

# Clark State Forest Compartment 8 Tract 1 Management Guide Amendment

This management guide for Clark State Forest, Compartment 8, Tract 1 was posted at an open house in 2007. The silvicultural description says that a harvest is feasible but would not be prudent due to the small diameter of the trees. Upon further inspection this tract is ready for a timber harvest. There are two separate harvests that can be performed on this tract. There is a pine clearcut, and an improvement thinning in the hardwood stand.

The first that should be performed is a Virginia pine clearcut. These Virginia pines are not very large in size, but have many blow-down pockets. These pines are mature, even for their size, and will continue to decline in the future. There are many less desirable hardwoods growing in the pockets of blow down. These hardwoods should be taken as well as the pine. The clearcut boundaries should be where the oak starts. These oaks will hopefully seed into the opening and there will be better quality trees growing in this area in the future. There were also some yellow poplars found within the opening. This stand could be converted into a good quality poplar stand.

The second harvest that should be performed is an improvement harvest on the rest of the tract. In the guide it states that many of these trees are small diameter. With the improvement harvest the poor quality trees will be taken so the small trees have more room to grow into a better quality hardwood stand.

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