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Greetings,

This letter is to notify you of an upcoming hazard tree removal project along Sugar Brook Road in Plainfield. The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), Division of Forestry will be overseeing the removal of 86-trees which immediately pose a hazard to the public using Sugar Brook Road to access DEEP Property. Sugar Brook Road is a discontinued Town road which provides DEEP critical access to Sugar Brook Field Trial Area and Quinebaug Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The hazard tree removal is being implemented over roughly ½-mile of gravel road to facilitate safety. Portions of the road may be temporarily closed while nearby trees are being removed. The residual roadside will be free of identified hazards with the residual tops lopped to 2-feet to minimize aesthetic impacts.

The project will be implemented by a State-certified logger, and most likely occur in the late summer / fall of 2020. In all, the project may take up to one-week to complete. The work areas are routinely inspected by a DEEP-employed certified Forester to ensure adequate work performance, favorable operating conditions, and compliance with the approved contract.

A pre-harvest site walk is being offered to Town officials, local stakeholder groups, and abutting landowners. Please see the attached flyer. Note that the event requires 48-hour RSVP notification to attend. Please feel free to direct any additional comments or questions about this project to me.

Sincerely,

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You Are Invited!

Please join representatives from the CT DEEP Division of Forestry for a guided walk through an upcoming hazard tree mitigation project on Sugar Brook Road in Plainfield. Natural resource managers from DEEP will lead RSVP’d attendees on a short tour through a portion of an upcoming hazard tree removal project to be implemented by DEEP Forestry & Wildlife Divisions. The tree removal will facilitate public safety along Sugar Brook Road, the main access point for the Sugar Brook Field Trials Area, and Quinebaug Wildlife Management Area.

When: Thursday – September 17, 2020
Time: 3 PM
Where: Sugar Brook Road – Plainfield
Meet: At the [DEEP Parking Area](#) at the end of Sugar Brook Rd. Plainfield, CT
RSVP (Required 48-hours prior): Daniel.Evans@ct.gov