

# Slash Walls of the Northeast

An aerial photograph of a forested landscape in March 2022. The terrain is hilly and covered in a mix of forest types. Several distinct areas are marked with dark lines, indicating specific management zones. These include a large, irregularly shaped area in the lower-left, a smaller area in the center, and a large, roughly rectangular area in the upper-middle. The surrounding forest appears dense and dark green, contrasting with the lighter, more open areas of the marked zones. The overall scene is a detailed view of a forest management plan in progress.

Arnot Forest (March 2022).  
From bottom to top: North  
Recknagel (2019), South  
Recknagel (2019, 3x 1-acre  
patch cuts (2019), Camp Ridge  
(2019). Photo by Katie Sims.

Arnot Forest (March 2022).  
From bottom to top: Brush  
walls, for afforestation, stand 6-  
9 six slash walls, stand 6-6 eight  
slash walls. All walls 2 to 4 acres  
in size. Photo by Katie Sims.



Arnot Forest – South Recknagel Harvest (Nov 2019). Red oak seedlings after two growing seasons (Sept 2021).



Arnot Forest – South Recknagel Harvest (Nov 2019). 55 sq ft residual basal area, one growing season after harvest.



Arnot Forest – Red Pine Harvest (July 2017). Slash wall 2 months after harvest.



Arnot Forest – Red Pine  
Harvest (July 2017).  
Construction of wall with  
red pine. Laying the base  
foundation.



Arnot Forest – Gasline Harvest (March 2017).  
Construction of wall,  
removing merchantable  
bole wood from low-value  
and crown for slash wall.





Arnot Forest – Gasline Harvest (March 2017). Eastern slash wall constructed. Subsequent harvests have retained residual overstory trees near the slash wall.



Arnot Forest – Camp Ridge Harvest  
(September 2019). Interior of slash wall in  
foreground, research control area  
(unprotected) in background.





Arnot Forest – Camp Ridge Harvest (September 2019). Interior of slash wall on south slope. Residual basal area varied across this 130-acre harvest, up to approximately 50 sq. ft.



Arnot Forest – Camp Ridge Harvest (September 2019).  
Interior of slash wall on east slope, October 2019.

Rhode Island, RIFCO (April 2020).  
1.3-acre harvest with adjacent  
control. First slash wall not located  
on Arnot Forest. Marc Trembly,  
forester.



Rhode Island, RIFCO (April 2020).  
Local woodland owner tour, Jeff  
Ward instructing. 1.3-acre  
harvest with adjacent control.



New Hampshire (November 2020). 10-acre clearcut, hand felling, grapple skidder. Photos provided by Steve Roberge, UNH Cooperative Extension.



Oakham, MA (~June 2021). 13-acre mechanized harvest, plus 13-acre research control area. Forwarder used to move slash to build wall. Photo provided by Herm Eck.





Oakham, MA (~June 2021). 13-acre mechanized harvest, plus 13-acre research control area. Processor felled all stems, stacking of wall with processor and forwarder. Photo provided by Ken Canfield.



