

## HOOKER LOT

The Hooker Lot is in the Town of Allen. There are 60 acres in the Lot. It was purchased in 1951. The access to the Lot is through the Travis Lot at a point. The northeast corner of the Hooker Lot is also one of the corners of the Travis Lot.

**STAND #1:** Hardwoods – Sawtimber and Poles – 33 acres

	<b>Major Species</b>	<b>Minor Species</b>
Sawtimber & Poles	sugar maple	white ash basswood red oak black cherry
Seedling – Sapling	white ash sugar maple red maple	bitternut hickory red oak cucumber black cherry

Stand #1 is a good quality stand of sawtimber and poles with sugar maple being the predominate species. The stand has had 2 timber harvests. One was in 1991 and the other was the winter of 2005-2006. There was also a timber trespass along the northern boundary of the stand, which is also the northern boundary of the Lot. A narrow triangular strip on the lot was heavily cut when the adjoining property was logged. The trespass was intentional. The boundary line is getting hard to find and should be remarked soon.

There is enough sunlight reaching the forest floor so there is a good crop of seedling – saplings in the understory. There are also some pockets of ferns in the understory. The ferns produce a chemical that is toxic to tree seedlings. These fern pockets should be eliminated. They can be treated with a chemical called Oust. The stand should be ready for another harvest cut in the 2022 – 2032 time period.

**STAND #2:** Hardwoods – Small Sawtimber and Poles – 16 acres

	<b>Major Species</b>	<b>Minor Species</b>
Small Sawtimber & Poles	sugar maple	white ash red maple beech basswood

Stand #2 is a high quality stand of hardwood sawtimber and poles with a high percentage of sugar maple. This stand has not been logged. There are seedlings and saplings of sugar maple, white ash, beech and ironwood in the understory.

The stand is overstocked and needs thinning. There is enough white ash in the stand so the emerald ash borer will do some of the thinning. A commercial thinning can be done the next time there is a timber sale on the Lot. This will probably be in the 2022 – 2032 time period.

**STAND #3:** Hardwood – Small Poles and Large Saplings – 6 acres

	<b>Major Species</b>	<b>Minor Species</b>
Small Pole & Large Saplings	white ash sugar maple	bitternut hickory red maple

Stand #3 was heavily logged in the past. It has come back to small poles and saplings. There is some timber sized basswood, bitternut hickory, and white ash in the stand, that were too small to harvest when the stand was last cut. There is enough white ash in the stand so it will be thinned quite a bit when the emerald ash borer gets here. The stand should be checked to see if additional thinning is needed after the borer runs its course.

**STAND #4:** Hardwoods – Poles and Sawtimber – 3 acres

	<b>Major Species</b>	<b>Minor Species</b>
Large Sawtimber	white ash basswood bitternut hickory	
Small Sawtimber	basswood red maple sugar maple	
Poles	sugar maple white ash red maple shagbark hickory black cherry red oak	

Stand #4 is a hardwood stand of poles with scattered large and small sawtimber. There is a narrow band of large and small sawtimber red oaks along the eastern boundary, near the southeast corner. These may or may not belong to the County. There seems to be 2 versions of the boundary line. There are double hickory trees on an old fence line that are marked with 3 yellow strips, indicating a corner. However, there is a pipe with rocks around it, about a chain to the west of there, and a short distance away from the old fence. This needs to be checked to see exactly where the real line is.

This stand will be ready for a harvest cut the next time Stand #1 has a timber sale. This should be in the 2022 – 2032 time period.

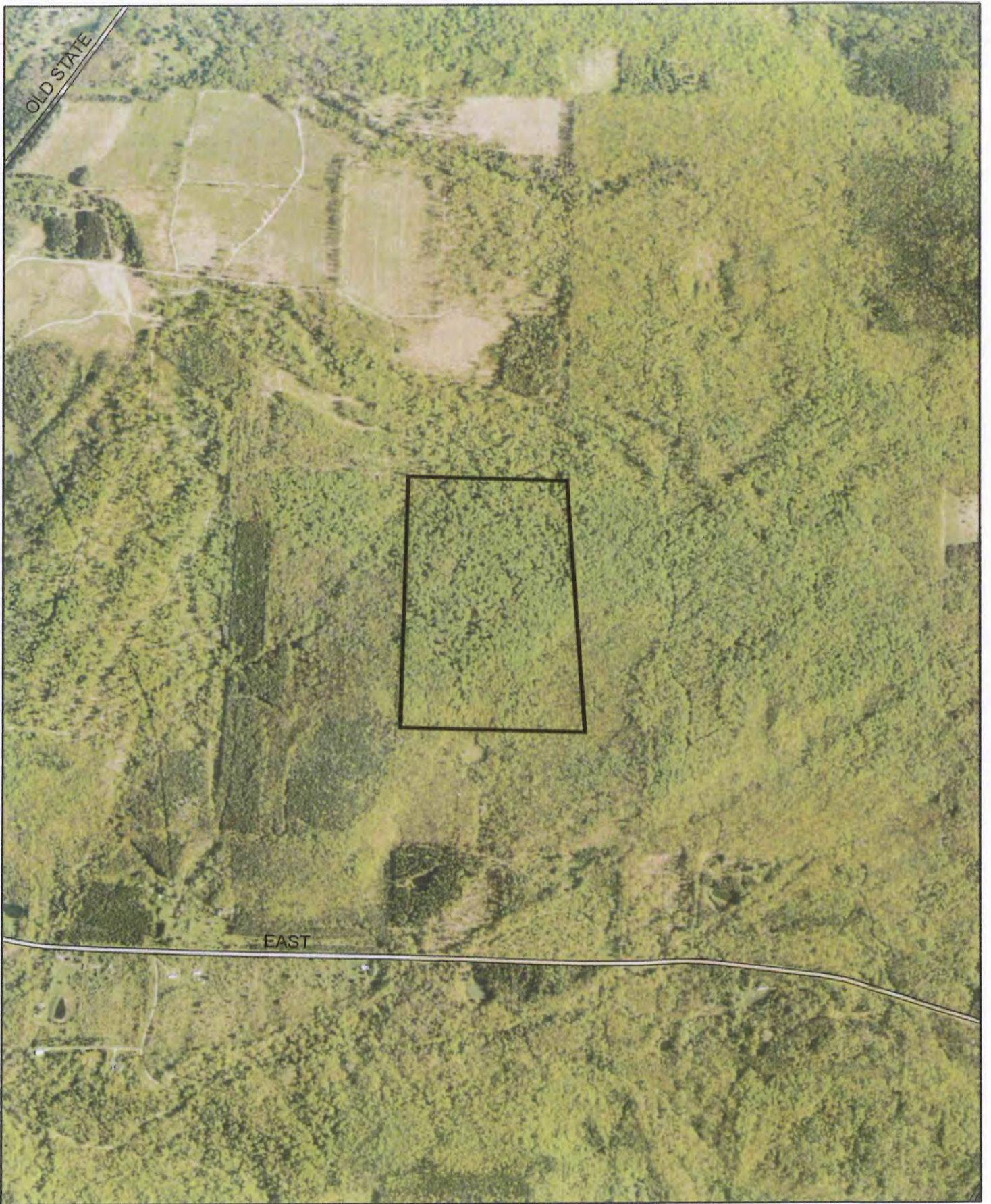
**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Eliminate the patches of ferns in Stand #1.
2. Mark the north and east boundary lines. Determine the exact location of the east boundary line.
3. Stands #1, 2 and 4 should be ready for a timber harvest in the 2022 – 2032 time period.

