

National Forests in North Carolina

FACT SHEET/FY 2003

General Information

National Forests	4
Acres of National Forests in NC Land	1,251,691
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest	531,022
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest	531,600
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
Seed Orchard/ Genetics Research Lab.	1
Counties with National Forest System Land	24
Total Population within North Carolina (1996 NC Fact Sheet)	7.1 million
FY '03 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only)	\$21 million
Employees (permanent)	240
Volunteers	4,956
Senior Community Service Program Enrollees	171

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	\$1,115,047
Developed Recreation Sites	188
Capacity (Persons at One Time)	22,304
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 Trails97
Miles of National Historic Trails	4

Timber

Timber Harvest for FY '03	17,253 ccf or 9.5 mmbf
Timber Sold for FY '03	29,336 ccf or 16.1 mmbf
Timber Offered for FY '03	30,502 ccf or 16.8 mmbf

Amount is expressed in 100 cubic feet or million board feet

ccf x .55= 1,000 board feet

Acres Regenerated in FY '03	1,194
Timber Stand Improvement Acres	1,562
Acres Harvested in FY '03.	1,218
Group Selection.	11
Shelterwood (two-age)	148
Thinning	500
Salvage	319
Clearcut	5
Removal63
Special Cut.	172

Lands

Miles of Property Boundary	4,775
Special-Use Permits	1,295
Acres Acquired by Exchange	454
Acres Conveyed by Exchange	132
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	12
Endangered Plant Species	10
Threatened Animal Species	4
Threatened Plant Species	8
Sensitive Animal Species	63
Sensitive Plant Species	199
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Animal Species	0
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Plant Species	0
Locally Rare Animal Species	171
Locally Rare Plant Species	289

Heritage Resources

Total Archaeological Sites on National Forests	5,027
Total Sites Recorded in FY '03.	163

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Law Enforcement

Arrests89
Citations Processed	2,482
Warning Notices Processed399
Marijuana Plants Seized from National Forest Land	138
Incidents Investigated	1,340

Rural Development

The Conservation Fund (Nature Guide Training Program for Rural Areas)).	\$10,000
Sandhills Family Heritage Association (Create Forest-Based Economic Opportunities)	\$9,200

Facilities

Forest Service Administrative Buildings (446,874 sq. ft.)	231
Leased Administrative Buildings (32,393 sq. ft.)	2
Administrative Sites	55
Job Corps Centers2 with 85 buildings
Lookout Towers	10
Telecommunication Sites	21
Offices	16
Work Centers	12
Genetic Research Lab (Beech Tree)	1
Potable Water Systems	84
Sewerage Systems (includes septic tank systems, tertiary, and secondary treatment systems)	110

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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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