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## MATERIALS & METHODS

study area	5d, 5e, 5i, 5z
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goal	Investigate the pros and cons of directing your own forest exploitation
set-up	
data collection	
remarks	

## RESULTS

Pros: less damage, better communication, fair wages for the operator, higher income for the owner

Cons: you have to vouch for the risks of internal stem deficiencies, evaluate the wood quality and arrange the stems into wood quality classes; some species (beech, pine) lose a lot of their wood quality if the cut stems don't get sold fast; large time investment

You need a relatively large area to store the cut stems and present them to potential buyers: piling up the stems is not desirable.

Skid trails were designated together with the forest operators: the feller and the tower. The skid trails (the are used by heavy machines) was 5 % of the area in which trees were felled.

Damage to remaining forest trees was estimated in monetary amounts.

Extra costs: shielding the bark of two large beech trees against sun burn with burlap, repairing the forest road network.