

## Commercial Timber Sale Planning Process

April 2022

Phase 1 Scoping and Pre-field work	Phase 2 Fieldwork	Phase 3 Post-field work	Phase 4 Timber Disposal (Sale)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed sale area published in Five Year Schedule of Timber sales (FYSTS)</li> <li>• Agency and public review of FYSTS</li> <li>• FYSTS adopted</li> <li>• Determine feasibility                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Land classification</li> <li>- Consistency with land use plans</li> <li>- Aerial photo layout/Field recon of timber and access</li> <li>- Scope constraints</li> <li>- Confirm ownership as necessary through a title report</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>TIME: This process is ongoing and typically takes several months per sale.</b> The FYSTS is programmatically done every other year. Sales are required to be in at least one FYSTS by policy and in most cases by statute.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road layout</li> <li>• Harvest unit layout</li> <li>• Timber cruise</li> <li>• Data analysis (road design, unit maps, cruise report)</li> </ul> <p><b>TIME: Several days to months,</b> depending on size and location of sales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and issue Preliminary Decision (PD) for Best Interest Finding (BIF)</li> <li>• Agency and public review of PD</li> <li>• Prepare and issue final BIF</li> <li>• Appeal period for BIF decision</li> <li>• Prepare and issue draft Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP)</li> <li>• Agency and public review of draft FLUP</li> <li>• Adopt FLUP</li> <li>• Appeal period for FLUP adoption</li> </ul> <p>Note: BIF and FLUP may be done concurrently.</p> <p><b>TIME: 6 months (may be longer for very large and/or controversial sales)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare contract</li> <li>• Prepare prospectus</li> <li>• Prepare notice of timber sale</li> <li>• Issue notice of timber sale</li> <li>• Conduct sale</li> <li>• Appeal period for timber sale disposal intent (actual act of sale and determination of award to a specific purchaser)</li> <li>• Award contract</li> <li>• Execute contract</li> </ul> <p><b>TIME: 3 months</b></p>