



United States  
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Agriculture

Forest  
Service

National Forests in  
North Carolina

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Dear Associates:

Enclosed are Amendment 10, Land and Resource Management Plan for the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests and the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact. The amendment incorporates the reasonable and prudent measures listed in the USDI Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for protection of the Indiana bat.

The decision is to implement Alternative B. This alternative is divided into short term and long term time frames. National forest land in Graham, Swain, Cherokee, and Macon counties will be managed according to the stipulations of Amendment 10 immediately. Other national forest land management will comply with the standards of Amendment 10 if or when the USDI Fish and Wildlife Service lists the Indiana bat summer occurrence for other counties.

For more information concerning this decision or to obtain a copy of the environmental assessment, please contact Larry Hayden at (828) 257-4864. The decision notice and the environmental assessment is available on our website at [www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc](http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc).

Thank you for your interest in the management of the National Forests in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

/s/ *John F. Ramey*

JOHN F. RAMEY  
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Enclosure(s)

