

National Forests in North Carolina

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General Information

National Forests	4
Acres of National Forests in NC Land	1,254,136
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest	512,670
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest	531,212
Acres on the Uwharrie National Forest	50,369
Acres on the Croatan National Forest	159,885
Ranger Districts	8
Job Corps Centers (497 student capacity)	3
Nursery/Seed Orchard	1
Counties with National Forests in NC Land	24
Total Population within North Carolina (July 2008, U.S. Census Bureau NC)	9.2 million
FY '09 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only)	\$22.3 million
Employees (permanent)	188
Volunteers	1205

Recreation

Total Number of National Forest Visits	8.6 million
Viewing Scenery	25 percent
Camping	10.2 percent
Hiking & Walking	22 percent
Fishing	11 percent
Driving for Pleasure	17.2 percent
Recreation Enhancement Act Receipts	\$1,673,165
Developed Recreation Sites	190
Wild & Scenic Rivers	3
Miles of National Forest Scenic Byway	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 . . . . .	.47,295 ccf or 23.6 mmbf
Timber Sold for . . . . .	.43,107 ccf or 21.5 mmbf
Timber Offered . . . . .	.43,433 ccf or 21.7 mmbf

Amount is expressed in 100 cubic feet or million board feet

ccf x .50 = 1,000 board feet

Acres Regenerated	1,030
Timber Stand Improvement Acres	1,917
Acres Harvested	1,656
Group Selection . . . . .	.64
Shelterwood (two-age) . . . . .	.460
Thinning	1,046
Salvage . . . . .	.0
Clearcut . . . . .	.47
Removal . . . . .	.29
Special Cut . . . . .	.10

Lands

Miles of Property Boundary	4,809
Special-Use Permits	1,203
Acres Acquired by Exchange . . . . .	.0
Acres Conveyed by Exchange0
Acres Purchased0
Acres Donated64
Acres Conveyed (FSFREA)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 Streams350
Miles of Cold Water Wild Trout Streams	3,026
Acres of Lakes & Reservoirs	35,950

Wildlife, Fish & Plants

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
Threatened and Endangered Animal Species	15
Threatened and Endangered Plant Species	11
Sensitive Animal Species	63
Sensitive Plant Species	133
Locally Rare Animal Species	171
Locally Rare Plant Species	254

Heritage Resources

Total Acres Surveyed on National Forests	2,431
Total Sites Recorded	151

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Law Enforcement

Arrests	64
Citations Processed	1,736
Warning Notices Processed	622
Marijuana Plants Seized	
from National Forest Land	3,010
Incidents Investigated	1,325

Facilities

Forest Service Administrative Buildings (225,636 sq. ft.)	182
Leased Administrative Buildings (30,218 sq. ft.)	1
Administrative Sites	53
Job Corps Centers .....	.3 with 111 buildings
Lookout Towers	12
Telecommunication Sites	20
Offices	16
Work Centers	12
Seed Orchard	1
Potable Water Systems	76
Sewerage Systems (includes septic tank systems, tertiary, and secondary treatment systems)	108

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Roads & Bridges

Miles of Road with Forest Service Jurisdiction	2,571
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 78 Large Culvert Installations214
Miles of Road Constructed . . . . .	.0
Miles of Road Reconstructed.	1.8
Miles of Road Open Year-Round . . . . .	.981
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use.	1,590

Fire

Wildfires	91
Acres Burned in Wildfires	4312
Average Annual Wildfires (FY '00-'09).	107
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY '00-'09)	4,524
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning	25,105
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail	16
People Dispatched Through IA Coordination Center	756

Forest Receipts

Timber Related Revenues	\$1,027,620
Special-Use Revenues	\$666,405
Power & Minerals Revenues.	\$113,188
Recreation Enhancement Act Receipts.	\$1,673,165
Special Forest Products Permit Sales	\$107,844

FY 2009 Payments to Counties				
COUNTY	NF ACRE	PL110-343	* PILT	TOTALS
Avery	28,369	\$61,251	\$70,209	\$131,460
Buncombe	31,464	\$37,389	\$80,582	\$117,971
Burke	48,794	\$84,431	\$116,359	\$200,790
Caldwell	49,416	\$88,013	\$116,000	\$204,013
Carteret	56,828	\$68,681	\$155,746	\$224,427
Cherokee	93,394	\$237,701	\$218,465	\$456,166
Clay	65,934	\$149,152	\$154,520	\$303,672
Craven	63,068	\$80,634	\$147,839	\$228,473
Davidson	958	\$1,730	\$2,245	\$3,975
Graham	113,447	\$237,498	\$265,801	\$503,299
Haywood	68,886	\$105,502	\$307,074	\$412,576
Henderson	17,295	\$20,385	\$41,162	\$61,547
Jackson	77,236	\$134,975	\$188,246	\$323,221
Jones	39,989	\$68,028	\$93,742	\$161,770
McDowell	73,640	\$159,930	\$173,022	\$332,952
Macon	153,173	\$255,383	\$358,765	\$614,148
Madison	55,278	\$118,899	\$129,259	\$248,158
Mitchell	18,916	\$44,164	\$45,768	\$89,932
Montgomery	39,884	\$89,252	\$93,453	\$182,705
Randolph	9,527	\$19,835	\$22,333	\$42,168
Swain	22,416	\$50,433	\$561,813	\$612,246
Transylvania	88,300	\$114,948	\$209,360	\$324,308
Watauga	393	\$572	\$22,041	\$22,613
Yancey	38,272	\$97,127	\$91,030	\$188,157
TOTAL	1,254,877	\$2,325,913	\$3,664,834	\$5,990,747

USDA Forest Service payments to states under new Public Law 110-343 Amended Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

*FY 2009 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$2.35 per acre for all federal land.

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