Northeastern CROP - Revised

(NY; VT; NH; ME; & MA)

A Summary of CROP Landscape Analyses Results

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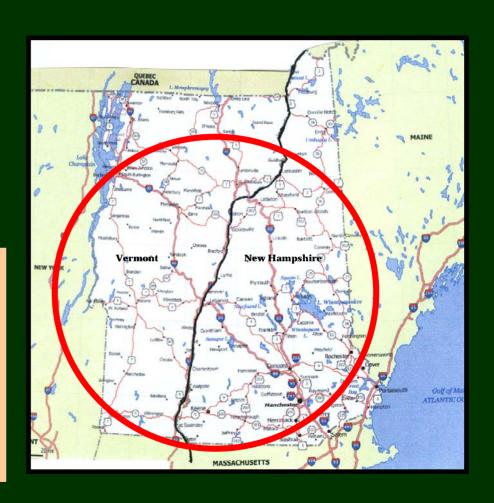
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Northeastern CROP:

Center Point: Hanover, NH 75-mi. radius

- Federal lands
- State lands
- 5 State Depts. of Trans.
- 18 Counties
- 248 townships



2 National Forests: 6 Ranger Districts

- White Mountain NF: Androscroggin, Saco, Ampe
- Green Mountain NF: Manchester, Rochester, Middlebury

18 Counties:

ME: Cumberland Oxford York

NH: Belknap Carroll Cheshire Coos

Grafton Sullivan Hillsborough Merrimack

Rockingham Strafford

NY: Warren Saratoga Washington Essex

Rennselaer

248 Townships in VT & MA (only 11 townships in 6 VT counties plan resource removal in next 5 years):

VT: Addison County – Starksboro

Orleans County – Craftsbury

Washington County – Northfield; East Montpelier

Rutland County - West Rutland

Windsor County – Chester

Orange County – Bradford, Fairlee, Chelsen, Randolf, Brookefield

What we asked for:

- Volume (by mmbf, green tons, ccf, etc.)
- Diameter sizes <4" 4"-7" 7"-9" 9"-12" >12"
- Species (9 species evaluated for resource flow)
- Harvest "type": fuel load reduction, timber sale, etc.
- Location of resource offering
- NEPA Phase
- Road accessibility

Federal lands

So, let's take a look at the final results . . .

Overall (next 5 years):

| Year | Total Biomass (81,597 gT) | % of 5-yr volume |
|------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2006 | 9,578.7 | 12% |
| 2007 | 16,779.5 | 21% |
| 2008 | 22,081.5 | 27% |
| 2009 | 22,454.7 | 28% |
| 2010 | 10,702.7 | 13% |

| Total Small Log (72.58 mmbf) | % of 5-yr volume |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 11.948 | 16% |
| 15.477 | 21% |
| 15.775 | 22% |
| 16.53 | 23% |
| 12.848 | 18% |

| Total Large Log (67.875 mmbf) | % of 5-yr volume |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 11.363 | 17% |
| 14.983 | 22% |
| 13.978 | 21% |
| 14.935 | 22% |
| 12.616 | 19% |

Who's providing what?

| Agency | 5-yr total Biomass (gT) | 5-yr total Small Log (mmbf) | 5-yr total Large Log (mmbf) | % of 5-yr total |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| White Mtn. NF | 27,843 | 50.114 | 46.124 | 65% |
| Green Mtn. NF | 15,000 | 6.7 | 8.1 | 11% |
| NH DF&L | 33,541 | 11.486 | 7.989 | 17% |
| NH Counties | 640.5 | .878 | 1.435 | 1.5% |
| MA DFW | 450 | 1.039 | .973 | 1.5% |
| VT Counties | 43.75 | .926 | 1.305 | 1.5% |
| MA DCR | 1,925 | .484 | 1.392 | 1.5% |
| ME IFW | 2,154 | .952 | .556 | 1% |

