

Forest Land Reappraisal Tasks Timeline

Forest Advisory Committee	September 2018: Department contacted Governor's office and Legislators for appointments.
Forest Advisory Meetings	October 2018 through June 2020: Committee reviews and makes recommendations on all aspects of the forest land appraisal.
Contract with U of M	December 2018: Contact and develop contract. (Dr. Jackson in past)
Forest Zones	August 2019: Analyze data and determine zones (U of M contract deliverable)
Stumpage Prices	June 2020: Determine stumpage prices for each forest zone. (U of M contract deliverable)
Forest costs	Feb 2020: Calculate forest costs for each forest zone. Gather actual expenditure data from the DNRC Forestry and Trust Land Management Division, calculate the average fire assessment fee charged by DNRC to property owners over the base period, calculate the average severance tax paid on timber harvested over the base period in each zone.
Ag Income	September 2020: Calculate agricultural income.
Forest VBR	September 2020: Update tables in Orion to provide for correct calculated VBR of forest lands.
Administrative Rules	June 2020: Update and revise as needed including forest zones, year in title, years referenced, adoption of new forest manual, and other rules as needed due to legislative changes or court decisions.
Forest Manual	September 2020: Update manual as appropriate for new cycle. Legal review of updated draft. Publish and adopt by rule, ARM 42.18.135.
Orion updates	September 2020: upload Forest tables: previous cycle zone assignments for each county, previous cycle stumpage values and total costs, update each county with correct zone number, load new stumpage values, total costs, review cap rate. Update calculations as needed for legislative changes, etc.
Testing	September 2020: Verify values calculate correctly
Estimated values for RIC	October 2020
Forest Uploads	January – April 2021: This is included in the ag upload process
Reappraisal cycle begins	January 1, 2021 Administrative Rules and manual effective for this date
Assessment notices	April to May 2021: Mailings.