

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources**  
**Timber Report**  
**Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-2022**  
**Public Act 87 of 2021, Section 802**

**Background**

Michigan's state forest system was originally certified under both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) third-party forest certification standards in December 2005. To date, Michigan has successfully retained certification under both standards.

The Department of Natural Resources' (Department) investment in forest certification strengthens Michigan's forest products sector. Certification is essential for primary and secondary wood producers in Michigan to have continued access to national and international markets.

**Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-2022 State Forest Timber Treatments**

State forest planning and activities, including timber treatments, are conducted within the framework of SFI and FSC forest certification principles and standards, which require both multidisciplinary Department staff and public participation. The Department utilizes the compartment review process for participation and approval of treatments. Timber treatments in a given year are based on decisions made two years prior to actual implementation of the treatments.

The fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 plan of work currently identifies approximately 53,177 acres for timber sale preparation that were prescribed for treatment and approved through the compartment review process.

Timber sale preparation is done by Department staff, and through timber marking contracts with private consultants. In the third quarter of FY 2021-22, Department staff prepared 6,008 acres of timber sales (10,814 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 115,020 cords (204,235 cords YTD), which averages 19.1 cords per acre (18.9 cords per acre YTD).

Timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 9,337 acres have been awarded through the third quarter, and these acres will be prepared for sale by the end of the fiscal year. No additional FY 2021-22 preparation-marking contracts are expected to be awarded.

State timber sales are primarily sold through a sealed bidding process; however, direct sales and oral auctions can be used as well. In the third quarter of FY 2021-22, the Department sold 16,753 acres (39,871 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 350,193 cords (830,457 cords YTD), which averages 20.9 cords per acre (20.8 cords per acre YTD).

In the third quarter of FY 2021-22, the Department received \$13,375,036 in revenue (\$39,321,293 YTD) from timber receipts.

### **Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)**

The FY 2021-22 plan of work currently identifies 8,820 acres for GNA timber sale preparation that were prescribed for treatment and approved by the U.S. Forest Service.

In the third quarter of FY 2021-22, the Department prepared 555 acres of GNA timber sales (1,227 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 12,993 cords (27,921 cords YTD), which averages 23.4 cords per acre (22.8 cords per acre YTD).

GNA timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 6,150 acres have been awarded through the third quarter. No additional FY 2021-22 GNA preparation-marking contracts are expected to be awarded this year.

In the third quarter of FY 2021-22, the Department sold 349 acres of GNA timber sales (912 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 7,901 cords (20,893 cords YTD), which averages 22.6 cords per acre (22.9 cords per acre YTD).

In the third quarter of FY 2021-22, the department received \$316,276 in revenue (\$4,113,294 YTD) from GNA timber receipts.