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### **Thetford Town Forest timber harvesting update and trucking information:**

The Town Forest timber harvest is tentatively scheduled to resume during the third week in January. The harvesting and related trucking are expected to last between 4 to 6 weeks, and activity will typically occur 6 days/week, Monday through Saturday. This operation will be of greater intensity than last year's operation at the Town Forest, and those operations at the Hughes Forest during the winter of 2014-15.

This harvesting operation will result in a substantial increase in trucking activity largely on Five Corners Road from the Town Forest to Route 113. Note that other harvesting operations of private property in the Five Corners region of Town are already occurring and are contributing truck traffic largely to Five Corners, and Robinson Hill Roads and possibly to Quinibeck Road as well. Truck traffic from the Town Forest operation is expected to generate **8-10 loads/DAY** for the duration of the work.

Portions of Five Corners, Robinson Hill and Quinibeck Roads are all winding, steep and narrow in places. The highway crew has kept these roads well sanded this winter. Please be aware that log trucks, both empty and loaded do not have the traction, maneuverability or braking capacity of passenger vehicles. These trucks will not be able to “stop on a dime” or to make quick maneuvers. The drivers are professional and proficient, and they are experienced in negotiating all manner of roads and road conditions. However, they cannot be expected to compensate for inattentive drivers, especially in winter conditions. Please **SLOW** down; exercise caution and pay close attention at all times when driving on these roads during that time when harvesting and trucking operations are in progress.

Thank you for your understanding and courtesy.

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