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Comments: In 1998 TSPIRES (Timber Sales Program Info Reporting System) was declared invalid by Congress. this means that profitability is not longer the case for timber harvesting. As written in a response to comments regarding the 2006 Forest Plan: Comment PC:21000-7, "today's timber program emphasizes using harvest and sales as cost effective tools for improving resource conditions on the land. The GMNF is in a position to sell a high percentage of high quality material in future timber sales. Returns will be higher". TGIRP proposed action under the heading "Forest Habitat and Timber" states 57% of suitable timberlands in TG are comprised of tree species that will exhibit increased signs of mortality or loss of merchantable value from disease or insects between now and the next time management is considered.

The FS proposal is clearly emphasizing timber value for harvest, although this is in direct opposition to the TSPIRES invalidation by Congress in 1998.