

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 National Forests in North Carolina



## Flintlock Valley Shooting Range



A generous partnership with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) and the National Rifle Association made re-opening the

Flintlock Valley Shooting Range possible. Designed to be barrier-free, the range was reconstructed with improved safety features and facilities. Funds from the sale of recreation permits provides the on-site Range Safety Officer's salary, supplies such as targets and ear plugs, regulation brochures; updated kiosk information, and annual maintenance. The Range Safety Officer also offers firearm safety instruction for youths and others. Two additional shooting ranges were upgraded in 2014 in collaboration with NCWRC.

## Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

## Additional Accomplishments



*Participants in the Cradle of Forestry's Curiosity Club spy something in the trees.*

- Offered 19 special events and programming with over 9,600 participants at the Cradle of Forestry, sponsored two conservation interns, and developed a new local video for the on-site helicopter simulator.
- Funded additional law enforcement support during peak use days and holidays and contracted with Nantahala Gorge Association for parking tenders at the Nantahala River take-outs during peak weekends.

## Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,102,899
Special Uses	\$777,901
Interagency Passes	\$18,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,899,180</b>
Expenditures*	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,370,429
Visitor Services	\$332,347
Law Enforcement	\$35,353
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$305,365
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,043,493</b>

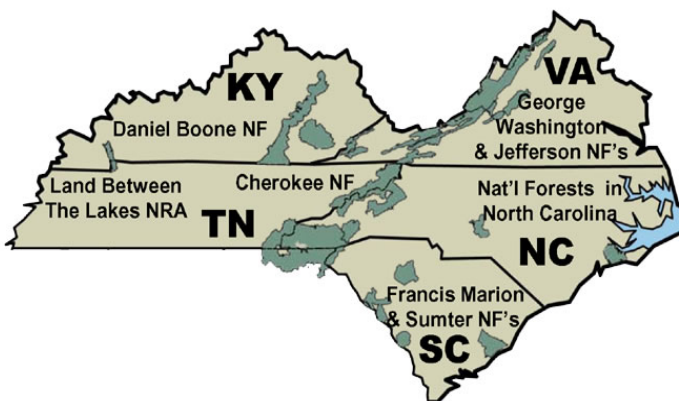
\*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.

## Nantahala River Access Improvements

Visitors to western North Carolina have enjoyed unguided and guided fishing and rafting opportunities on the beautiful Nantahala River for decades. During the past ten years, the Forest has set aside a portion of each year's recreation fee revenue for improvements to facilities along its shore. In 2014, Phase One of the Beechertown put-in on the Nantahala River was completed. Designed and constructed using \$415,000 of fee revenue, rafters are now more easily able to unload their boats and access the water along a barrier-free ramp. This put-in and a smaller adjacent one serves approximately 145,000 rafters annually through 14 commercial outfitting companies.



## Southern Region Maps



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## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,373,184
Special Uses	\$1,209,474
Interagency Passes	\$118,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,700,978</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,989,435
Visitor Services	\$1,355,389
Law Enforcement	\$213,554
Habitat Restoration	\$4,580
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$872,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,435,253</b>

\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs