

# Rick Smith Woodlands, Tremont



- Landowner:  
Rick Smith
- 15 acres
- Enjoy privacy
- Sense of living space that is "alive", clearings for butterflies, gardens, pond attracts different bird species.
- Forest fire is a major concern.

Blow downs and standing snags were a concern to the landowner as a fire hazard.



Woodland Restoration Inc. hired to reduce fuel load





Forcat 360D & Log Loader



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Management has decreased fire hazard by removing snags and blow downs

On going process, blow downs continue, regeneration must be managed to establish healthy root systems and favor longer lived species





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Managing balsam fir regeneration for Christmas trees





- Had cook out to influence neighbors to implement similar practices on their property to reduce fire hazard (7 owner association, 150 acres).
- Association hopes to have a conservation plan prepared that will cover all properties (fuel load reduction, managing for regeneration, aesthetics, recreation, wildlife).
- Intensity of work has varied on properties, but all have reduced fuel load.



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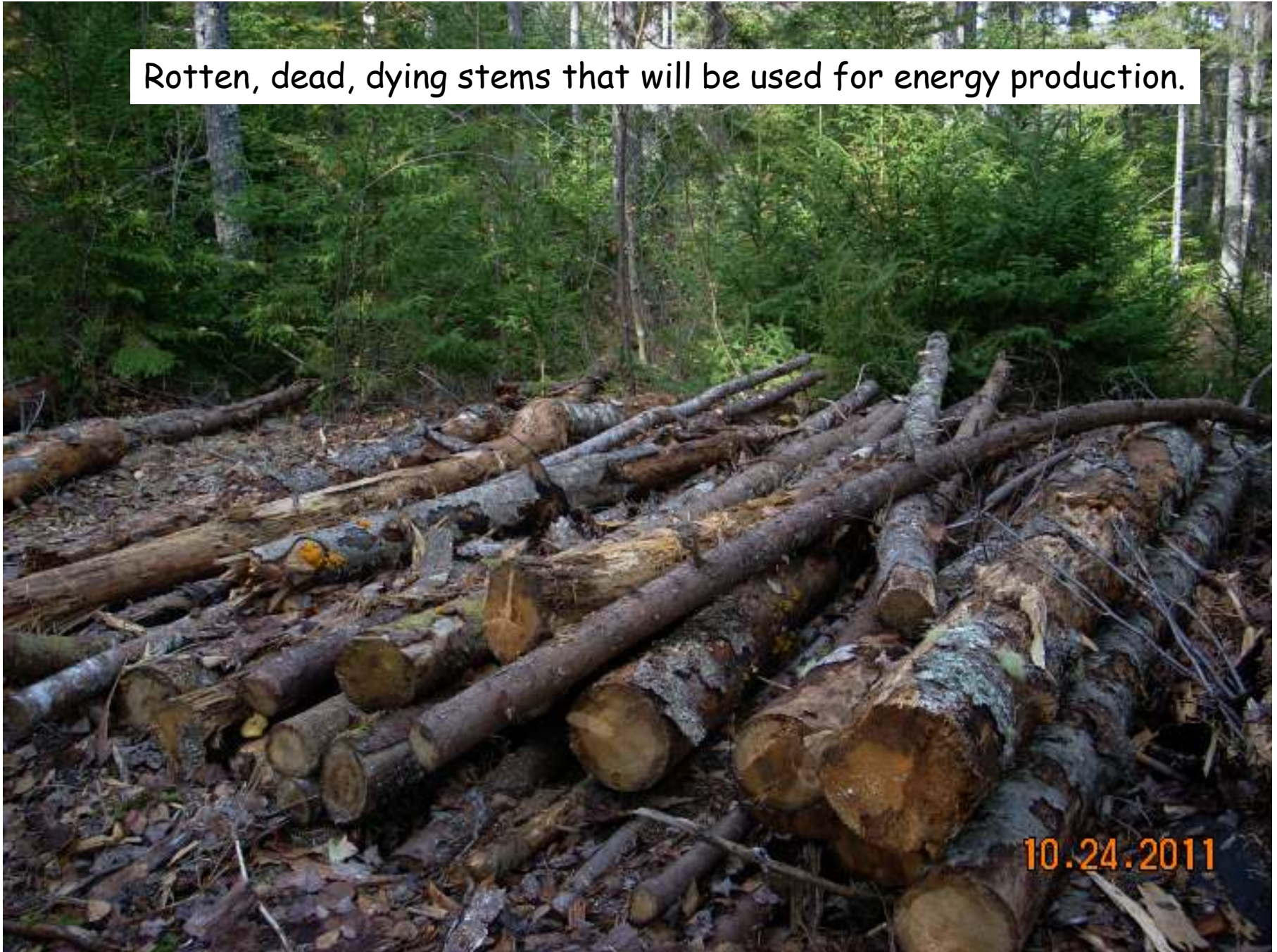
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Rotten, dead, dying stems that will be used for energy production.

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# Recommendations from Rick Smith

- Become informed about fire hazard and biodiversity.
- Management can make you feel like you have more acreage that is useable.
- Bring in appropriate professionals to assist you in implementing your projects. (DEP, MFS, ANP, UMaine Cooperative Ext., Woodland Restorations Inc., foresters)

**Questions or Comments?**