PUBLIC NOTICE

Forest Management / Timber Thinning at Fenton-Ruby Park and Wildlife Preserve

Ensuring a healthy forest and diverse wildlife habitat in Fenton-Ruby Park requires active forest management. To meet the goals of the Park Management Plan, the Willington Conservation Commission has been working with professional foresters to identify and address ways in which habitat and forest health can be improved.

A forest thinning, approved by the Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Board of Selectmen, will be conducted as weather permits between September 24th 2016 and May 15th 2017.

An 18-acre portion of the forest has been delineated as an area in which some trees will be harvested. Trees intended for removal were marked by a licensed CT Forester and have distinctive blue paint markings on them.

The harvest area, which does not contain any marked trails, is located along the far eastern end of Burma Road (see Harvest Area Map). Forest management activities, including cutting and trucking, may be conducted Monday thru Saturday. No work will be done on Sundays. The harvest and log landing areas are delineated, and Park users are asked to avoid these areas while the harvest is on-going for their safety.

If you happen to be walking on the far eastern end of Burma Road and see the harvester working, do not stop to watch. Keep in mind that they cannot see or hear you. Stay at least 200 feet away from the operator at all times.

The rest of the Park and all four trails will continue to be open to the public. You must use the current designated parking area on Burma Road for your vehicles and be alert for occasional logging trucks which will use Burma Road to exit onto Moose Meadow Road. Please keep your dogs on leash for their safety.

For more information about the Park or the forest management activity, please contact Conservation Commission Vice Chairman Kathy Demers at 860-377-6416.