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**Report to the State Executive Council
 Status of the State Timber Sales and Timber Management Programs
 for Fiscal Year 2008**

This report to the State Executive Council details the status of the state timber sales and timber management programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry at the close of Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007–June 30, 2008). It is required annually by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 90.172, subd. 2.

Timber Sales

Type of Sale	Number of Sales Issued	Volume Sold (cords)	Volume Harvested (cords)	Actual Receipts
Informal	138	22,200	24,700	\$385,200
Intermediate Auction	658	524,300	332,600	\$8,980,500
Regular Auction	386	597,000	457,400	\$15,768,700
Sale Totals	1,182	1,143,500	814,700	\$25,134,400
			Trespass	\$100,000
			Fuelwood	\$31,700
			Special Products	\$47,300
			Total Receipts	\$25,313,400
		Volume Offered (cords)	1,214,000	

Timber sales include the sale of firewood and special products such as boughs and decorative treetops, as well as sales of traditional sawlog and pulpwood products. Ninety-eight percent of the volume of timber sold was sold at public auction to allow equitable access to the sale process by all segments of the state’s society. For Fiscal Year 2008, the volume of wood sold from state-administered lands was up 46 percent from the prior year due to the resale of forfeited permits. Because of the downturn in timber markets, the 2007 Legislature authorized a timber sale relief payment. Loggers who forfeited high-priced stumpage (greater than \$40/cord) received a timber sale relief payment. As of June 30, 2008, state timber sale holders had 2.2 million cords of wood under permit but not harvested. This represents an amount equivalent to well over two years of planned sale quantities from state forest lands. Volume actually cut (harvested) from valid permits on state lands increased in 2008. This was probably due to lower stumpage prices, which affected the volume of timber sold and harvested from private lands.

Timber Management

Timber management is comprised of activities applied after timber harvest to regenerate harvested stands, as well as activities applied throughout the life of a stand to improve stand composition, structure, and health, and to increase timber productivity. Timber management is important to ensure a healthy, diverse forest resource and a reliable supply of raw materials for the wood products industry. Timber management activities applied in Fiscal Year 2008 are summarized in the tables.

Activity	Acres
Artificial Regeneration— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting • Seeding Total	7,211 acres <u>7,047 acres</u> 14,258 Acres
Natural Regeneration	21,936 acres
Total Artificial and Natural Regeneration	36,194 acres

Activity	Acres
Site Preparation	5,234 acres
Protection †	8,604 acres
Release	3,585 acres

† Includes budcapping, application of solution repellents, gopher control, pruning for white pine blister rust prevention, and treatment for oak wilt.

Artificial regeneration acres—both planting and seeding—were well above historical averages due primarily to replanting seedlings damaged by animals, especially deer, and having to replant many acres in northern Minnesota affected by an unusually dry spring and summer in 2007.

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