



# Forest Stewardship Plan

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Prepared For:

**Landowner:** Merrill Creek Owners Group c/o Jane Bullis, Administrator  
**Mailing Address:** 34 Merrill Creek Rd, Washington, NJ 07882  
**Property Location:** 34 Merrill Creek Rd, Washington, NJ 07882  
**Phone:** (908) 454-3339  
**Plan Date & Period:** January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2029  
**Tax Block / Lots:** Multiple parcels in multiple townships listed on page 4  
**Property Size:** 2,727.1983 acres (includes contiguous parcels in three townships)  
**Woodland Acreage:** 1737.66  
**Forestry #:** A-3788  
Plan being used for farmland assessment? Yes  No

**Landowner Certification:** I certify that I am the owner of the property or am authorized by the owner to make this certification. I have read the within forest stewardship plan and the information contained in the plan is true. To the best of my knowledge, the plan meets the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Program rules and applicable Federal and State law. The owner agrees to implement the plan, as approved or as subsequently amended.

**Landowner Signature:** Jane Bullis **Date:** 11-26-19

**Forester Certification:** I prepared the within forest stewardship plan in consultation with the owner of the property. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the plan meets the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Program rules and applicable Federal and State law.

**Approved Forester Signature:** Donald Donnelly **Date:** 11/26/19

## Management Schedule

The proposed management schedule provides a framework that establishes a generally acceptable rate of progress towards management of the property. It is not intended to be definitive, and in conjunction with advice from a professional forester, it should be adjusted as site conditions or landowner objectives change. This could include accommodating unforeseen circumstances such as disease and insect outbreaks, or storm damage. If adaptive management monitoring reveals that significant changes beyond the recommendations contained in the plan are required, the schedule should be modified as a plan amendment. The management schedule can also be accelerated if resources are available to do so.

Activity	Stand	Year	Extent
Complete site prep in the EAB area that was previously treated and experienced regeneration failure – remove stiltgrass and mile-a-minute biomass from prior year and apply a pre-emergent herbicide to control reseeding of those species. Repair the deer fence and replant the site using large (24”+) spruce and/or red cedar on a 10’ x 12’ spacing.	8	2020	5 Acres
Treat invasive understory plants (olive, barberry and rose) with an herbicide and thin the stand to reduce the BA by 25 sq. ft using the marking prescription specified for this stand (page 63).	4	2020	8 Acres
Complete understory control to reduce spicebush/barberry from 40% to < 20% and thin the stand to reduce the BA by 75 sq. ft. using the marking prescription specified for this stand (pgs 42-43)	2	2021	Min. of 15 acres
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Complete understory control to reduce spicebush/barberry from 40% to < 20% and thin the stand to reduce the BA by 75 sq. ft. using the marking prescription specified for this stand (pgs 42-43)	2	2023	Min. of 15 acres
Thin the stand to reduce the BA by 25 sq. ft. using the marking prescription specified for this stand (page 54). Avoid any equipment usage in the riparian zone of Merrill Creek or the reservoir.	3	2024	Min. of 15 acres
Thin the stand to reduce the BA by 25 sq. ft. using the marking prescription specified for this stand (page 54). Avoid any equipment usage in the riparian zone of Merrill Creek or the reservoir.	3	2025	Min. of 15 acres
Thin the stand to reduce the BA by 25 sq. ft. using the marking prescription specified for this stand (page 54). Avoid any equipment usage in the riparian zone of Merrill Creek or the reservoir.	3	2026	Min. of 15 acres
Complete understory control to reduce spicebush/barberry from 70% to < 20% and thin the stand to reduce the BA by 51 sq. ft. using the marking prescription specified for this stand (page 32). Avoid any equipment usage in the riparian zone of the reservoir.	1	2027	Min. of 15 acres