

Cooperative Activities and Opportunities on the National Forest Lands

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Overview

1. Chequamegon-Nicolet and Ottawa NF's Timber Programs (FY 16 & FY 17)
 1. FY: October 1 – September 31
2. 2014 Farm Bill
 1. Stewardship Contracting and Agreements Authority
 2. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

FY16 & 17 Timber Program

**Planned Timber Sold Target: 87
MMBF/140,940 CCF**

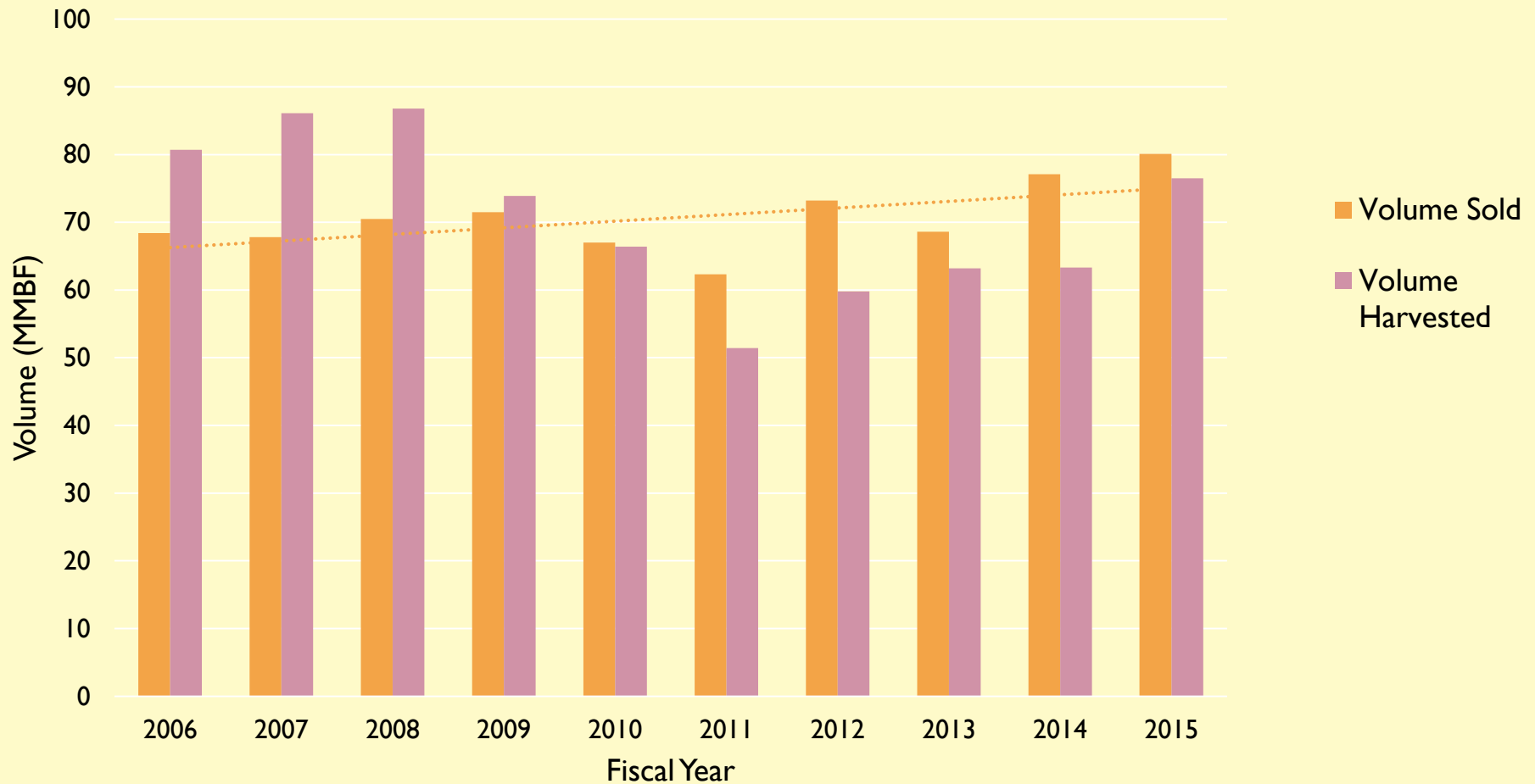
- 29 Timber Sale Contracts Planned
 - 22 Conventional Timber Sales (2400-6T)
 - 7 Integrated Resource Timber Contracts (IRTC's) (2400-13T)
 - 2 Stewardship Agreements (The Nature Conservancy & Sustainable Resources Institute Inc.)
- GNA- 25 MMBF will be treated.

