**Commercial Timber Sale Planning Process April 2022**

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| **Phase 1**  **Scoping and Pre-field work** | **Phase 2**  **Fieldwork** | **Phase 3**  **Post-field work** | **Phase 4**  **Timber Disposal (Sale)** |
| * Proposed sale area published in Five Year Schedule of Timber sales (FYSTS) * Agency and public review of FYSTS * FYSTS adopted * Determine feasibility   + Land classification   + Consistency with land use plans   + Aerial photo layout/Field recon of timber and access   + Scope constraints   + Confirm ownership as necessary through a title report     **TIME: This process is ongoing and typically takes several months per sale.** 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. | * Road layout * Harvest unit layout * Timber cruise * Data analysis (road design, unit maps, cruise report)   **TIME: Several days to months,** depending on size and location of sales | * Prepare and issue Preliminary Decision (PD) for Best Interest Finding (BIF) * Agency and public review of PD * Prepare and issue final BIF * Appeal period for BIF decision * Prepare and issue draft Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) * Agency and public review of draft FLUP * Adopt FLUP * Appeal period for FLUP adoption   Note: BIF and FLUP may be done concurrently.  **TIME: 6 months (may be longer for very large and/or controversial sales)** | * Prepare contract * Prepare prospectus * Prepare notice of timber sale * Issue notice of timber sale * Conduct sale * Appeal period for timber sale disposal intent (actual act of sale and determination of award to a specific purchaser) * Award contract * Execute contract   **TIME: 3 months** |