White Mtn. NF: (gT = 27,843; Small log = 50.114 mmbf; Large log = 46.124 mmbf)

| | 5-yr total | 5-yr total | 5-yr total |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ranger Districts | (Biomass = gT) | Small log (mmbf) | Large log (mmbf) |
| Androscroggin | 6,963 | 12.529 | 11.53 |
| Saco | 10,302 | 18.542 | 17.066 |
| Ampe | 10,578 | 19.043 | 17.527 |

Green Mtn. NF: (gT=15,000; Small log = 6.7 mmbf; Large log = 8.1 mmbf)

| Ranger Districts | 5-yr total (Biomass = gT) | 5-yr total Small log (mmbf) | 5-yr total Large log (mmbf) |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Manchester | 11,500 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| Rochester | 2,000 | 1.4 | 2.8 |
| Middlebury | 1,500 | 1.5 | 1 |

<u>New Hampshire</u> (non-federal): (gT=34,181.5; Small log = 12.369 mmbf; Large log = 9.4245 mmbf)

| | | 5-yr total | 5-yr total | 5-yr total |
|--------|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ag | encies | (Biomass = gT) | Small log (mmbf) | Large log (mmbf) |
| NH DI | F&L | 33.541 | 16.486 | 7.989 |
| Counti | es: | | | |
| | Sullivan | 478 | .5736 | 1.2428 |
| | Grafton | 162.5 | .3043 | .19265 |

<u>Vermont</u> (non-federal): (gT=43.75; Small log = .926 mmbf; Large log = 1.35 mmbf)

| | • | 5-yr total | 5-yr total | 5-yr total |
|-----------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Agencies | (Biomass = gT) | Small log (mmbf) | Large log (mmbf) |
| DN | NR . | No data provided | | |
| <u>Co</u> | Counties: | | | |
| | Windsor | 0 | .09 | .21 |
| | Rutland | 43.75 | .04 | .10125 |
| | Washington | 0 | .36 | .54 |
| | Orleans | 0 | .004 | .006 |
| | Orange | 0 | .42 | .4 |
| | Addison | 0 | .012 | .048 |

<u>Massachusetts</u> (non-federal): (gT= 2,375; Small log = 1.5239 mmbf; Large log = 2.3639 mmbf)

| | 5-yr total | 5-yr total | 5-yr total |
|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Agencies | (Biomass = gT) | Small log (mmbf) | Large log (mmbf) |
| MA DCR | 1,925 | .4844 | 1.391 |
| MA DFW | 450 | 1.0395 | .9729 |

\underline{Maine} (non-federal): (gT= 2,153.95; Small log = .95238 mmbf; Large log = .5562 mmbf)

| | 5-yr total | 5-yr total | 5-yr total |
|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Agencies | (Biomass = gT) | Small log (mmbf) | Large log (mmbf) |
| ME IFW | 2,183.95 | .95238 | .5562 |

Private lands: No historical data exists for removal patterns.

| Ву Ѕр | pecies | 5-yr total (Biomass = gT) | 5-yr total Small log (mmbf) | 5-yr total Large log (mmbf) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hardwoods (non-specified) | (48% of 5-yr. total) | 58,255 | 55.388 | 8.596 |
| Softwoods (non-specified) | (13% of 5-yr. total) | 7,390 | 8.838 | 9.536 |
| Sugar maple | (12% of 5-yr. total) | 2,811 | 1.375 | 17.284 |
| Yellow birch | (6% of 5-yr. total) | 1,800 | .87 | 8.457 |
| Red maple | (6% of 5-yr. total) | 3,856 | 1.935 | 6.859 |
| White pine | (5% of 5-yr. total) | 2,653 | 2.092 | 5.385 |
| Beech | (3% of 5-yr. total) | 67 | .0231 | 4.398 |
| Paper birch | (3% of 5-yr. total) | 1,619 | .768 | 4.098 |
| Spruce species | (3% of 5-yr. total) | 3,144 | 1.289 | 3.26 |

Fairly good picture for small log processing as hardwoods (non-specified) & softwoods (non-specified) equals 60% of the total CROP volume & their largest percentages fall within the >7"-12" log strata.