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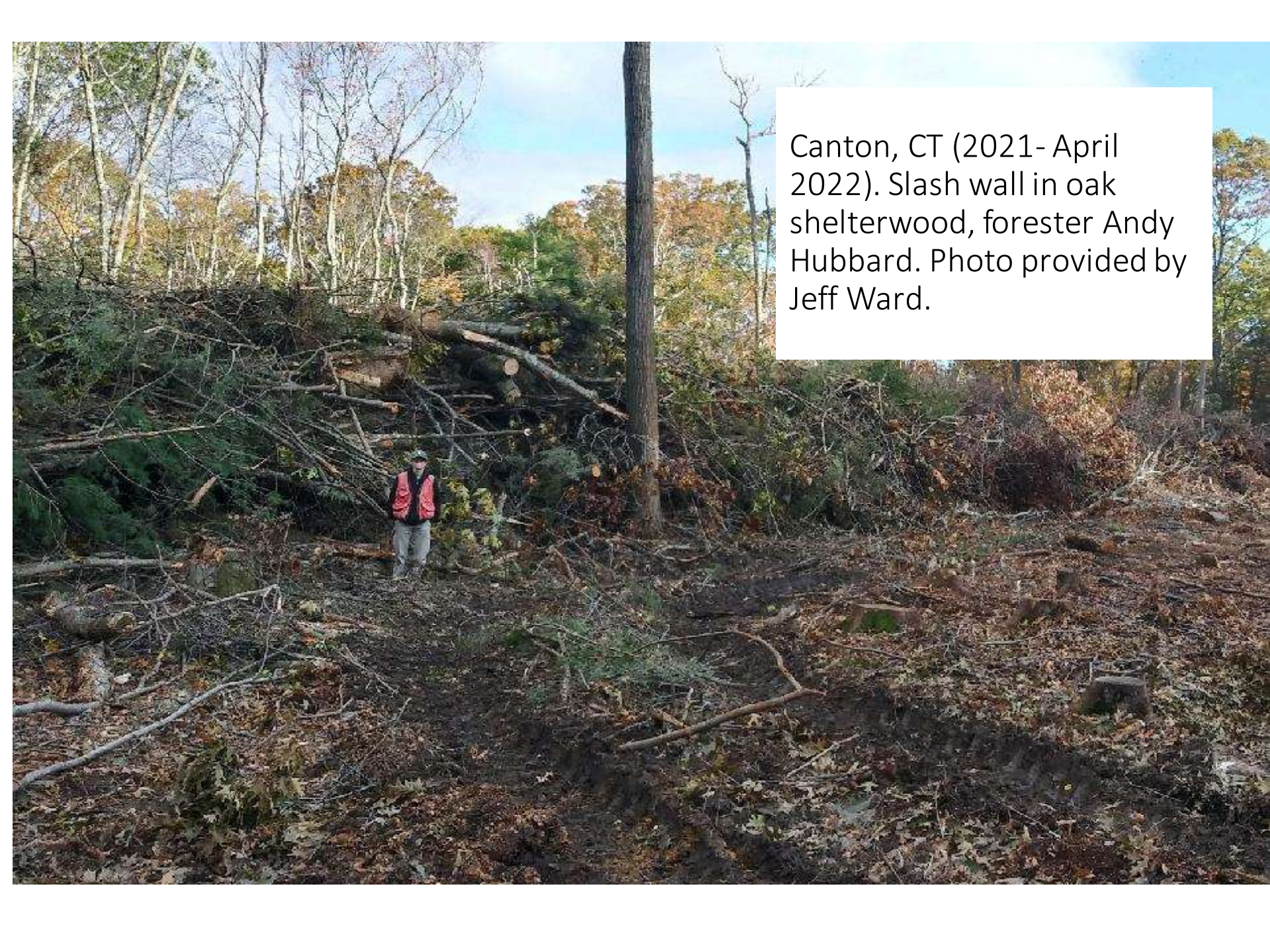
Earlville, NY (July 2021).  
Slash wall at Hoff Farm. Blue  
paint on stub at 10 ft,  
marked by Kellen Murphy for  
logger Todd Martin.



Earlville, NY (July 2021).  
Foundation of slash wall in  
position, coarse slash to be  
added for 10 feet of height.



Earlville, NY (July 2021).  
Slash wall at Hoff Farm. Todd  
Martin logger.



Canton, CT (2021- April 2022). Slash wall in oak shelterwood, forester Andy Hubbard. Photo provided by Jeff Ward.

Canton, CT (2021- April 2022). Photo provided by Andy Hubbard.





Canton, CT (Fall 2022). Photo provided by Andy Hubbard.



Wildlife opening slash wall.  
Cattaraugus County, NY. NYS DEC.  
Photo by Dan Shaffer.



Earlton, NY

Photo by Jonathan Farber



Arnot Forest, Stand 6-9  
Spring 2022





Tioga, NY (2020). Partial wall, grapple skidder, with Norway spruce.