

Exhibit # 1

2010 WORK PLAN FOR THE ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

In 2010 Oneida County Forest management activities will be accomplished under the following accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
County Forest Account	56110	\$ 825,670.00
Forest Road Account	56111	\$ 12,358.00
State Aid Wildlife Habitat Account	56116	\$ 10,000.00

FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

County Forest Cooperative Planning

The annual County Forest Cooperative Planning Meeting between the Oneida County Forestry Department (OCFD) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was held on July 22, 2009. The purpose of the planning meeting is to provide a forum where both departments can jointly establish and agree upon County Forest Management Goals for the upcoming year. Individuals present at the 2009 County Forest Cooperative Planning Meeting were: DNR County Forest Liaison, Manny Oradei; DNR Wildlife Manager, Ron Eckstein; DNR Team Leader, Tim Friedrich; DNR Forestry Specialist, Brian Spencer; Oneida County Forest Director, John Bilogan; Oneida County Assistant Forest Director, Paul Fiene; and Oneida County Forester, Eric Rady. Items discussed were County Conservation Funds, Wildlife Habitat funds (10 cents per acre funds), proposed timber sales and harvest acreage goals, reforestation, County Forest Roads, Access Trail Seeding, surveying, forest reconnaissance, forest blocking, time standards, fish and wildlife projects, forest protection, and SFI Forest Certification CARS.

Timber Sale Establishment

Approximately 1400 acres of mature timber will be harvested in 20 areas as specified in Section 202 of the WisFirs forest reconnaissance computer printout. This will entail approximately 500 acres of Northern Hardwood thinning and 600 acres of Aspen harvest for regeneration. In addition, approximately 300 acres of miscellaneous timber types will also be harvested. The sale areas are distributed throughout the three County Forest Blocks (Enterprise, Cassian-Woodboro, and Lynne-Little Rice). A total sale value of \$865,000.00 is anticipated. The labor required to establish the aforementioned timber sale acreage will be provided by the OCFD with assistance from DNR Forestry personnel.

Timber Sale Administration

It is anticipated that between 30 and 40 timber sale contracts will be active in the year 2010. Department involvement will include contract administration, sale inspection, and

fiscal record keeping. A harvest of 20,000 cord equivalents with an equivalent value of \$865,000.00 is anticipated. The haul permit system will continue to be used for pulpwood and wood scaling will be utilized for saw logs. Weekly timber sale inspections by both County and DNR personnel will be conducted on all active sales.

Forest Reconnaissance

Forest Reconnaissance work scheduled for 2010 includes the complete revision of approximately 4,000 acres of outdated forest reconnaissance information that was collected in the 1970's and 80's. In addition, approximately 2,000 acres of forest reconnaissance data (collected in the 1990's) will be updated to reflect recent forest management activities. A combination of DNR and OCFD employees will be utilized to perform the above—described work.

A summer Limited Term Employee (LTE), paid through a 100% grant, will be used to evaluate Aspen stands showing signs of decline. Harvest schedules will be adjusted in order to salvage stands that are showing the most significant decline. It is anticipated that up to 200 acres of declining aspen may need to be harvested earlier than normal.

Forest Protection

Cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources will be sought in protecting the forest from insects, disease, and forest fires. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), will be contracted with to help control nuisance beaver damage. Isolated beaver colonies that have been identified as posing a threat to timber productivity, or causing damage to County Forest Roads, and Trout Streams will be targeted for capture and removal.

A summer Forestry LTE will be utilized to assess aspen stands that are showing signs of decline. Insect and disease occurrences in these stands will be assessed at that time.

County Forest Roads

Additional gravel has been identified as a key priority for maintaining the high quality of our existing County Forest Road system. Consequently, locating a suitable site for future gravel crushing with low visible impact near the northern edge of the Enterprise County Forest Block will be a priority. Our culvert replacement plan is scheduled to continue in 2010. Each year approximately five to ten culverts that have reached the end of their life expectancy are scheduled for replacement. Because the majority of culverts used on the County Forest Road System are smaller in size (18-24 inch diameter), they can be installed with Forestry Department personnel and equipment. In addition to the 18-24 inch culverts mentioned above, the installation of one larger 48-inch diameter culvert will contract out 2010. The size of this culvert will require the installation services of a contractor with equipment larger than that available to the OCFD. Normal maintenance of the balance of County Forest Roads include grading, signing, wash out repair, spot graveling, brushing, mowing, and beaver flood control. The access management provisions in the current Oneida County Forest Fifteen-Year Plan describe the access policy for the balance of the County Forest.

Reforestation and Plantation Release

Establishment of small irregularly shaped clear cuts ranging in size from 3-10 acres will be established in scattered areas adjacent to the Washburn Recreational Trail System. Upon completion of the aforementioned harvest, the harvested areas will be planted with fast growing coniferous species to provide evergreen cover along the trail. The reforestation efforts described above will greatly reduce the visual impact of subsequent timber harvests planned for the area surrounding the Washburn Recreational Trail by providing a natural visual screen of cover. Time permitting, several recently thinned hardwood stands will be chain scarified in order to expose mineral soil and prepare a seed bed for Oak, Maple, Pine, and Birch trees.

Wildlife Management

In cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, wildlife management activity on the County Forest will center around forest openings maintenance, habitat trail mowing, seeding hunter hiking trails, and special timber sale designs to promote both game and non-game wildlife habitat. State Aid Wildlife money may be used for anchor chain scarification to promote regeneration of species beneficial to wildlife. A small allotment of State Aid Wildlife money has also been set aside to pay for landfill tipping fees generated from the disposal of trash collected from County Forest land by organized Sporting Club clean-up events.

Equipment and Facilities

In 2010, money has been budgeted to replace an existing 4x4 half-ton pickup truck. The truck will be used primarily for forest management activities. Money has also been budgeted to replace an existing snowmobile and ATV. The aforementioned equipment is primarily used for inspecting the Oneida County snowmobile and ATV trail system. Finally, money has been budgeted to replace an existing 4' x 8' utility trailer. The trailer is used to transport our trail inspection snowmobile during winter months, and our parks lawn mower during summer months.

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