

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Timber Report
First Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023
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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.

First Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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) 2022-23 plan of work currently identifies approximately 54,627 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 first quarter of FY 2022-23, Department staff prepared 2,264 acres of timber sales with an estimated volume of 40,993 cords, which averages 18.1 cords per acre.

Timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 7,521 acres were awarded through the first quarter, and these acres will be prepared for sale by the end of the fiscal year. Contracts for an additional 1,548 acres are expected to be in place later in the fiscal year.

State timber sales are primarily sold through a sealed bidding process; however, direct sales and oral auctions can be used as well. In the first quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department sold 10,212 acres with an estimated volume of 230,381 cords, which averages 22.6 cords per acre.

In the first quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department received \$13,832,597 in revenue from timber receipts.

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

The FY 2022-23 plan of work currently identifies 8,298 acres for GNA timber sale preparation that were prescribed for treatment and approved by the U.S. Forest Service.

In the first quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department prepared 1,840 acres of GNA timber sales with an estimated volume of 32,112 cords, which averages 17.5 cords per acre.

GNA timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 2,444 acres were awarded in the first quarter. GNA contracts for an additional 485 acres are expected to be in place later in the fiscal year.

In the first quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department sold 1,269 acres of GNA timber sales with an estimated volume of 21,482 cords, which averages 16.9 cords per acre.

In the first quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department received \$1,854,462 in revenue from GNA timber receipts.