliance with the policies, procedures and standards required by section 12-107d of the Connecticut General Statutes and its associated regulations; (2) the information contained in this report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; and (3) the land identified in the report as Forest Land conforms to the standards for such classification as established by the State Forester. I understand that failure to comply with such policies, procedures and standards shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of my certification to evaluate land for classification as Forest Land as per section 12-107d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Name:	Signature
CGS 23-65h Certificate #:	My certificate expires:

Qualified Forester's Findings:

(attach additional pages as necessary.)

The following pages contain important information concerning your forested lands.

A note to the landowner from the Connecticut State Forester.

Congratulations on being a steward of the future! With proper care, the forested land you own will provide a home for wildlife, a moderate source of income, fresh air, fresh water, and unmatched beauty for you – and for generations to come. How well you care for the forest will have a direct and lasting impact on the quality of life in Connecticut for the future. The following page(s) provide a brief description of your forest and some suggested forest management activities that are intended to help you attain your goals of forest ownership and pass on a forest that is healthier and more vigorous than when you took charge of it.

You certainly should consult your certified Forester as you manage your forest for the future. But, you may also consult (free of charge) with one of our State Service Foresters. Simply contact my office (860-424-3630) and I will have the Service Forester for your area contact you.

Some facts to help you understand your Qualified Forester's Report . . .

What is a forest **"stand"**? A stand is a contiguous area where the species, size, age, and general condition of trees is uniform enough to be distinguished from adjacent areas. The forest map(s) that accompany this report will show the layout of the property and the various forest stands.

Tree diameters are measured in inches at 4.5 feet above ground level, known as "diameter at breast height" (dbh). Trees are described according to the following size groups:

seedlings	- trees less than or equal to 0.5 inches dbh.
saplings	- trees greater than 0.5 inches and less than or equal to 5.5 inches dbh.
poletimber	- trees greater than 5.5 inches and less than or equal to 11.5 inches dbh.
sawtimber	- trees greater than 11.5 inches dbh.

Forest Stand Descriptions are **coded** as follows:

H = hardwoods (broadleaf trees)	0 = seedlings	A = overstocked (needs thinning)
M = mixed hard and softwoods	1 = saplings	B = well stocked for optimal growth
S = softwoods (conifers)	2 = poletimber	C = poorly stocked (young or over-cut)
X = xmas trees (harvest w/o roots)	3 = sawtimber	

(As an example, the forest stand class "H2A" describes a stand of hardwood poletimber that is overstocked and in need of thinning. Where more than one size group is present the classifications are combined, such as "M2,3B" represents a well stocked mixed stand of pole and sawtimber.)

The **"priority"** listed for treatment of a forest stand is a subjective evaluation by your Qualified Forester of how important is it to perform the treatment of the stand in comparison to treatments proposed for other stands. If you've decided to actively manage your forest, start with the top priority treatments (labeled #1) and work down the priorities. That way you know you're getting the most important work done first!

UPDATE THESE GUIDELINES !!!

Natural processes, harvesting, and other management practices cause changes in the forest that will make these guidelines less valid with the passage of time. Therefore, new guidelines should be developed at least every 10 years.

Forest Stand Descriptions

The accompanying forest map shows the layout of the property and the various forest stands. Management recommendations are offered for each stand and are based upon owner objectives and stand characteristics.

Stand #:	Acres:	Trees/Ac.:	Code:	Priority:
Predominant species:				
Suggested Treatment(s):				
Forest health and protection issues:				
Special or unique features/values:				

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Summary of Recommended Stand Treatments

(attach additional pages as necessary.)

Call on your Qualified Forester to help you!

Name:			
Address:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:		Fax:	
Email:			

Map Requirements:

- unfolded dimensions no larger than 17 inches by 22 inches;
 - map legend with north arrow and map scale;
 - map title section indicating the name of the owner, the town or towns in which the land is located, and the address of the real property containing the land proposed for forest land classification as indicated in the applicable municipal land records, the date the map was prepared and the name of the individual who prepared the map;
 - a small, inset, location map showing the outline of the property in relation to surrounding public roads;
 - the boundaries of the real property containing the land proposed for forest land classification and its location with respect to the nearest public highways or roads;
 - a delineation of the land determined to satisfy the standards for forest land classification as found in Section 12-107d-4 of these regulations or any changes in land previously classified as forest land;
 - a delineation of the physical features of the land including, but not limited to: streams or rivers; paved or unpaved roads; ponds, lakes or other bodies of water, power lines, pipe lines, railroad rights of way or other easements; swamps, marshes or bogs; ledge outcrops; and houses, barns, buildings or other structures; and
 - a delineation of each distinct forest stand within the land proposed for forest land classification, such stands to be numbered. If the forester believes that doing so will yield a more readable map, this information may be prepared as an overlay to a base map containing all other information.