

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Public Act 166 of 2020, Section 802 Timber Report
First Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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.

First 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 approximately 50,000 acres for timber sale preparation that were prescribed for treatment and approved through the compartment review process. Additional acres are expected to be added upon the completion of a land boundary survey and resolution of access and operability issues.

Timber sale preparation is done by Department staff, and through timber marking contracts with private consultants. Through the first quarter of FY 2020-21, Department staff has prepared 732 acres of timber sales with an estimated volume of 14,434 cords, which averages 19.7 cords per acre.

Timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 7,879 acres have been awarded through the first quarter, and these acres will be prepared for sale by the end of the fiscal year. Contracts for an additional 2,233 acres are expected to be in place later in the fiscal year.

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

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

There has been no GNA acreage prepared through the first quarter of FY 2020-21.

GNA timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 981 acres have been awarded through the first quarter. GNA contracts for an additional 3,076 acres are expected to be in place later in the fiscal year.