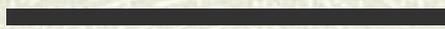
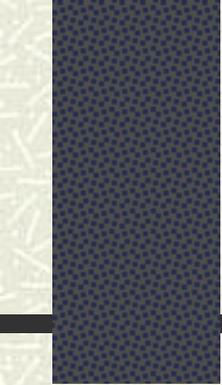




**Traditional Green  
Certification Reports Have  
Had A Very Difficult Time  
Addressing This Concept**





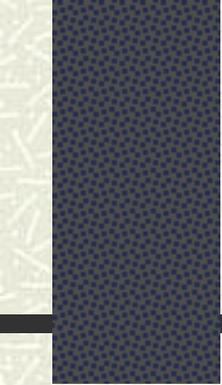
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**There Has Been A Lot Of  
Discussion About**

**“Area Control” Versus “Volume Control”**

**How Do You Calculate  
Allowable Harvest?**

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**On Vermont State Lands,  
We Do Not And Probably  
Cannot Harvest Our Growth  
From Managed Forest  
Lands**

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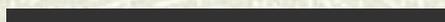
**As A Reality Check To See  
How Close We Come,**

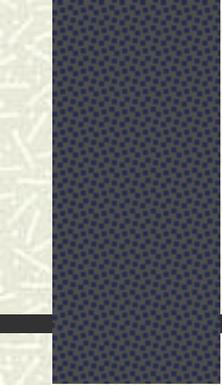
**We Examined A Highly-Managed  
Northern Hardwood Stand That Has  
Been In State Ownership For 50 Years**





**We Were Startled To Find That In  
Spite Of Intensive Management, We  
Have Only Been Able To Harvest  
39% Of The Stands Projected Growth**





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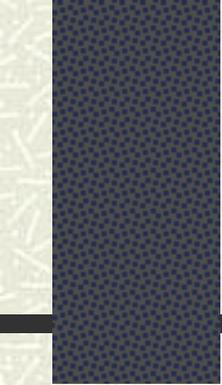
**There Are Probably A Dozen  
Reasonable Explanations For  
This And We Are Currently  
Working With Bill Leak To Try  
To Understand The Numbers  
Better**

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**The Point Is, However,  
We Don't Dare Put A Projected  
Harvest Number In Front Of  
The Public That We Cannot  
Reasonably Meet**

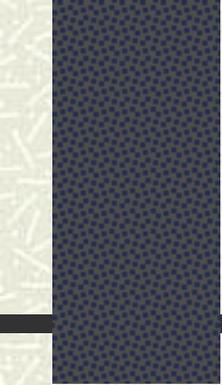




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**I Don't Believe Our Citizens  
Are Ready To Step Up To  
The Plate And Greatly  
Increase Our Staff And  
Resources To Be Able To  
Implement FSC Type  
Standards**

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**They Would, However, Support  
Our Adopting Standards That  
Are More Traditional And  
Understandable In The Context  
Of The Forest Resource As  
They Perceive It**

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# **Many Administrators See Signing A Traditional Green Certification Agreement**

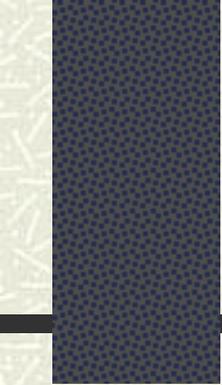
**As Turning Over All Future Decisions  
About How We will Deploy Our Staff And  
Resources To The Certifier – We No  
Longer Drive The Bus**

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**The Political Reality In  
Vermont Is That Future  
Forestry Commissioners  
Are Not Going To Feel Any  
Obligation To Meet The  
Standards Set Forth In An  
Agreement Signed Today**

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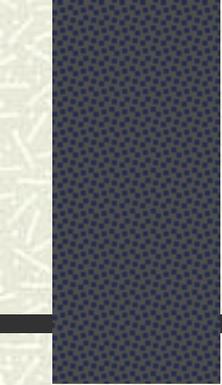


**The Question For Us Then Becomes,**

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**“ Is There Another Way To  
Demonstrate Sustainability”  
As An Alternate To Tradition,  
“Green Certification”?**

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**What We Propose, Is That NFRPA  
Take On The Challenge Of  
Establishing Basic Standards Of  
Sustainability That The Public  
Can Understand And That States  
Like Vermont Can Afford**

