



## Ecosystem Management and Planning

*“Managing Trees and Timber Resources”*

*The management of timber resources provides raw materials for the lumber, paper and chemical industry, stimulates the economy, provides employment and supports Alabama’s schools and roads. Many species of wildlife benefit from the enhanced habitat in areas well-managed for timber.*

- Timber management continues to play an important roll in the overall management of our national forest. Sound timber management practices help establish and maintain healthy and productive forests and ecosystems that are more resistant to insect attacks, diseases, ravages of fire and climatological events.
- The salvage of trees damaged or killed by natural events, insects, diseases and fire are critical to healthy forests. The practice significantly reduces or stops the spread of insects and disease into adjacent healthy stands.
- In addition to maintaining healthy, productive forests, timber harvests provide benefits to many species of plants and animals through the enhancement of the habitat.
- Our reforestation efforts continue to emphasize returning longleaf pine to its historical and ecological sites throughout the four national forests and to enhance the longleaf pine ecosystem.
- Forest silviculture practices control the establishment, growth, composition, health and quality of a forest. They include site preparation, tree planting, prescribed fire (controlled burns) and the removal of diseased or insect-infected trees.

### ***Fast Facts***

***Fiscal Year 2010***

*The National Forests in Alabama planted 826 acres of seedlings and naturally regenerated 1,762 acres.*



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*Accomplishments  
National Forests in Alabama*

# National Forests in Alabama

## Timber Management Program

Fiscal Year 2010	Bankhead	Conecuh	Oakmulgee	Shoal Creek and Talladega	Tuskegee	Total
Timber Offered (Cubic feet)	2,420	9,184	20,336	30,472	0	62,412
Timber Offered (MBF- thousand board feet)	1,210	4,592	10,168	15,236	0	31,206
Timber Sold (Cubic Feet)	2,420	9,184	20,336	30,472	0	62,412
Timber Sold (MBF - thousand board feet)	1,210	4,592	10,168	14,236	0	31,206
Sold Timber Value	\$122,584	\$807,850	\$965,670	\$1,231,093	0	\$3,127,198
Commercial Thinning (Acres)	249	1161	1122	565	0	3097
Pre-commercial Thinning (Acres)	286	0	0	0	0	286
Planting (Acres)	0	160	70	133	139	826
Natural Regeneration (Acres)	503	0	310	100	0	1762
Plantation Release (Acres)	566	61	249	745	0	2169

