

Uniform Selection Harvesting

Is a method of selection harvesting in which individual trees are removed more or less uniformly throughout the stand. This treatment is aimed at the creation or maintenance of balanced, uneven-aged (3 or more) stands which will provide the opportunity for regular entries, without ever clear-cutting the stand.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Stands must appear windfirm.
- Stands will not qualify for assistance under current government funded programs.
- Stands must be immature, mature, over-mature or uneven-aged.

Inspection Criteria:

- Uniform removal of between 25-40% of the basal area.
- Removed trees must be poor quality, poor vigour, undesirable species and/or impeding the development of more desirable trees in the stand.
- Residual crop trees are to be sturdy, healthy and defect free.
- An effort must be made to try and develop balanced uneven-aged class structure.
- Remaining crop trees must be uniformly distributed throughout the stand.
- This activity is not applicable to the "hy-grading" of stands or diameter limit cutting.
- Upon completion, stands should have a minimum of 30% of the stems being comprised of shade tolerant, long-lived species (i.e.: red spruce, white pine, sugar maple, yellow birch, etc..)
- The objective of this treatment is to create or maintain an uneven-aged class structure.

Additional Information:

It is recommended that S.N.B. field staff, in consultation with the woodlot owner, prepare a detailed harvesting prescription for each stand receiving assistance.

SNB Fund Assistance Rate: \$500/ha.