

# National Forests in North Carolina

## FACT SHEET/FY 2002

### General Information

National Forests . . . . .	4
Acres of National Forest System Land . . . . .	1,248,330
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest . . . . .	506,920
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest . . . . .	531,341
Acres on the Uwharrie National Forest . . . . .	50,183
Acres on the Croatan National Forest . . . . .	159,886
Ranger Districts . . . . .	9
Job Corps Centers (429 student capacity) . . . . .	2
Nursery/Seed Orchard . . . . .	1
Counties with National Forest Land . . . . .	24
Total Population within North Carolina (1996 NC Fact Sheet) . . . . .	7.1 million
FY '02 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only) . . . . .	\$.21.9 million
Employees (permanent) . . . . .	240
Volunteers . . . . .	4,125
Senior Community Service Program Enrollees . . . . .	270

### Recreation

Total Number of Recreation Site Visits . . . . .	6.3 million
Viewing Scenery . . . . .	27.5 percent
Camping . . . . .	7.2 percent
Hiking & Walking . . . . .	22 percent
Fishing . . . . .	11 percent
Driving for Pleasure . . . . .	17.2 percent
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts . . . . .	\$1,167,276
Developed Recreation Sites . . . . .	191
Capacity (Persons at One Time) . . . . .	22,384
Wild & Scenic Rivers . . . . .	3
Miles of National Forest Scenic Byways . . . . .	140
Acres of Wilderness (11 Areas) . . . . .	103,226
Acres of Wilderness Study Areas . . . . .	26,920
Acres of Special Interest Areas . . . . .	62,517

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## **Trails**

Miles of Forest System Trails .....	1,734
Miles of Appalachian Scenic Trail .....	226
Miles of National Recreation Trails .....	.97
Miles of National Historic Trails .....	4

## **Timber**

Timber Harvest for FY '02 .....	13.5 mmbf
Timber Sold for FY '02 .....	.9.2 mmbf
Timber Offered for FY '02 .....	10.9 mmbf
(Amount is expressed in million board feet)	
Acres Regenerated in FY '02 .....	1,003
Timber Stand Improvement Acres .....	1,611
Acres Harvested in FY '02 .....	1,756
Group Selection .....	18
Shelterwood (two-age) .....	.301
Thinning .....	890
Salvage .....	492
Clearcut .....	0
Removal .....	.55
Special Cut .....	0

## **Lands**

Miles of Property Boundary .....	4,770
Special-Use Permits .....	1,255
Acres Acquired by Exchange .....	.15
Acres Conveyed by Exchange .....	.25
Acres Purchased .....	1,076
Acres Donated .....	0

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## **Water**

Miles of Perennial Streams . . . . .	5,742
Miles of Warm Water Streams . . . . .	2,366
Miles of Cold Water Stocked Trout Streams . . . . .	350
Miles of Cold Water Wild Trout Streams . . . . .	3,026
Acres of Lakes & Reservoirs . . . . .	35,950

## **Wildlife & Fish**

Vertebrate Species . . . . .	500
Species commonly hunted (white-tailed deer, eastern wild turkey, woodcock, squirrel, black bear, ruffed grouse, raccoon, rabbit, wild boar, waterfowl, mourning dove, and quail) . . . . .	15
Principal fishing species (large and small mouth bass, trout, sunfish, catfish, walleye, and muskelunge) . . . . .	9
Endangered Animal Species . . . . .	11
Endangered Plant Species . . . . .	10
Threatened Animal Species . . . . .	3
Threatened Plant Species . . . . .	8
Sensitive Animal Species . . . . .	78
Sensitive Plant Species . . . . .	199
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Animal Species . . . . .	0
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Plant Species . . . . .	0
Locally Rare Animal Species . . . . .	243
Locally Rare Plant Species . . . . .	289

## **Heritage Resources**

Total Archaeological Sites on National Forests . . . . .	4,840
Total Sites Recorded in FY '02. . . . .	135

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## **Law Enforcement**

Arrests . . . . .	.75
Citations Processed . . . . .	2,051
Warning Notices Processed . . . . .	.296
Marijuana Plants Seized from National Forest Land . . . . .	.8,056
Incidents Investigated . . . . .	.772

