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Diamond Notch ^{from} Spruce ten (1970A)

State land large spruce blazed (see 1974 notes)
Old fields, stone walls, a few trees far up trail.
Young & middle aged spr scat. in hdwds.
Bc-sub-yr-B-spr. Aban field scat.
all the way to Westkill Falls.

12" fir seedling
one 27" hem } not cut; at least
one 20" sug } 150-200 yrs old
Hem cones but no seedlings.
Even Ash at Falls.

1893-1909? fire prob never got to the
N side of Di. Notch

Ground cover: LL-px-va-AA indicates
cool, wet N slope, but could reflect
hem-N hdwds (not especially S-F) as in
Finger Lakes ravines.

35" sug on trail nr. 40" PB dead
off trail to W above 2nd bend at
elev ca. 2525

Lean-to area

In spruce cut to clear: Trees #64, 65, 66
in shade, slow growing }
3" = 40 yrs } 3 trees
5" = 45 yrs }
4" = 32 yrs }
late 10 yrs slower.
18" = 80 yrs () ← Not sure? Do not record.
No fire scars & fast growth for first
20 or 30 years.

In Notch on Trail = Silene cucubalus,
Rumex acetosella, Salix,
Diervilla, Poa compressa, Achillea

Looking SW from Notch:
SE Spur of W Kill Mt has spruce
spine line with hdwds, and
many dead huge spruce.
Spruce scat down into Notch on
S end, W side, but do not dominate
here, except on the N end where
there is repro clinging to edge of ledge

Nov. '69 storm, knocked down many
spruce in bottom of notch mostly to 4"

PB-yr succession on old field to
10" DBH, sug & spr beneath.
TB-AN-MO-VA-MC along
the W Kill.