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**Report to the State Executive Council  
 Status of the State Timber Sales and Timber Management Programs  
 for Fiscal Year 2009**

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 2009 (July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009). 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	159	24,902	29,076	\$322,300
Intermediate Auction	514	393,595	293,802	\$7,034,900
Regular Auction	267	538,123	421,160	\$12,138,400
<b>Sale Totals</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>956,620</b>	<b>744,038</b>	<b>\$19,495,600</b>
			Trespass	\$22,800
			Fuelwood	\$40,900
			Special Products	\$40,300
			<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$19,599,600</b>
		<b>Volume Offered (cords)</b>	<b>1,194,300</b>	

Timber sales primarily include the sale of pulpwood and sawtimber products. They also include firewood and special products such as boughs and decorative treetops. Ninety-seven percent of the volume of timber sold in Fiscal Year 2009 was sold at public auction to allow equitable access to the purchase of state land timber by all segments of the state's society. Approximately 92 percent of the timber sales was sold on a scaled volume basis and 8 percent was sold based on the appraised volume. As of June 30, 2009, state timber permit holders had 2.3 million cords of wood under permit but not harvested. Last year, 2008, it was 2.2 million cords. Total Timber Sale Receipts decreased from \$25.3 million in Fiscal Year 2008 to \$19.6 million in Fiscal Year 2009. This was primarily due to a decrease in the price per unit paid for state timber and a decrease in the volume of timber sold and harvested from state lands as compared to Fiscal Year 2008.

## 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 2009 are summarized in the tables.

Activity	Acres
Artificial Regeneration— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planting</li> <li>• Seeding</li> </ul> Total	5,070 acres <u>6,149 acres</u> 11,219 acres
Natural Regeneration	17,773 acres
<b>Total Artificial and Natural Regeneration</b>	28,992 acres

Activity	Acres
Site Preparation	4,227 acres
Protection †	9,244 acres
Release	1,998 acres

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

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Description of Cost	Further explanation if necessary	Amount
Staff Time	6 hours by three people	\$262.48
Duplication Cost (includes paper)	\$0.10 x 25 pages	\$2.50
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<b>TOTAL TO PREPARE REPORT</b> <i>(Note: Right click on amount cell and choose update to complete)</i>		\$264.98