(5-yr total = 62.285 mmbf for >7"- 9"; 10.295 mmbf for >9"- 12")

| | % of species volume | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|--|
| (% of total volume) | 4"-7" | >7"-9" | >9"-12" | |
| Hardwoods (48%) | 15% | 70% | 3% | |
| Softwoods (13%) | 7 | 23 | 22 | |
| Sugar maple (12%) | 3 | 5 | 3 | |
| Yellow birch (6%) | 4 | 6 | 3 | |
| Red maple (6%) | 8 | 13 | 7 | |
| White pine (5%) | 6 | 8 | 18 | |
| Beech (3%) | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Paper birch (3%) | 6 | 9 | 6 | |
| Spruce species (3%) | 12 | 19 | 5 | |

Resource Offering Maps (ROMS): Here's what you get for each species...

- ✓ **Who** will supply?
- ✓ **When** will supply be offered?
- ✓ **How much** will be offered?
- ✓ What diameter size will it be offered in?
- ✓ Will supply be consistent and *levelized over time* to invite purchase and investment?

For each species:

- ✓ <u>Locator map</u> per specific supplier
- ✓ Summary sheet
- ✓ <u>Detailed supply breakouts</u> by volume, diameter, and year per supplier

Let's look at Sugar Maple as an example . . .

Northeastern: Sugar Maple CROP offering/removal '06 - '10 (gT = 2.811 / S = 1.375 mmbf / L = 17.284 mmbf)**

ROM # SM 1.1

** VT DNR - no data provided

White Mtn. NF:

- A Androscroggin RD***
- B Saco RD
- C Ampe RD

NH DF & L:

D NH DF & L

Green Mtn. NF:

- E Manchester RD
- F Rochester RD
- G Middlebury RD

MA DCR:

H MA DCR

NH Counties:

- I Sullivan Co.
- J Grafton Co.

VT Counties:

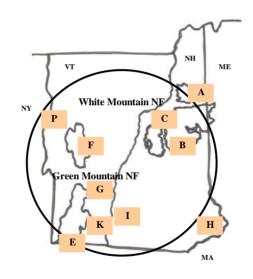
- K Windsor Co.
 - Rutland Co.
- M Washington Co.
- N Orleans Co.
- O Orange Co.
- P Addison Co.

MA DFW:

O MA DFW

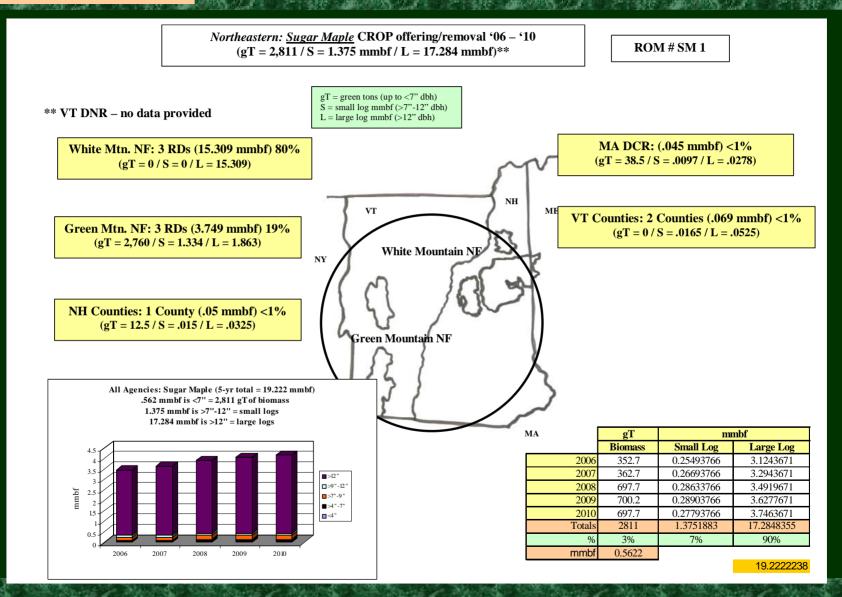
ME IFW:

