

Wisconsin Council on Forestry

U.S. Forest Service Report

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General Status – Pandemic Response

Office buildings remain closed to public use but continue to provide public service virtually. Current guidance on agency “*return to work*” suggests that phasing into full office occupation will be happening no sooner than around March 2022 timeframe.

Most non-field going employees on CNNF remain in telework status. Normal field operations continue with appropriate mitigation measures.

Timber Program FY22

Planned Accomplishments

FS Sold Volume – 105 MMBF

Green – 80 MMBF

Salvage – 25 MMBF

GNA Sold Volume – 45 MMBF

Green – 40 MMBF

Salvage – 5 MMBF

Total CNNF Volume – 150 MMBF

Accomplishments to Date

- Timber Volume Sold

On pace at the end of the first quarter of the federal fiscal year.

FY22 Accomplishments as of 1/6/2022:

- 26.3 MMBF sold by Forest Service
- 23.5 MMBF sold through GNA State of WI
- 7.8 MMBF currently advertised FS

Planned Remaining 2019 Blowdown Event Offering

- Approximately 20 MMBF (All planned to be offered by end of FY22)
 - 5.8 MMBF moderate damage
 - 14.2 MMBF light to moderate damage with some undamaged timber included
- Timber Volume Under Contract
410,789.75 MBF with an uncut value of \$16,932,449.65.
202 open federal timber sale contracts with an additional 12 open GNA sales.
- Timber Cleared through Environmental Analysis
Gate 2 Volume estimate as of October 1, 2021 – ‘582 MMBF’

Medford – Park Falls	71
Great Divide	121
Washburn	121
Eagle River - Florence	65
Lakewood – Laona	204

Forest Health

The programmatic Environmental Assessment on Oak Wilt Management on the CNNF moved through the required pre-decisional 45-day objection period until December 10th. No objections were made, and the final Environmental Assessment was issued with the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact on December 20, 2021.

A final 2021 Forest Health Report from surveys conducted by State & Private Forestry was received. Key findings:

- Expansion of oak wilt (addressed last fall)
- Scattered pockets of spruce budworm (being addressed with current Environmental Analysis)
- No evidence of emerald ash borer