

# Forest Management Plan Amendment

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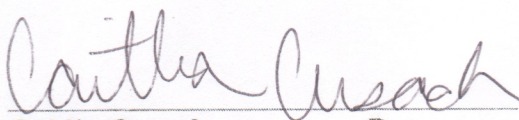
**Vermont Land Trust**

*"Hill-Robert Property"*

*located in*

**Starksboro, Vermont**

February 2020

 10/12/20

**Caitlin Cusack**  
*VLT Stewardship Forester*  
License # 148.0122334

**Date**

 10/7/20

**Chris Olsen**  
*Addison County Forester*

**Date**

**Stand 1**

The description and prescription for Stand 1 HS4A – Red Spruce-Sugar Maple-Beech (SAF 31) is hereby amended as follows.

**Background**

This stand is adequately described in the current management plan.

**Amended Prescription**

Instead of removing two 1/10th of an acre groups, a ¾ acre group of mature, declining, or unacceptable growing stock of sugar maple, yellow birch, aspen, white ash, hophornbeam and white birch will be removed. In June of 2019, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was detected 5 miles from the property. Therefore, uphill of this group (in stand 2) approximately 20 white ash trees will be treated as early as the spring of 2020 with an insecticide to protect them from EAB. The primary goal of this larger group is to regenerate ash. The treated trees and the ash left on the perimeter of the group will provide seed. According to the latest research, the preservation of ash requires a multipronged approach: leaving a range of ages and sizes, regenerating ash, biocontrols, and insecticide treatments of small groups of seed trees. This group is one part of that strategy. Aspen, birch, and sugar maple are other target species most likely to regenerate in the opening.