

FACT SHEET/ FY 2003

Roads & Bridges

Miles of Road with Forest Service Jurisdiction	2,567
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 78 Large Culvert Installations	216
Miles of Road Constructed in FY '03.	0.5
Miles of Road Reconstructed in FY '03	11.9
Miles of Road Open Year Round	1,004
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use.	1,563

Fire

Wildfires in FY '03	46
Acres Burned in Wildfires in FY '03.	220
Average Annual Wildfires (FY '93-'03).	99
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY '93-'03)	4,970
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning	22,762
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail	17
People Dispatched Through Interagency Dispatch Center.	1,701

Forest Receipts

Timber Related Revenues	\$505,470
General Recreation & Special Uses Revenues	\$228,617
Power & Minerals Revenues.	\$41,206
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts	\$1,167,276
Special Forest Products Receipts (Botanicals)	\$115,439

FY 2003 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES

COUNTY	NF ACRES	PL 106-393*	PILT **	TOTALS
Avery	28,369	\$18,910	\$43,806	\$62,716
Buncombe	31,461	\$21,700	\$46,150	\$67,850
Burke	48,623	\$33,171	\$66,980	\$100,151
Caldwell	49,416	\$34,101	\$67,318	\$101,419
Carteret	56,829	\$53,321	\$90,384	\$143,705
Cherokee	93,354	\$73,781	\$126,480	\$200,261
Clay	65,806	\$52,081	\$89,375	\$141,456
Craven	63,068	\$58,488	\$85,795	\$144,283
Davidson	958	\$1,240	\$1,303	\$2,543
Graham	113,437	\$89,592	\$154,128	\$243,720
Haywood	69,004	\$47,224	\$183,149	\$230,373
Henderson	17,295	\$11,987	\$23,887	\$35,874
Jackson	77,116	\$58,385	\$108,804	\$167,189
Jones	39,989	\$37,511	\$54,401	\$91,912
McDowell	70,914	\$46,294	\$93,474	\$139,768
Macon	153,211	\$116,563	\$207,878	\$324,441
Madison	55,360	\$41,541	\$74,995	\$116,536
Mitchell	18,918	\$12,607	\$26,601	\$39,208
Montgomery	39,891	\$50,634	\$54,241	\$104,875
Randolph	9,334	\$11,884	\$12,706	\$24,590
Swain	22,316	\$17,154	\$326,166	\$343,320
Transylvania	88,309	\$60,451	\$121,510	\$181,961
Watauga	393	\$310	\$12,879	\$13,189
Yancey	38,320	\$26,144	\$52,894	\$79,038
TOTAL	1,251,691	\$975,074	\$2,125,304	\$3,100,378

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

**FY 2003 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$1.37 per acre for 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 '03 this equaled \$1.37 per acre.

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