**Planned Timber Sold Target: 85
MMBF/137,700 CCF**

- 37 Timber Sale Contracts Planned
 - 27 Conventional Timber Sales (2400-6T)
 - 10 Integrated Resource Timber Contracts (IRTC's) (2400-13T)
- GNA - 25 MMBF will be treated.

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Timber Program

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest 10-Year Volume Sold Vs. Harvested



Ottawa National Forest

FY16 & 17 Timber Program

Planned Timber Sold Target: 67.2 MMBF/108,871 CCF

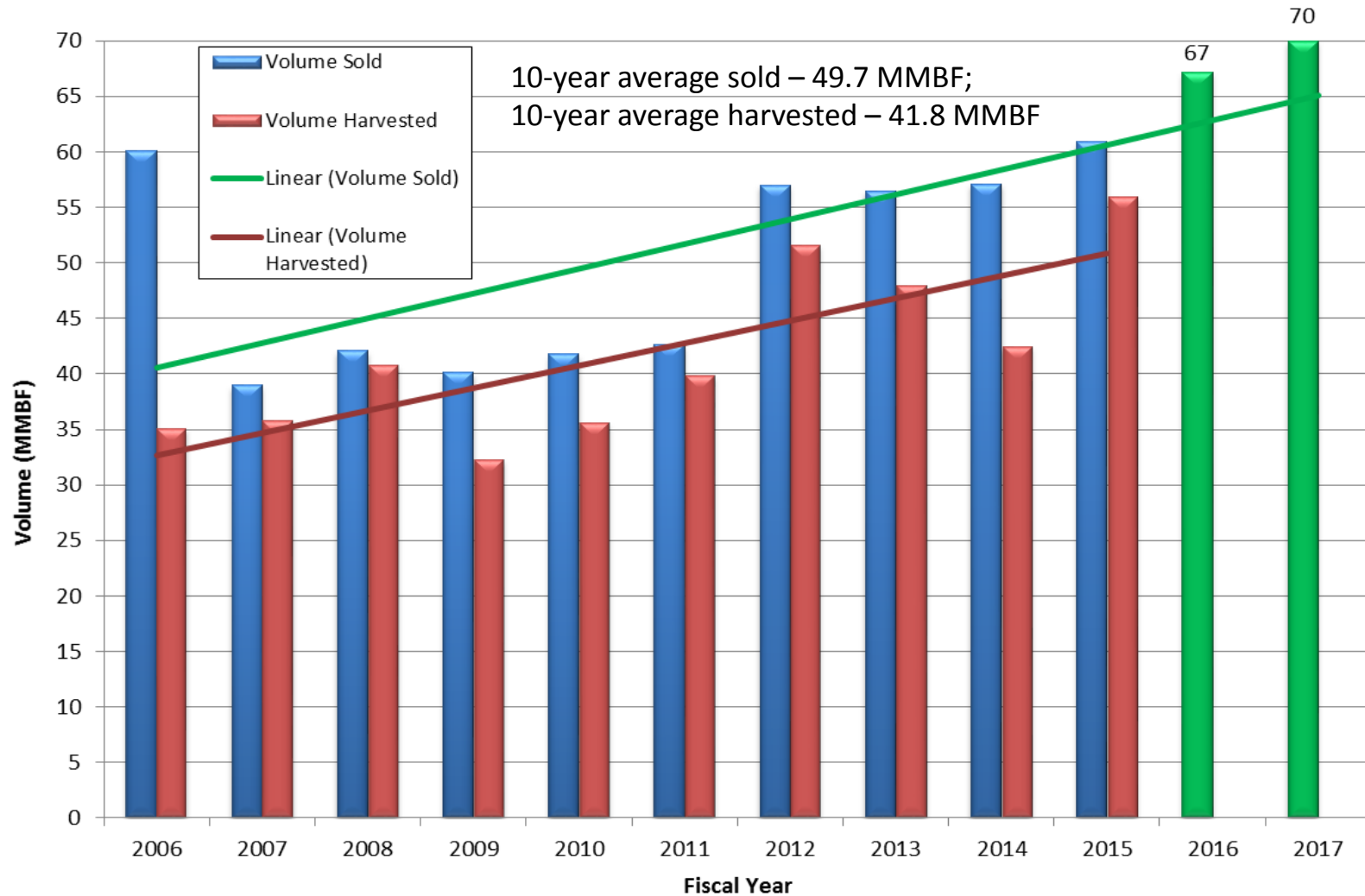
- 25 Timber Sale Contracts Planned ~ 6,700 acres
 - 18 Conventional Green Sales (2400-6T)
 - 6 Integrated Resource Timber Contracts (IRTC's, 2400-13T)
 - 1 Stewardship Agreement with The Nature Conservancy
- GNA - 2.5 MMBF will be treated.

