

PAPER BIRCH

Optimal Cutting Recommendations for Wildlife Habitat

These recommendations are designed to optimize wildlife habitat conditions within this type. Other silvicultural options may also apply to this type, but they will not optimize potential habitat conditions as well for the full range of wildlife species that can occupy this type.

Use even-age management.

Cuts can range from 5 to 30 acres in size.

Whole tree harvest is preferred.

Use an 80-year rotation age with entries every 15 to 20 years.

Let 10 percent of the area in this type go to 100 years before rotating.

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