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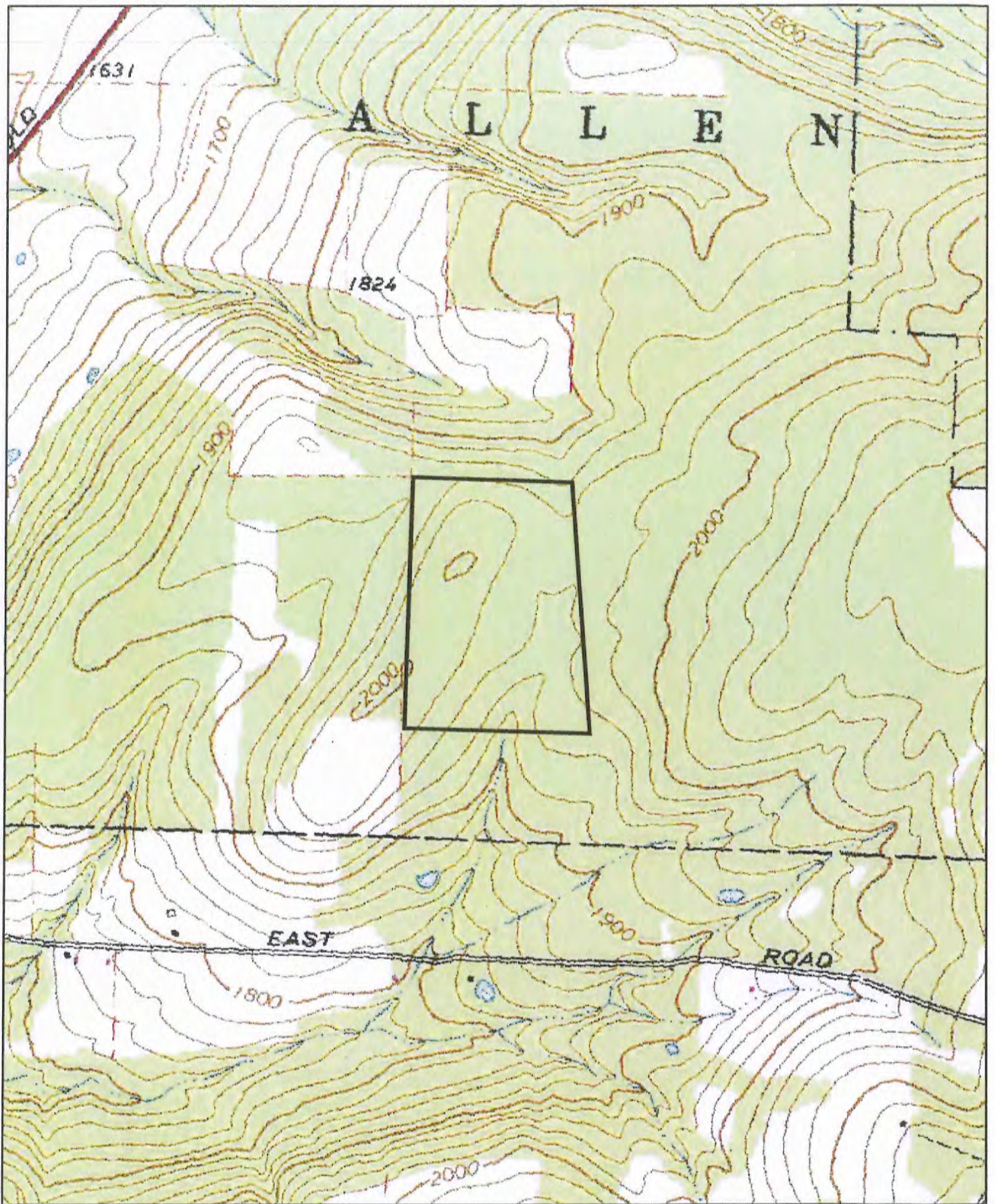
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