Planned Timber Sold Target: 70 MMBF/113,400 CCF

- 26 Timber Sale Contracts Planned, approximately 7,100 acres
 - 19 Conventional Timber Sales (2400-6T)
 - 7 Integrated Resource Timber Contracts (IRTC's) (2400-13T)
- GNA- 5 MMBF will be treated.

Ottawa National Forest Timber Program

Ottawa National Forest 10-Year Volume Sold Vs. Harvested



2014 Farm Bill

- Through the 2014 Farm Bill Congress passed permanent authority to:
 - Stewardship Contracting and Agreements
 - An expansion of Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTING & AGREEMENTS

Cooperative Agreements and
Restorative Contract Opportunities

7 Land Management Goals:

1. Road and trail maintenance or obliteration to restore or maintain water quality
2. Soil productivity, habitat for wildlife and fisheries, or other resource values
3. Setting of prescribed fires to improve composition, structure, condition and health of stands to improve wildlife habitat
4. Removing vegetation or other activities to promote healthy forest stands, reduce fire hazards, or achieve other land management objectives
5. Watershed restoration and maintenance
6. Restoration and maintenance of wildlife and fish habitat
7. Control of noxious and exotic weeds and reestablishing native plants



Integrated Resource

TIMBER

**Contract
(IRTC)**

Blended =
More Timber Value than
Service Value

Integrated Resource Service Contracts (IRTC)

- Trade of Goods for Services
- Timber Value higher than the value of the packaged service items.
- Retained Receipts generated

**Stewardship
Agreements**

Blended =
Partner implements
goods and services

Stewardship Agreements

- Mutual Interest and Mutual Benefits with Partner
- Trade of Goods for Services
- 1 to 1 match (Timber value and Service Items)

Chequamegon-Nicolet NF

- Holds three active stewardship agreements and one pending.
 - Two Agreements signed with Sustainable Resource Institute Inc.
 - One Agreement with Florence County
 - One pending agreement with The Nature Conservancy
- Total Current Value in signed Agreements
 - \$899,550.60

Mutual Interest and Mutual Benefit

- Closed out of one stewardship agreement with National Wild Turkey Federation in 2016 ~\$200,000
 - Timber removal;
 - Site preparation of aspen (12 acres) and jack pine (236 acres);
 - Road decommissioning with logging slash and berms; and
 - Accomplished 403 acres of wildlife opening maintenance (including 41.5 miles of Hunter Walking Trails).
- One pending agreement with The Nature Conservancy



What does this mean to you?

- Stewardship Contracting is not going away.
- This does not change the timber value, but it may change the way you bid on the timber.
- More education and outreach needed.
- Advertisement periods will be 45 days on some of these rather than 30 days.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

Cooperative Agreements to
Restore Lands

Good Neighbor Authority

TWO Authorities

- 2014 Farm Bill - P.L. 113-79
- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (section 417)

Both provide the authorities for the Forest Service to enter into **sole source contracts and Good Neighbor Agreements with state agencies** to perform forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services, including timber sales, when **similar complementary activities occur on and off NFS lands.**

Slightly Different Authorities

Farm Bill

- Permanent Authority
- Entered into with ANY State agency.
- Allowable activities are restoration based
- EXCLUDES work on permanent roads, parking areas, public buildings or works.
- Adjacency is not required.

Appropriations Bill

- Expires September 30, 2018
- Entered into with State Foresters ONLY
- Allowable activities include restoration based projects;
- Also public works which includes reconstruction or restoration of permanent roads, alteration, repair or replacement of public works
- AND there is an adjacency requirement.

- States will be considered “Agents” of the Forest Service.
- Collaboration between agencies is a “must” to ensure good communication and reporting.
- States are able to layout, prepare, appraise, sell and administer timber sales utilizing state procurement and operating procedures

Good Neighbor Authority

- Allows for “Program Income” to pay for services under GNA Agreement
 - Revenue earned by the State for the sale of NFS timber that is in excess of appraised value and required deposits to the FS.
 - This is separate money managed and held by the State.
 - Again, this money may only be spent for authorized restoration activities outlined in the agreement.

Stewardship vs GNA

- Similarities

- Approved activities must meet a restoration based objective.
- Trade of “Goods for Services”
- Receipts generated and retained stay on Forest for activities to be accomplished.
- Both agreements can be in place for up to 10 years.

- Differences

- GNA authorizes only the State to be the agent on behalf of the FS.
- Stewardship cannot fund environmental analysis, monitoring, where GNA can do this.
- Stewardship contracts can contain specified road packages (i.e.. Construction and reconstruction).
- Stewardship must comply with FS handbooks and manuals for use of Tracer Paint.

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