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# What Is Needed Are Common Standards For:

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- # **Inventory**
  - # **Mapping**
  - # **Determining “Manageable” Lands**
  - # **Determining Growth**
  - # **Determining Allowable Cut**
  - # **Monitoring And Documenting Activities**
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# These Standards Need To:

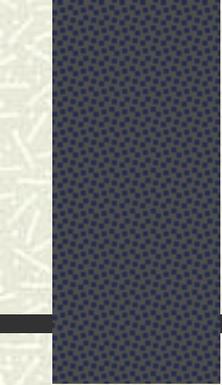
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- # **Take Into Account Staffing And Resource Capabilities**
  - # **Show A Connection To Criteria And Indicators**
  - # **Include Input From All The Northeastern Region State's Public Land Managers**
  - # **Take Into Account How States Are Currently Collecting Data And Writing Management Plans**
  - # **Be In Step With What The Average Public Thinks Of As Sustainable Forest Management**
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# A First Step In This Process Could Be To:

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- # **Closely Examine Current Certification Reports;**
  - # **Identify What Is Critical; and**
  - # **What Is Not**
  - # **Get Feedback From The Public On What They Are Prepared To Support (Not Special Interest Groups – But The Real Public)**
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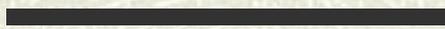
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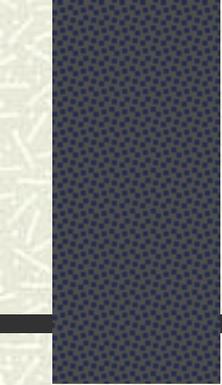
**This Process Would Also  
Have The Long-Term  
Benefit Of Providing A  
Framework For Collecting  
And Generating Comparable  
State Data**

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**One Of The Tools Currently Available Which Looks Quite Attractive To Us Is The Evolving Package of NED Products**





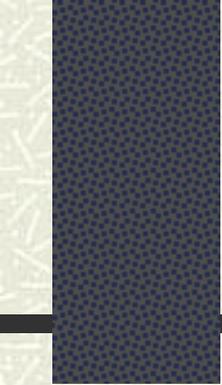
**NED Could Easily Be Adapted To  
Be The Framework For  
Inventorying And Monitoring  
Basic Standards Of Sustainability  
For All The Northeastern States,  
But That's The Subject Of Another  
Discussion**

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**At This Time, Going Down The Traditional “Green Certification” Road Does Not Look Very Attractive To Us, Primarily Because The Proposed Standards Do Not Have Widespread Support In Vermont – And Because Many Of The Forestry Division Does Not Have The Resources To Implement Them**

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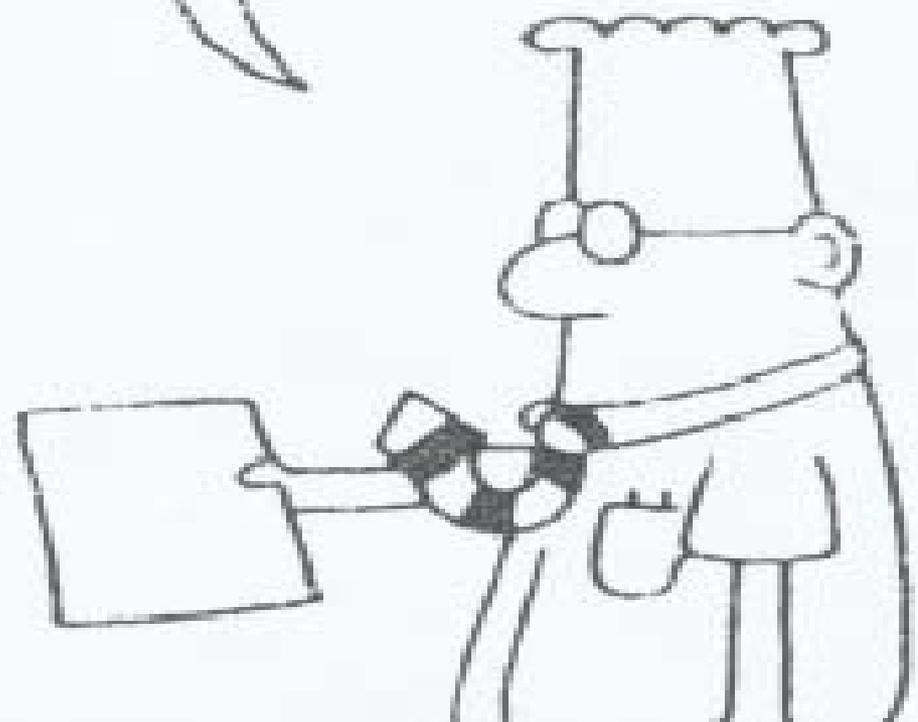


