

**NH Fish and Game (NHFG) Report to
Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizen's Advisory Committee
Annual Meeting
North Country Resource Center
June 19, 2021**

**CLHWF Wildlife Special Management Area (SMA) Monitoring
Jake DeBow**

Below is a summary of SMA reviews performed on the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Working Forest during the 2021 fiscal year (July 1 2020 – present).

- 9/28/20 High elevation SMA – ~100 acre harvest unit off Smith Brook Road.
- 10/7/20 Historic deer wintering area - ~125 acre harvest unit just north of Diamond Pond.
- 11/12/20 Historic deer wintering area – 100 acre harvest unit on Carr Ridge
- 1/25/21 Wildlife travel corridor SMA - ~200 acre harvest unit off Buckhorn Road
- 5/10/21 Beech mast SMA - ~250 acre harvest unit off Buckhorn Road
- 5/10/21 Riparian wildlife corridor SMA - ~ 325 acre harvest unit off West Indian Stream rd.
- 5/10/21 Wildlife travel corridor SMA - ~207 acre harvest unit off West Indian Stream rd.
- 5/10/21 Wildlife travel corridor SMA - ~ 154 acre harvest unit off Hall Stream rd.
- 5/28/21 Wildlife travel corridor SMA - ~150 acre harvest unit off West Indian Stream rd.

In conclusion, during the 2021 fiscal year I have provided LandVest foresters technical assistance on harvests in 7 SMA's and 2 deer wintering areas totaling ~ 1500 acres. In addition, I assisted with locating and laying out ~50 acres of brontosaurus work to encourage young forest growth; a project funded through NRCS.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the LandVest foresters and the attention to detail they give harvests that fall within SMA and DWA boundaries. They are quick to call me with questions and always approach these harvests with an open mind, taking wildlife and wildlife habitat into account as the primary objectives. I cannot speak highly enough about their work on the CLH property.

**CLNA Management (Natural Area; Fee owned NHFG)
Jillian Kilborn**

During 2020, NHFG updated portions of the CLNA Stewardship Plan including an Executive Summary of all the activities on the property since acquisition in 2005 and an update to the Monitoring Chapter reflecting actions needed to monitor easement purpose. Currently, NHFG is in the process of identifying funding and protocols to update the forest inventory collected upon acquisition in 2005. This data will result in a more formal revision of the Plan.

NHFG is also in the planning stage for the next commercial habitat project on the CLNA. Staff are collecting forest inventory information on Carr Ridge for a project projected to be put out to bid during the summer/fall of 2022.

Law Enforcement
Mark Ober/Michael Eastman

Update on ATV and snowmobile issues