

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Timber Report
Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-2021
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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 in order for primary and secondary wood producers in Michigan to have continued access to national and international markets.

Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-2021 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) 2020-21 plan of work currently identifies 51,278 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. Through the third quarter of FY 2020-21, the Department has prepared 10,922 acres of timber sales with an estimated volume of 243,792 cords, which averages 22.3 cords per acre.

Timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 10,338 acres have been awarded through the third quarter, and these acres will be prepared for sale by the end of the fiscal year.

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

The FY 2020-21 plan of work currently identifies 7,871 acres for GNA timber sale preparation that were prescribed for treatment and approved by the U.S. Forest Service.

Through the third quarter of FY 2020-21, Department staff has prepared 1,182 acres of GNA timber sales with an estimated volume of 20,026 cords, which averages 16.9 cords per acre.

The GNA timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 4,057 acres have been awarded through the third quarter. No additional GNA preparation-marking contracts are expected to be awarded this year.