

**Andrews Community Forest Committee**  
**Additional September Meeting**  
**Monday, September 30th, 2024 - 5:00 to 6:30 PM, ACF on site work meeting.**

**Agenda:** Trail maintenance and evaluation of existing ACF trails

- Committee members present: Ian Stokes, co-chair, Brad Elliott, Chase Rosenberg, Cecelia Danks, Wright Preston, Melissa Wolaver. Minutes: Melissa Wolaver. Absent: Julian Portilla. No members of the public attended this open and warned meeting.

Motion: Assess and perform basic maintenance on trails. Clear all dead and downed trees blocking existing trails, clear brush, brambles, and invasives from existing ACF trails, and trail access points, allow committee members to complete unfinished tasks from this evening's trail maintenance work. Breaking into two parties for the purpose of covering the trails currently known as Urbanik Way, Dana's Climb, Meadow Meander, Farm Road and Log Landing area at top of the access road. Motion made by Melissa, Second, Brad. All are in favor.

Teams performed trail work and reconvened to report out on what they found and what work they performed.

The Meadow Meander, Farm Road, Log Landing, and Dana's climb team cleared six fallen trees from the Farm Road and Dana's Climb, removed a few honeysuckles, barberry and *rosa multiflora* invasives (with many more to go), and trimmed the Meadow Meander trail and the area around the bench on Dana's Climb. All activities were in keeping with the ACF Forestry Plan. Another tree blocking the Farm Road will be removed soon.

The Urbanik Way, Log Landing, Dana's Climb (top portion) team, cleared multiple downed trees and branches from Urbanik Way, as well as brambles. They also noted the unclaimed tree stand is ready for removal per our posting, VT regulation, and convo. with Town Manager. Wright volunteered to remove. We noted that Log Landing is impassable and needs to be brush hogged. The ACFC agreed that the log landing at the top of the main entrance road should be brush-hogged, and Wright made a motion, and Melissa second, with all in agreement, and Wright volunteered to perform this work. Trees and shrubs are starting to reclaim the meadow between Dana's Climb and Meadow Meander, and brush-hogging per the ACF Forestry Plan would help maintain its current functions. Please see table of ACF Forestry Plan below.

Motion to disband work teams and close meeting (Ian) Second (chase). All in favor.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2024, 6-8 pm, Town Center











**Schedule of Management Activities**

(Timing of specific activities may be shifted)

<b>Stand</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Year</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source /Partners</b>
Stands 1-3	Invasive species removal	Ongoing (beginning in 2020)	1	Up to \$10,000	County Forester, ACF budget, timber sale revenue.
All	Monitor for invasive species	Annually	1	<b>N/A</b>	Volunteers, service learning project (UVM)
All	Investigate how to facilitate safe hunting program at ACF	Ongoing	1	N/A	Vermont Fish and Wildlife, Volunteers, Town Forest Committee, County Forester
Stands 3,4,6	Single Tree/Group Selection	2021	2	N/A (Revenue positive)	County Forester
All	Monitor deer browse impacts	Ongoing	2	<b>N/A</b>	Volunteers/FPR Grant, UVM students
All	Boundary line maintenance	Ongoing	2	Approx. \$120-\$150 (paint)	Volunteers
All	Apple Tree Release/pruning	Ongoing	2	<b>N/A</b>	Volunteers
Open Areas/Meadows	Brush hog	Every 2-3 years (after August 1)	2	Unknown	Agricultural lessees, volunteers