

NORTHERN HARDWOOD

Optimal Cutting Recommendations for Wildlife Habitat

Use even-age management, a two-cut shelterwood system is second best.

Cuts can range from 5 to 50 acres

Whole tree harvest or cut-to-length

Use a 120-year rotation age with entries every 15 to 20 years.

Let 10 percent of the type go to 175 years before rotating

Favor yellow birch where possible

In larger cut blocks (>10 acres), leave patches of uncut trees, about a third of an acre for every ten acres of clearcut.

Avoid entry during nesting season - April to June