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WAYS WE ARE  
IMPROVING  
NATIONAL  
FORESTS  
IN ALABAMA



# OUR INTEGRATED APPROACH TO HEALTHIER NATIONAL FORESTS

## 1 FIRE MANAGEMENT

"Using Good Fire and Fighting Bad Fire"

Fire is a significant force in the forest environment. The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring good fire (controlled burns) and managing efforts to contain unexpected fires.

## 2 LANDS AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT

"Working Together to Care for the Land"

The Lands and Minerals Program secures and protects the public's rights, title, value and interests in its national forests and authorizes a variety of uses to meet the needs of present and future generations.

## 3 ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

"Contributing Pure Water, Air and Stable Soil"

We recognize the importance of pure water, air and soil as the foundation of ecosystem management. Our commitment is to use management practices that help maintain or enhance the quality of water, soil productivity and air in each of our forests.

## 4 WILDLIFE, PLANT AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

"Protecting Wild and Sensitive Resources"

The goal of the Wildlife and Rare Species program is to maintain the biological diversity of all our plant and animal communities. We help ensure populations of game species. We also recover threatened species, while managing the risks of non-native invasive species.

ACTIVE RED-COCKADED  
WOODPECKER CLUSTERS

## 5 RECREATION MANAGEMENT

"Creating Outdoor Recreational Opportunities"

The Forest Service manages recreation sites and trails throughout Alabama's national forests. The public can enjoy group picnic shelters, developed campgrounds, fishing ponds, sandy-white beaches and numerous trails designated for hiking, horse-back riding, mountain biking and off-road vehicles. The Recreation Fee Demonstration Program allows recreation user fees to be kept by the forest and applied directly back to the site to cover operating expenses and maintenance.

## 6 ENGINEERING PROGRAM

"Maintaining A Safe, Sustainable and Reliable Infrastructure"

Managing the infrastructure of the National Forests in Alabama is the core function and responsibility of our engineering team. From design to inspection, engineers ensure that the growing needs and the changing uses of our forest roads are successfully met thru environmentally and financially sustainable practices.

## 7 HERITAGE PROGRAM

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

The purpose of the Heritage Program is to protect important heritage resources, share the values of these resources with the public and contribute technical advice and information to forest managers.

## 8 ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

"The Business of Managing National Forests"

National Forests in Alabama's administrative operations provide leadership in public affairs and community relations, customer support services, law enforcement, and financial management activities that include budget and finance, acquisition management, grants and agreements.

112,652 acres

REHABILITATED WITH CONTROLLED FIRES



Oakmulgee - 113 Conecuh - 56  
Talladega - 14 Shoal Creek - 25

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# ALABAMA NATIONAL FORESTS 2016 FACTS

The National Forests in Alabama are part of the USDA Forest Service's National Forest System. There's 4 national forests and 6 ranger districts. The Forests date back to the early 1900's and contains over **668,000 acres** of public land.



## TIMBER SOLD

44,399 MBF  
(thousand board feet)

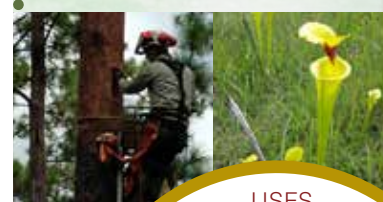
88,798 CCF  
(cubic feet)

The National Forests in Alabama planted approximately 952,000 longleaf pine containerized seedlings covering 1,901 acres and approximately 33,000 shortleaf pine containerized seedlings on 48 acres. The improved number of acres of existing young plantations was 2,169 acres.

\$17.37m  
2016 ALABAMA  
FOREST BUDGET  
\*Actual: \$17,374,408

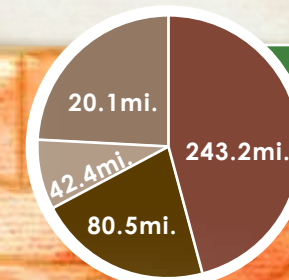
\$263,124  
FEE DEMO RECEIPTS

72 WILDFIRES BURNED  
7,700 acres



USFS  
MANAGED  
28  
DEVELOPED  
RECREATIONAL  
SITES

BANKHEAD  
National Forest  
181,224 acres



DESIGNATED  
TRAIL MILES- 386.2mi.

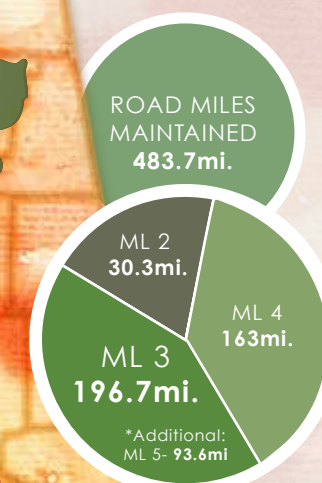
HIKING  
EQUESTRIAN  
MOUNTAIN BIKE  
OFF-ROAD VEHICLE

Talladega National Forest  
Talladega and  
Shoal Creek Districts  
237,152 acres

TALLADEGA  
National Forest  
394,735 acres  
(all districts)

Talladega National Forest  
Oakmulgee District  
157,583 acres

TUSKEGEE  
National Forest  
11,252 acres



\*ML = Maintenance Level  
Download ML explanations (Travel  
Q&As) and Motor Vehicle Use Maps at  
<http://fs.usda.gov/goto/alabama/kbyd>

138 PERMANENT  
WORKFORCE  
\$2,526,747.66  
SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

210 TRAIL MILES  
MAINTAINED  
(receiving mtce)  
16 TOTAL NEPA DECISIONS  
Bankhead 4 Talladega 1 Shoal Creek 5  
Oakmulgee 4 Tuskegee 1 Conecuh 1  
Supervisor's Office 0

CONECUH  
National Forest  
83,852 acres

USFS  
LAW  
ENFORCEMENT

WARNINGS 196 | VIOLATIONS 488  
INCIDENTS 433

406 LAND USE  
PERMITS  
CULTURAL RESOURCE  
SURVEYS COMPLETED  
9,593 acres