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**Having Alternative “NFRPA Standards For Measuring Sustainability On State Forest Lands” Would Provide States Like Vermont With Some Breathing Room And Enable Us To Demonstrate Our Commitment To “Sustainability” With The Resources Available**

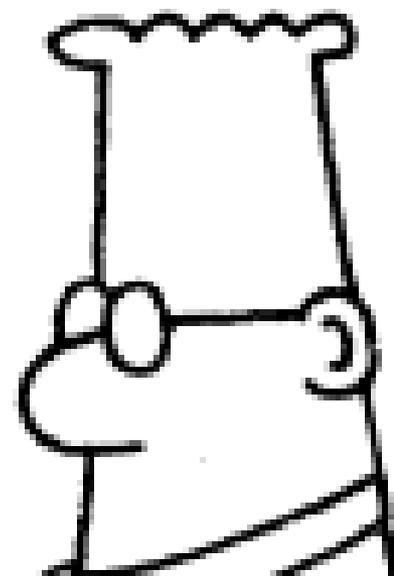
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MINIMUM BUDGET  
I NEED FOR MY  
PROJECT.



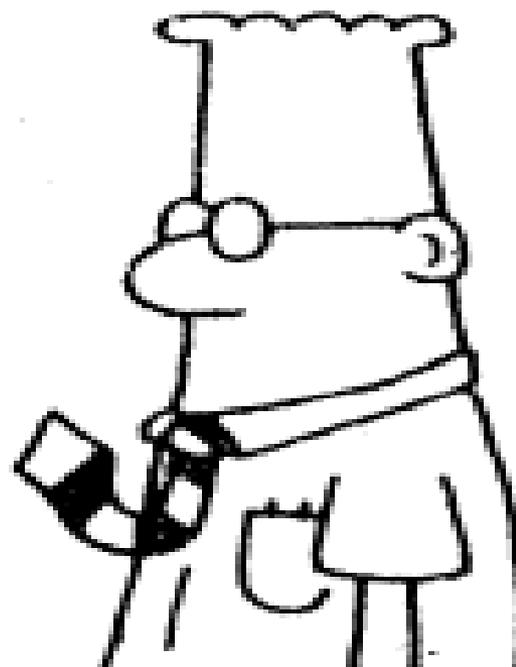
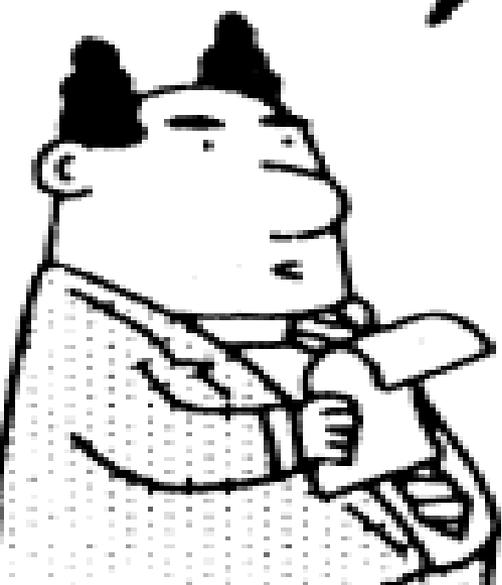
WHAT  
COULD YOU  
DO WITH  
HALF THIS  
AMOUNT?

FAIL.



WHEN  
CAN  
YOU  
START?

I THINK  
I JUST  
DID.



I COULD SIT HERE  
DOING NOTHING.



OR I COULD IMPLEMENT  
A BOLD QUALIFY  
INITIATIVE WITH  
THE HELP OF MY  
TALENTED AND  
ENERGETIC CO-WORKERS.

