

Suzanne & Walter Plaut Woodlands, Trescott TWP

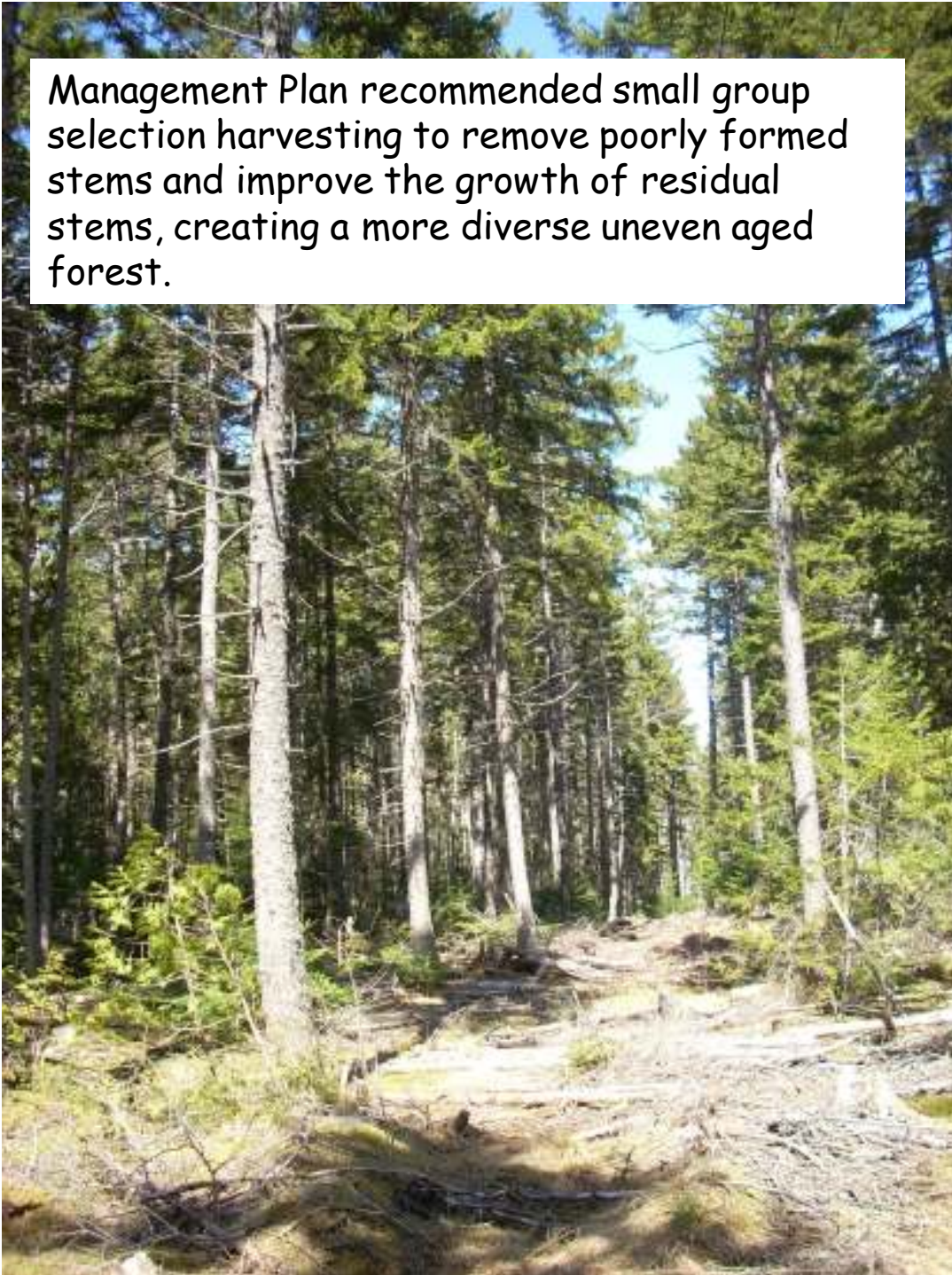


175 forested acres (50 acres fields)



- Landowners: Suzanne & Walter Plaut
- Purchased 125 ac 1971, purchased adjacent 100 ac 1980's
- Like privacy & buffer, enjoy walking in woods and aesthetic beauty, woodland is money in the bank. Allowing neighbors to hunt on property improves relationships
- Resource: all wood from buildings was harvested from woodlot, 25 to 30 wreaths produced each year, firewood, fence posts
- 1985, 1993, 2002 had Forest Management Plan prepared for Tree Growth purposes. Objectives: production of commercial forest products, wildlife, recreation.

Management Plan recommended small group selection harvesting to remove poorly formed stems and improve the growth of residual stems, creating a more diverse uneven aged forest.



Management Activity

- 1979 personally cut wood for house with horses
- 1987 personally cut wood for shop
- Landowner realized there was more work then he was capable of
- Since 1987 Tide Mill Enterprises has implemented 3 commercial harvests.
- 1st harvest removed fir and poorly formed stems for pulpwood
- 2nd harvest thinned and removed some sawlogs
- 3rd harvest was a biomass harvest along the shore to improve health of the stand
- Light continual harvesting has created an uneven aged forest



Cut to Length
System Used















"How can anyone not think this is great? The forest is healthier, more beautiful, and it is generating income" - Walter Plaut









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Future Plans

- 5 yrs continue light small group selection commercial harvesting
- Tipping for balsam fir wreath brush
- TSI regeneration (if time?)



Recommendations from Walter Plaut

- "It pays both financially and aesthetically to manage a woodlot long term"
- "Like a garden think about what you want to grow on your woodlot and what you want to harvest (weed), to improve the growth of residuals"
- Research what should be in a contract with a logger (hard to know the first time)
- Shop around for a forester and a logger
- Know where your boundaries are and keep them clearly marked
- "Keep Maine's forests working", everyone wins when managed properly

Questions or Comments?