DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION and OFFICE OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL; REPORT ON TIMBER THEFT & TRESSPASS ENFORCEMENT

AND POTENTIAL WOOD HARVEST NOTIFICATION

## TRACKING SYSTEM

On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

(Department), Attorney General and State Attorney's Office shall submit to the House

Committees on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry and on Judiciary and the Senate

Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and on Judiciary a report that shall include an update on the following:

- (1) <u>Current issues pertaining to enforcement of timber theft and trespass laws, with</u>

  recommendations for staffing and budget implications to improve such enforcement,

  <u>based upon statutory requirements;</u>
- (2)A report on the cost, schedule for implementation and required statutory changes if <u>a</u>

  harvest notification system with trip tickets, was implemented by the state for improving harvest monitoring and mill delivery monitoring to ensure consumer protection and reducing the illegal harvest of timber in the State.

The Department, Attorney General and State Attorney shall consult with the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Department of Public Safety, the Professional Logging Contractors Northeast, the Vermont Forest Products Association and other interested parties regarding the above issues.