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The background of the cover is a photograph of a lush green forest with tall trees, reflected in a calm body of water. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. Overlaid on the left side of the image are several semi-transparent circular shapes of varying sizes, some containing smaller circular images of the same scene, creating a layered, graphic effect.

# WAYS WE ARE IMPROVING NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA



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# OUR INTEGRATED APPROACH

TO HEALTHIER NATIONAL FORESTS

**OUR VISION:** On the National Forests in Alabama, it is our mission to restore and maintain beautiful, resilient, and productive landscapes, and to connect people to these landscapes through recreational, educational, and economic opportunities.

**The Forest Service remains committed to working with partners and communities to restore native forest utilizing the following 8 Steps to a Healthier Forest:**



Implementing controlled fire to renew vegetation growth and remove excess debris that fuel wildfire.



Managing aquatic biodiversity by altering conditions to ensure construction projects conform to habitat maintenance standards.



Managing forest lands that provide habitat for wildlife, clean air and water resources.



Conducting forest inventories to collect forest information for analysis.



Planting native trees, such as longleaf pine seedlings that have a natural resistance to wildfire, wind, disease and the southern pine beetle.



Implementing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping to enhance ecosystem management.



Managing understory plants to reduce non-native invasive species such as cogongrass and kudzu that displace native plants essential for wildlife.



Expanding partnerships by encouraging members of the public to care for the environment by planting trees or volunteering.

## National Forests in Alabama Program Areas

- Fire Management
- Recreation Management
- Lands and Minerals Management
- Engineering Program
- Natural Resources Management and Planning
- Heritage Program
- Public Affairs and Community Engagement
- Administrative Operations

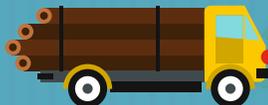
# ALABAMA NATIONAL FORESTS

## 2019 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 1900s and contain over 668,000 acres of public land.

# \$17,818,088

2019 ALABAMA FOREST BUDGET

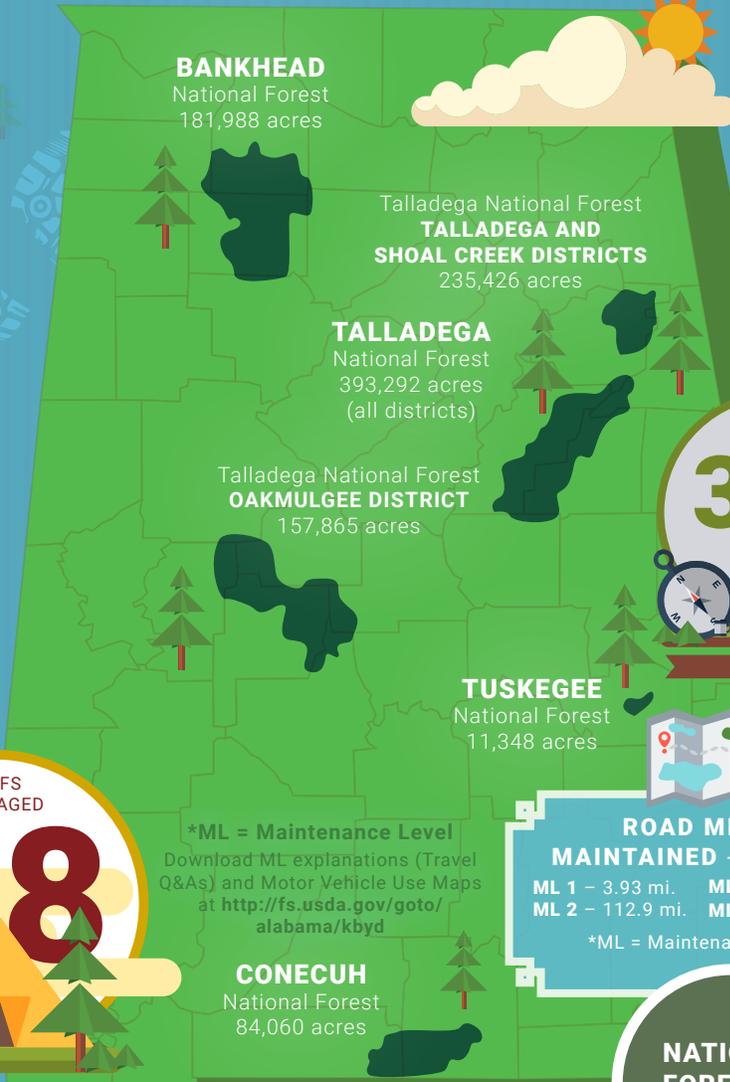


### TIMBER SOLD

**42,949 MBF**  
(thousand board feet)

**78,396 CCF**  
(cubic feet)

The National Forests in Alabama planted approximately 605,705 longleaf pine containerized seedlings covering 922 acres and approximately 275,574 shortleaf pine containerized seedlings on 404 acres. The improved number of acres of existing young plantations was 1,359 acres.



**132** PERMANENT WORKFORCE  
**157** GOVERNMENT VEHICLES MAINTAINED

**\$4,416,250**  
SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS TOTAL

**27 TOTAL NEPA DECISIONS**  
Bankhead 0 Talladega 7 Shoal Creek 7  
Oakmulgee 0 Tuskegee 1 Conecuh 12  
Supervisor's Office 0

### DESIGNATED TRAIL MILES



- HIKING
- EQUESTRIAN
- OFF-ROAD VEHICLE
- MOUNTAIN BIKE

ACTUAL 386.3 mi.

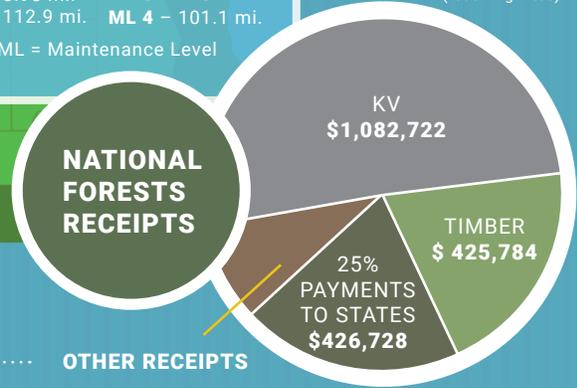


USFS MANAGED  
**28**

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

**ROAD MILES MAINTAINED - 446.3 mi**  
ML 1 - 3.93 mi. ML 3 - 228.4 mi.  
ML 2 - 112.9 mi. ML 4 - 101.1 mi.  
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**237**  
TRAIL MILES MAINTAINED (receiving mtce)



**OTHER RECEIPTS**  
LAND USE - \$17,913  
REC. SPECIAL USE - \$326 POWER - \$19,657  
TIMBER SALVAGE SALES - \$160,511

### DEVELOPED RECREATIONAL SITES

CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEYS COMPLETED  
**11,570 acres**

**USFS LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
WARNINGS 258 | INCIDENTS 387  
VIOLATIONS 151

**406** LAND USE PERMITS  
**\$222,027** FEE DEMO RECIEPTS  
79 Archaeological sites found  
19 Historic Landscape Features

**101,188** REHABILITATED WITH CONTROLLED FIRES  
39 wildfires burned **9,483 ACRES**

**271 ACTIVE RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER CLUSTERS**  
Oakmulgee - 14 Conecuh - 86  
Talladega - 14 Shoal Creek - 30  
Bankhead - 0 Tuskegee - 0



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