**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** |