

Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust

2019 Summary (Jan – Dec 2019) Forest Management Activities – Strafford County Tracts

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TRACTS:

BRW – Branch River West
JBE – Jones Brook East
JBW – Jones Brook West
SFW – Salmon Falls Woodlands
HW – Homestead Woodlands
ST -- Stowell Tract

Education

Educational Workshops and Field Tours:

- Assist CSFCT and MMRG in organizing “Coyote Workshop”, Presenter: Chris Schadler (Mar 2019)
- UNH Thompson School forestry class, Matt Chagnon (May 2019), **BRW**
- Salmon Falls River Collaborative – Forest tour (Aug 2019), **BRW**
- UNH Wildlife Habitats class fall tour, Matt Tarr (Oct 2019), **SFW**
- UNH Silviculture class tour and exercise, Heidi Asbjornsen (Oct 2019), **BRW**
- MMRG Fall Tour – “A Natural History of the Peninsula”, C. Moreno (Oct 2019), **SFW**
- “NH Forest Health and Red Pine Scale”, w/ Kyle Lombard (Dec 2019)

Other:

- Continue to work on, beech study plots, (Jun-Aug 2019), **JBE**
- Regeneration opening study (Jun 2019), **BRW**
- Work with Nature Groupie student interns – data gathering (Jun 2019), **BRW**
- Continue bobolink nest counts in several managed fields (Jun 2019), **SFW**
- Update from picture post photographs, (May 2019), **JBE & BRW**
- Wood/Wildlife/Water Festival – Forestry hayride (Aug 2019), **SFW**

Forest Improvement Harvests: Commercial and Non-commercial Projects (160± acres)

Non-commercial Forest Stand Improvement (FSI) (Total 70 acres)

- Plan, mark, supervise. (Larry Hersom, operator):
 - **SFW** – (Peninsula-north, MC #1) – 40± acres
- Plan, supervise. (Larry Hersom, operator):
 - **JBE** – (Pine restoration) – 25± acres
- Plan, implement:
 - **BRW** – (Beech control) – 5± acres

Hybrid (non-commercial/commercial) **Forest Stand Improvement (FSI)** (Total 10 acres)

- Plan, layout, mark, contract, supervise, marketing, accounting. (Larry Hersom, operator):
 - **SFW** – (Racetrack field forest MC#4) – 10± acres

Commercial Harvest: Forest Stand Improvement/Salvage/Regeneration release. (Total 82 acres), **HF**

- Plan, layout, mark, contract, supervise, marketing, accounting. (WM Day, operator, biomass)
- Red pine plantation salvage (due to red pine scale). (2± acres), **HF**



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Other Forestry Projects

- **In-forest planting** of 50 disease-resistant **American chestnut** seedlings (Apr 2019), **BRW**
- **Electro-fishing testing** w/ NHF&G and NRCS of 4 candidate streams for **stream habitat restoration work**
 - (**JBW, BRW, SFW**). In-stream woody additions project to follow in Hart's Brook (**JBW**).
- Permanent layout of **JBW harvest grid** (in progress).

Forest and Wildlife Management Plans

- Forest inventory (**ST**). Begin forest management plan.

Endangered Species/Species of Concern - Management

- Continue **bobolink** study in fields that are managed to protect nesting (**SFW**).
- Reconnaissance of potential **turtle nesting sites** (Blanding's and spotted turtles) w/ NRCS and NHF&G (**SFW, BRW**).

Recreation

- Assist with Branch River Paddle, birding tour (May 2019).
- Assist w/ 10K Trail Race, MMRG fund-raiser (June 2019).

Woods Roads, Access

- 1,000± feet of woods road surface restoration (**SFW**)
- 1 existing landing--improvements (**HF**)

Mapping (GIS)

- **Westward Ho!**--Branch Hill to Moose Mountain Maps: Possible trail routes. Parcel inventory.
- Several **trail race maps**. Various routes, distances. Final trail race map.
- NRCS—**EQIP practice** maps: Locations and acreages **BRW, HF, JBE, SFW**.
- **Wetlands** notification mapping **HF**.
- **Chestnut map BRW**.
- **Regeneration openings** map **BRW**.
- **BHF Fields**—Inventory, Locations, and Acreage map.
- Initial draft mapping of Branch Hill Forest and Stowell tracts.
- **Discussion maps** of the Gelinias and Watkins parcels.

Property Lines

- Blazing and painting of property lines (in progress). **JBW**

Invasives Control

- Treatment of exotic invasive on field edges and forest (Jeff Taylor). **SFW, BRW**.
- Monitor/continued removal of exotic, invasives (**BRW—central and southerly in-forest sites**)
- Locate, control bedstraw in Dahl 1 field. **SFW**
- Maintain invasive-free status of **JBE & JBW**



Overall

- Meetings & communications w/ Cynthia Wyatt and Jared Kane for updating, planning, and strategizing.
- Meeting with Cynthia Wyatt, Jared Kane, and Jack Savage (SPNHF, conservation easement holder) about Westward Ho! route, and possible solar field on BRW.
- Meeting with Cynthia Wyatt, Jared Kane, and George Szerbik about Westward Ho! route and about conserving his land.
- NRCS—completion of several funding projects; planning meetings with NRCS for new funding projects. Field walks w/ NRCS. Consider, plan, and map for new funding application.
- Work with NRCS on CSP funding.
- Prepare annual project planning and schedule.

Respectfully submitted,



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