R ME IFW



Locator map

^{***}italics/bold = species offering in CROP



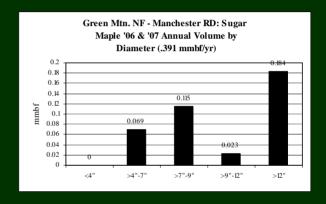
Detailed Breakout by Supplier

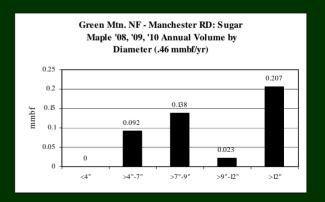
Northeastern: <u>Sugar Maple</u> CROP offering/removal '06 - '10 (by agency)

ROM # SM 1.4

gT = green tons (up to <7" dbh) S = small log mmbf (>7"-12" dbh) L = large log mmbf (>12" dbh)

| Sugar Maple Green Mtn. NF: Manchester RD | 5-yr = 2.162 mmbf | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| | Fairly level supply from year to year | | |
| gT = 2,070 | • <4" = 0% (0 mmbf) • >4"-7" = 19% (.414 mmbf) | | |
| S = .759 | • >7"-9" = 30% (.644 mmbf) • >9"-12" = 5% (.115 mmbf) | | |
| L = .989 | • >12" = 46% (.989 mmbf) | | |





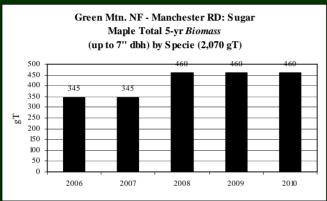
SO ... with CROP, we're able to look at:

- *performance between different public agencies* to identify needed coordination of supply; <u>and</u>
- performance between ranger districts in a single NF to see where coordination of supply offering might be needed.

Let's take a look ...

Sugar Maple: Green Mtn. NF - 3 RDs - biomass offerings

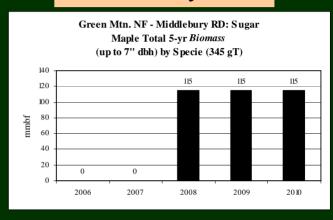
Manchester RD



Rochester RD

12.5%

Middlebury RD



Fairly levelized 5-year supply in only one RD: levelized supply in all RD's beginning in 2008.

12.5%

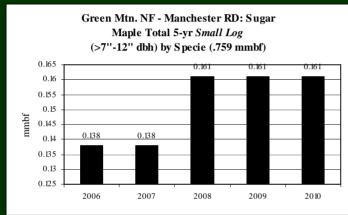
75%

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Sugar Maple: Green Mtn. NF - 3 RDs - small log offerings

Manchester RD



Middlebury RD

Green Mtn. NF - Middlebury RD: Sugar

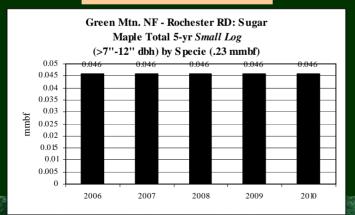
Maple Total 5-yr Small Log
(>7"-12" dbh) by Specie (.345 mmbf)

0.08
0.07
0.06
0.05
0.04
0.03
0.02
0.01

2007

2006

Rochester RD



2 out of 3 RD's provide levelized supply for all five years.

2008

2009

2010

17%

57%

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Sugar Maple: Green Mtn. NF - 3 RDs - large log offerings

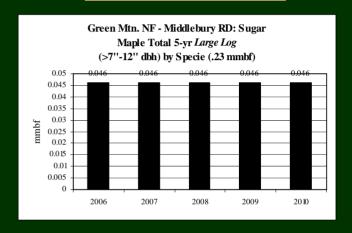
Manchester RD

Green Mtn. NF - Manchester RD: Sugar
Maple Total 5-yr Large Log
(>7"-12" dbh) by Specie (.989 mmbf)

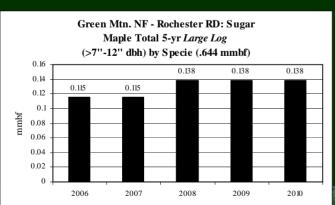
0.21
0.205
0.2
0.195
0.19
0.185
0.18
0.175
0.17
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010

Middlebury RD

12%



Rochester RD



2 out of 3 RD's provide levelized supply for all five years.

