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A harvesting method that removes mature trees individually or in small groups. The resulting gaps in the canopy allow understory trees to develop under the protection of the remaining overstory. Among all regeneration methods selection cuttings offer seedlings the most protection against sun and wind. They also protect against the **erosion** of **soil** and maintain aesthetic value in forests. On the negative side, selection **logging** can damage the remaining trees and requires highly skilled labor and more expense. Because most of the overstory remains, selection cutting favors shade-tolerant **species** and is not appropriate when the goal is growth of light-demanding species.

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