

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Timber Report
Second 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.

Second 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 second quarter of FY 2022-23, Department staff prepared 1,127.9 acres of timber sales (3,392.2 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 21,646.3 cords (62,639.4 cords YTD), which averages approximately 19.2 cords/acre (18.5 cords/acre YTD).

Timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 8,912.1 acres have been awarded through the second quarter, and these acres will be prepared for sale by the end of the fiscal year. Contracts for an additional 596.2 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 second quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department sold 13,252.2 acres (21,328.5 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 276,105.7 cords (463,496.8 cords YTD), which averages approximately 20.8 cords/acre (21.7 cords/acre YTD).

In the second quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department received \$13,722,859.70 in revenue (\$27,555,456.85 YTD) 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 second quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department prepared 262.1 acres of GNA timber sales (2,102.1 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 6,220.5 cords (38,332.7 cords YTD), which averages approximately 23.7 cords/acre (18.2 cords/acre YTD).

GNA timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 2,928.9 acres have been awarded through the second quarter. No additional FY 2022-23 GNA preparation-marking contracts are expected to be awarded this year.

In the second quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department sold 98.0 acres of GNA timber sales (1,269.2 acres YTD) with an estimated volume of 2,272.9 cords (21,651.1 cords YTD), which averages approximately 23.2 cords/acre (17.1 cords/acre YTD).

In the second quarter of FY 2022-23, the Department received \$1,200,991.80 in revenue (\$3,055,453.31 YTD) from GNA timber receipts.