35%

53%

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Let's look at species <u>Summary Sheets</u> for the other top Northeastern CROP species . . .

Northeastern: <u>Hardwoods</u>* CROP (fering/removal '06 - '10 (gT = 58,255 / S = 55,388 mm^k / L = 8,596 mmbf) **

ROM # HWD 1

* Black Cherry, Hickory, Poplar, Oaks (Black, Red, White), White Ash, White & Yellow Birch, Aspen

gT = green tons (up to <7" dbh) S = small log mmbf (>7"-12" dbh) L = large log mmbf (>12" dbh)

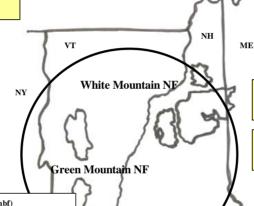
** VT DNR - no data provided

White Mtn. NF: 3 RDs (55.564 mmbf) 73% (gT = 25,899 / S = 46.607/ L = 3.777)

NH DF&L: (15.676 mmbf) 21% (gT = 29,538 / S = 7.177 / L = 2.59)

Green Mtn. NF: 3 RDs (3.097 mmbf) 4%(gT = 2,280 / S = 1.102 / L = 1.539)

NH Counties: 2 Counties (.817 mmbf) 1% (gT = 226 / S = .352/ L = .419)

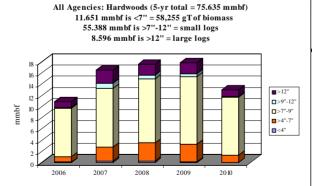


MA DCR: (.303 mmbf) <1% (gT = 258 / S = .0649 / L = .186)

VT Counties: 3 Counties (.117 mmbf) <1% (gT = 0 / S = .052 / L = .065)

MA DFW: (.0204 mmbf) <1% (gT = 0 / S = .0133 / L = .0071)

ME IFW: (.0405 mmbf) <1% (gT = 54 / S = .0198 / L = .0099)



| 1 | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| MA | gT | mmbf | | | |
| 14271 | Biomass | Small Log | Large Log | | |
| 2006 | 5096.09 | 8.746392321 | 1.071739571 | | |
| 2007 | 13292.00186 | 11.48076381 | 2.366179571 | | |
| 2008 | 17136.09 | 12.15578232 | 1.998199571 | | |
| 2009 | 16428.84 | 12.54698232 | 1.915149571 | | |
| 2010 | 6302.59 | 10.45858232 | 1.244699571 | | |
| Totals | 58255.61186 | 55.3885031 | 8.595967853 | | |
| % | 15% | 73% | 11% | | |
| mmbf | 11.65112237 | | | | |

75.63559332

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Nor neastern: Softwoods* CRO1 fering/removal '06 - '10 (gT = 7,390 / S = 8.838 mmbf / L = 9.536 mmbf)**

ROM # SWD 1

- * Eastern Hemlock, Austrian Pine, Pitch Pine, Red Pine, Scots Pine, White Pine, Spruce/Fir, Balsam Fir
- gT = green tons (up to <7" dbh) S = small log mmbf (>7"-12" dbh) L = large log mmbf (>12" dbh)

White Mountain NE

Green Mountain NF

NY

** VT DNR - no data provided

White Mtn. NF: 3 RDs (7.287 mmbf) 37% (gT = 0 / S = 3.247 / L = 2.826)

NH DF&L: (10.508 mmbf) 53% (gT = 4,003 / S = 4.309 / L = 5.398)

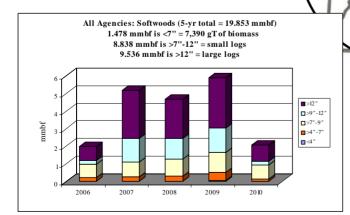
NH Counties: 2 Counties (.086 mmbf) <1% (gT = 22.7 / S = .031 / L = .051)

