

## TIMBER SALE SIZE: Smaller vs. Larger

### **Disadvantages**

Smaller sales take almost, if not as much, paper work as larger sales.

They take as much time in the review process as a larger sale.

Administration may take as much time depending on complexity.

May require more dispersement and therefore more conflict with recreational or other uses of the forest.

May be in conflict with other sales depending on purchaser, scheduled time of operation, road use etc.

May require more (greater number) to meet financial goals.

### **Advantages**

May appeal to more bidders.

May allow for more flexibility.

May be less field time in preparation.

May allow for more site specificity.

May be best suited for implementation of experimental projects.

### **Final analysis**

All of the above factors should be taken into consideration when planning and preparing timber sales. Sale size should be tailored to the site specific objectives of the sale and limited by impending conflicts with other objectives. It might be advisable to plan a range in size, where possible, with the overall goal of meeting financial and management needs with the least disturbance and conflict in relation to other approved forest uses.

Ideally there should probably be a minimum of two per year of differing size or volume the sum total designed to cover annual expenses plus any additional predicted costs of improvements or D&E projects proposed.

In addition, as we have discussed previously, it would be prudent and desirable to build a reserve fund to cover at least one, preferably two years, operating budget.