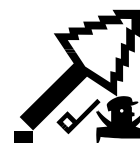




Are you considering logging your land in Belmont?



The Belmont Conservation Commission reminds owners of forest land that your timber is a valuable asset. Be wary of unsolicited offers to log your land or buy timber. Before you have your property logged, we strongly recommend you:

1. Hire a [licensed professional forester](#) to represent your financial interests and to protect the long-term health and productivity of your woodlot.
2. Obtain a good written [timber harvesting contract](#).
3. Learn about current [wood markets and prices](#).



4. Obtain free forestry advice from the [Belknap County Cooperative Extension](#). County Forester Andy Fast will arrange to visit your woodlot. Please contact Andy at (603) 527-5475 or andrew.fast@unh.edu.

5. Click on the following links to learn more about NH forestry laws including:

⌄ [Intent to Cut permit](#)

⌄ [NH Timber Tax](#)

⌄ [Wetlands permits](#)



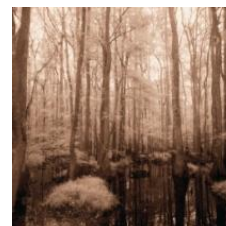
⌄ [Minimum Impact Forestry Notification](#)

⌄ [Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire](#)

⌄ [Basal Area law for Stream and Shoreland Protection zones](#)

⌄ [Slash laws](#)

⌄ [Timber trespass](#)



[NH Division of Forests & Lands](#) inspecting foresters visit logging operations to insure compliance with NH timber harvesting laws and to respond to complaints of timber law violations. Call (603) 271-2214.



Proper timber harvesting provides multiple benefits: income, improved habitat, trails, views, and long-term forest health. Uncontrolled, exploitive cutting results in lost revenue, environmental degradation, public resentment and legal liability. Your forest has been growing for many years. It will continue to increase in value over time. A timber sale should be an informed decision.

Please do your homework.

Learn about the numerous aspects of forestry and protecting the numerous resources your land provides. [Good Forestry in the Granite State](#) – Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire.

[Selling your timber](#) may sound easy but knowing markets, volumes and actual values can be complicated.



Hiring a forester is like hiring a Real Estate agent to sell your house. Letting someone knowledgeable about forest products, timber markets, hiring reputable loggers, silviculture and timber harvesting laws will help ensure you obtain full value for your timber while protecting your interests. [Why pay a consultant forester?](#)

Is watching birds a favorite pastime of yours? Then [managing your forestland to help out these avian critters](#) may be of interest to you.