MA DCR: (.607 mmbf) 3% (gT = 516.8 / S = .13 / L = .374)

VT Counties: 3 Counties (.427 mmbf) 2% (gT = 43.75 / S = .247 / L = .171)

MA DFW: (.664 mmbf) 4% (gT = 225 / S = .501 / L = .1182)

ME IFW: (.273 mmbf) 1% (gT = 635 / S = .114 / L = .032)



| MA | gT | mmbf | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Biomass | Small Log | Large Log |
| 2006 | 1137.5725 | 0.974283086 | 0.791548318 |
| 2007 | 1356.28216 | 2.198974814 | 2.732485318 |
| 2008 | 1655.4225 | 2.129163086 | 2.220938318 |
| 2009 | 2607.3725 | 2.503113086 | 2.854338318 |
| 2010 | 633.6225 | 1.032913086 | 0.936788318 |
| Totals | 7390.27216 | 8.838447158 | 9.53609859 |
| % | 7% | 45% | 48% |
| mmbf | 1.478054432 | | |

19.85260018

How levelized will the supply be for all species?

Let's take a look . . .

Levelized supply for five years?

(R = relatively)

| | gT Biomass | | Small Logs | | Large Logs | |
|---------------------|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|
| | yes | no | yes | no | yes | no |
| Hardwoods (48%) | | ✓ | R | | R | |
| Softwoods (13%) | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Sugar Maple (12%) | | ✓ | R | | R | |
| Yellow Birch (6%) | | ✓ | ✓ | | R | |
| Red Maple (6%) | | ✓ | R | | R | |
| White Pine (5%) | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Beech (3%) | ✓ | | R | | | ✓ |
| Paper Birch (3%) | | ✓ | R | | | ✓ |
| Spruce Species (3%) | R | | | ✓ | | ✓ |

Looking at the <u>Sugar Maple</u>...

- ✓ There will be an <u>unlevel supply of green tonnage</u>
 <u>biomass</u>, but that will impact only 5% of the total biomass volume over the next 5 years.
- ✓ There will be a <u>level supply of small logs in this specie</u> but this will impact ~1% of the total CROP small log supply.
- ✓ There will be a <u>level supply of large logs</u>, but this will impact over ~24% of the total 5-yr volume.

Here's how it looks on an agency-by-agency basis ...

Levelized Annual Supply?

(Total 5-yr volume)

Not a bad picture for small & large log volumes due to the RD's in both National Forests. But biomass volumes still highly fluctuating.

| | | <u>Sugar Maple</u> (19.222 mmbf; includes gT) | | |
|----------------|--------------------|--|----|--------------------------------|
| R = relatively | | yes | no | Comments |
| White Mtn. NF | (80% of 5-yr vol.) | | | |
| | Androscroggin | R | | Average ~ .765 mmbf/yr |
| | Saco | R | | Average ~ 1.133 mmbf/yr |
| | Ampe | R | | Average ~ 1.163 mmbf/yr |
| Green Mtn. NF | (19% of 5-yr vol.) | | | |
| | Manchester | R | | From .39 mmbf to .46 mmbf/yr |
| | Rochester | R | | From .16 mmbf to .2 mmbf/yr |
| | Middlebury | R | | From .115 mmbf to .138 mmbf/yr |
| MA DCR | (<1% of 5-yr vol.) | ✓ | | .009 mmbf/yr |
| VT Counties | (<1% of 5-yr vol.) | | ✓ | Only offered in '09 |
| NH Counties | (<1% of 5-yr vol.) | | ✓ | From .01 mmbf to .04 mmbf/yr |

Overall ... <u>better coordination</u> of resource, particularly in the softwood offering for all three log stratums, & hardwood & softwood biomass offering will likely be preferred to help:

- Reduce investor risk
- Increase purchaser confidence
- > Achieve fuel load reduction goals
- > Achieve forest restoration goals

What about NEPA? It's important to know!