## **Rural Development**

Education & Research Consortium of the Western Carolinas (Adult Education). . . . .	.\$150,000
Swain County (Rural Development, Forestry & Communities) . . . . .	.\$45,000

## **Facilities**

Forest Service Administrative Buildings (447,885 sq. ft.) . . . . .	235
Leased Administrative Buildings (32,393 sq. ft.) . . . . .	2
Administrative Sites . . . . .	54
Job Corps Centers (88 Bldgs., with 243,575 sq. ft.) . . . . .	2
Lookout Towers . . . . .	10
Telecommunication Sites . . . . .	18
Offices . . . . .	16
Work Centers . . . . .	12
Seed Orchard . . . . .	1
Potable Water Systems . . . . .	90
Sewerage Systems (includes septic tank systems, vault toilets, tertiary and secondary treatment systems) . . . . .	.116

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## **Roads & Bridges**

Miles of Road with Forest Service Jurisdiction . . . . .	2,581
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 78 Large Culvert Installations . . . . .	214
Miles of Road Constructed in FY '02. . . . .	1.6
Miles of Road Reconstructed in FY '02 . . . . .	0
Miles of Road Open Year Round . . . . .	1,004
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use. . . . .	1,577

## **Fire**

Wildfires in FY '02 . . . . .	100
Acres Burned in Wildfires . . . . .	2,053
Average Annual Wildfires (FY '70-'02). . . . .	107
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY '70-'02) . . . . .	5,971
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning . . . . .	14,330
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail . . . . .	18
People Dispatched Through IA Dispatch Center . . . . .	5,500+

## **Forest Receipts**

Timber Related Revenues . . . . .	\$680,167
General Recreation & Special Uses Revenues . . . . .	\$204,262
Power & Minerals Revenues. . . . .	\$51,072
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts . . . . .	\$1,167,276

# FY 2002 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES

COUNTY	NF ACRES	PL 106-393*	PILT **	TOTALS
Avery	28,369	\$18,686	\$38,300	\$56,986
Buncombe	31,464	\$21,443	\$40,304	\$61,747
Burke	47,946	\$32,777	\$57,853	\$90,630
Caldwell	49,416	\$33,696	\$58,791	\$92,487
Carteret	56,829	\$52,688	\$78,934	\$131,622
Cherokee	93,173	\$72,906	\$110,458	\$183,364
Clay	65,806	\$51,463	\$78,054	\$129,517
Craven	63,068	\$57,794	\$74,926	\$132,720
Davidson	958	\$1,225	\$1,138	\$2,363
Graham	113,271	\$88,530	\$134,509	\$223,039
Haywood	68,824	\$46,664	\$160,026	\$206,690
Henderson	17,295	\$11,845	\$20,861	\$32,706
Jackson	77,092	\$57,692	\$95,020	\$152,712
Jones	39,989	\$37,066	\$47,510	\$84,576
McDowell	68,107	\$45,745	\$80,953	\$126,698
Macon	152,890	\$115,181	\$181,395	\$296,576
Madison	55,337	\$41,048	\$65,476	\$106,524
Mitchell	18,918	\$12,457	\$22,968	\$35,425
Montgomery	39,891	\$50,034	\$47,370	\$97,404
Randolph	9,334	\$11,743	\$11,097	\$22,840
Swain	22,307	\$16,950	\$284,848	\$301,798
Transylvania	88,309	\$59,735	\$106,118	\$165,853
Watauga	393	\$306	\$11,252	\$11,558
Yancey	38,278	\$25,834	\$46,193	\$72,027
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,247,264</b>	<b>\$963,508</b>	<b>\$1,854,354</b>	<b>\$2,817,862</b>

\*USDA Forest Service payments to states under new Public Law 106-393 (see explanation below).

\*\*BLM Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): to counties for each acre of national forest and national park land.

Under Public Law (PL) 106-393, every year the Forest Service returns to the State Treasury Office a percentage of money received from production of goods and services on national forest lands. This amount is based on the average of the state's three highest payments from FY 1986 to 1999. The State Treasury Office distributes these

funds to county school systems. The amount is spread on a pro-rated basis by national forest acreage per county. The Bureau of Land Management also makes payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to counties with federal land. In FY '02 this equaled \$1.13 per acre.