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## **Coverts Program - May 11 – 14, 2006** *Stump Sprouts, Hawley, Massachusetts*

### **THURSDAY, 11 May:**

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm: light refreshments

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Welcome, Introductions, Explanation of the Coverts Project, and a discussion of the roles and expectations of the participants. **Kittredge**

### **FRIDAY, 12 May:**

7:00 - 8:00 am: Breakfast.

8:00 - 8:45 am: Historical perspective on land use, and the role of human influence in the forest landscapes that characterize Massachusetts today.

**Broderick**

8:45 - 9:30 am: Forest succession and ecology. Introduce concepts of succession, shade tolerance, stratification, and stand development over time.

**Kittredge**

9:30 - 9:45 am: Break

9:45 - 11:15 am: Elements of wildlife habitat. Introduce concepts of niche, browse, cover, and other essential components of habitat using examples of different wildlife species. Introduce concepts of early successional and late successional habitats. **King**

11:15 - 12:15: Elements of timber management, introducing the concepts of site quality, even vs. uneven-aged management, and the production of timber products through the implementation of different silvicultural practices. **Kittredge**

12:15 - 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 - 5:00 pm: Field trip - view different habitats, timber stands, site conditions, levels of succession. **King, Kittredge, Catanzaro, Sylvester, and Small**

5:00 – 6:00 pm: Informal

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 pm: Habitat management techniques on an individual property and biodiversity concerns on a larger scale, including discussion of landscape context. **Jackson**

### **SATURDAY, 13 May:**

7:00 - 8:00 am: Breakfast.

8:00 - 9:15 am: Timber harvesting- implementation of habitat and timber management prescriptions. Define the roles that timber harvesters and foresters play, and the options available to landowners in having harvesting done on their forestland. **Catanzaro and Conkey**

9:15 - 10:30 am: The role of the Bureau of Forestry in timber harvesting (The Forest Cutting Practices Act - Chapter 132) and management planning (Forest Stewardship Program, Forestland Tax Law - Chapter 61). **Wright and Anzuoni**

10:30 - 10:45 am: Break

10:45 - 12:00 am: Late successional habitats in the Commonwealth and in the Highland region- their importance, extent, the role of private lands in developing and supporting late successional and ways to manage for them. **D'Amato**

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 pm: Field trip/ woods tour. Late seral and old growth forest. **Catanzaro, D'Amato, Moruzzi, Toomey, and Finton**

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Informal

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Dinner

7:00 - 9:15 pm: "Preserving Family Lands": the important role of land protection in the Highlands and Berkshires. Presentation on land protection options using specific case studies of recently completed projects. **Forbush and Toomey**

### **SUNDAY, 14 May:**

7:30 - 8:30 am: Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 am: Assessing Conservation Opportunities - Identifying landscape-scale priorities, and opportunities to work collaboratively and proactively. **Finton**

9:30 - 10:30: Principles of successful communication. What are the attributes of effective communication, and some new examples of communication tools. **Kittredge**

10:30 - 11:00 am: Break

11:00 - Noon: Coverts alumni success stories: **Bratko and Harbaugh**

Noon - 1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm: Presentation of outreach plan ideas/ consideration of opportunities to cooperate following the training workshop. Develop outreach plans. What actions will individual Cooperators take in the coming months to advocate the stewardship of forestland in their communities?

2:00 pm: Final remarks, workshop evaluation.

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