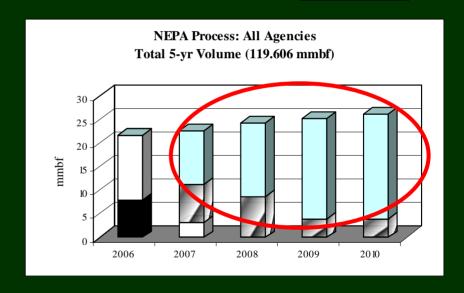
... here's how it looks

NEPA Picture for CROP Landscape

All NF lands: 74% of 5-yr total = (119.606 mmbf; includes gT as mmbf)

| not started | |
|--------------|--|
| just started | |
| in process | |
| approved | |

| | mmbf | % of total |
|--------------|--------|------------|
| Approved | 7.967 | 7% |
| In process | 16.874 | 14% |
| Just started | 24.258 | 20% |
| Not started | 70.507 | 59% |



Over 50% of CROP resource offering not started in the NEPA process! High risk scenario!

... but story best told on agency-by-agency basis.

NEPA Risk Rating

1 Lowest Low Medium 4 5 High Highest

For low risk rating, 3 key desired attributes:

- ✓ Volume *approved* in first 2 years, followed by *in-process*.
- ✓ Consistency in supply; no dramatic gaps from year to year (eg: approved/not started/in-process).
- ✓ Overall no major emphasis on *just started* or *not started*.

NEPA Risk Rating Summary:

| | mmbf affected | % of 5-yr total |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| lowest | 0 | 0% |
| low | 0 | 0% |
| medium | 0 | 0% |
| high | 43.25 | 36% |
| highest | 76.34 | 64% |

100% in high risk designation

NEPA Risk Rating Summary:

| White Mtn. NF | Total 5-yr volume | NEPA Risk Rating |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Androscroggin | 25.45 mmbf | high |
| Saco | 37.66 mmbf | highest |
| Ampe | 38.68 mmbf | highest |

| Green Mtn. NF | Total 5-yr volume | NEPA Risk Rating |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Manchester | 10.4 mmbf | high |
| Rochester | 4.6 mmbf | high |
| Middlebury | 2.8 mmbf | high |

What about road access to supply? Here's how it looks . . .

| Agency | 5-yr total volume | Affected by No Current Road Access | | |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| | mmbf | mmbf | % of total volume with no road access | Species affected |
| MA DCR | 2.26119 | .226119 | 10% | RM, BE, PB, HWD, WP, SM, Spruce Sp., SWD |
| NH Counties | 2.44149 | 0 | 0% | |
| ME IFW | 1.93937 | .0639 | 3% | WP, PB (White Birch) |
| VT Counties | 2.24 | 0 | 0% | |
| NH DF&L | 26.184555 | 0 | 0% | |
| MA-DFW | 2.1024 | 0 | 0% | |
| Green Mtn. NF | 17.8 | 0 | 0% | |
| White Mtn. NF | 101.806 | 0 | 0% | |
| Total | 156.775 | .290019 | <1% | |

For all volume:

➤ The NEPA risk for all offerings likely trumps all other analyses factors, with much of the anticipated volume in high risk designation.

Conclusions for the Northeastern CROP (continued)

For biomass:

- The unlevelized supply of all biomass (<7") may serve as a deterrent to investment in the region.
- There is a notably lower offering in this resource volume. Even if offered on a levelized supply basis, the annual volumes in this log stratum may not be sufficient to invite new biomass-to-energy investment to the CROP region.

Conclusions for the Northeastern CROP (continued)

For solid wood processing (hardwoods):

- > The volumes identified for offering in the *hardwood* classification for small log processing may offer investment opportunity for a dedicated small log hardwood mill.
- A risk factor is the heavy concentration of volume in the >7"-9" dbh range, but anticipated annual offerings fall within acceptable production ranges to invite investor interest.

Conclusions for the Northeastern CROP (continued)

For solid wood processing (softwoods):

The volumes identified for *softwood* offering may be too small to attract new manufacturing interest to the region, but could be welcomed additions to existing milling operations for both small & large log volumes.

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