

National Forests in North Carolina

FACT SHEET/FY 2004

General Information

National Forests	4
Acres of National Forests in NC Land	1,252,021
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest	510,109
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest	531,848
Acres on the Uwharrie National Forest	50,178
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 Forests in NC Land	24
Total Population within North Carolina (1996 NC Fact Sheet)	7.1 million
FY '04 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only)	\$32 million
Employees (permanent)	240
Volunteers	5,388
Senior Community Service Program Enrollees	162

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	190
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 Trails .....	.97
Miles of National Historic Trails	4

Timber

Timber Harvest .....	.9,455 ccf or 4.7 mmbf
Timber Sold for .....	.29,553 ccf or 14.7 mmbf
Timber Offered .....	.29,553 ccf or 14.7 mmbf

Amount is expressed in 100 cubic feet or million board feet
ccf x .50 = 1,000 board feet

Acres Regenerated	1,376
Timber Stand Improvement Acres .....	.2,100
Acres Harvested	1,771
Group Selection	109
Shelterwood (two-age) .....	.516
Thinning	909
Salvage	208
Clearcut	9
Removal .....	.18
Special Cut .....	.2

Lands

Miles of Property Boundary	4,770
Special-Use Permits	1,327
Acres Acquired by Exchange184
Acres Conveyed by Exchange11
Acres Purchased163
Acres Donated	0

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Roads & Bridges

Miles of Road with Forest Service Jurisdiction	2,570
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 78 Large Culvert Installations216
Miles of Road Constructed	3.6
Miles of Road Reconstructed.	1.1
Miles of Road Open Year Round	1,004
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use.	1,566

Fire

Wildfires	101
Acres Burned in Wildfires	1,531
Average Annual Wildfires (FY '94-'04). . . . .	.97.9
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY '94-'04)	4,916
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning	22,762
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail	17
People Dispatched Through IA Dispatch Center	769

Forest Receipts

Timber Related Revenues	\$1,282,391
General Recreation & Special Uses Revenues	\$273,761
Power & Minerals Revenues.	\$48,019
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts	\$1,296,361

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Law Enforcement

Arrests	147
Citations Processed	3,757
Warning Notices Processed	783
Marijuana Plants Seized from National Forest Land	1,060
Incidents Investigated	2,383

Economic Recovery

Town of Hot Springs and Handmade in America (Gateway Plaza and Appalachian Trailmarking).....	\$25,000
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Facilities

Forest Service Administrative Buildings (240,935 sq. ft.)	169
Leased Administrative Buildings (32,393 sq. ft.)	2
Administrative Sites	55
Job Corps Centers . . . . .	.2 with 85 buildings
Lookout Towers	10
Telecommunication Sites	19
Offices	16
Work Centers	12
Seed Orchard	1
Potable Water Systems	84
Sewerage Systems (includes septic tank systems, tertiary, and secondary treatment systems)	112

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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 Acres Surveyed on National Forests	3,194
Total Sites Recorded	101

FY 2004 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES

COUNTY	NF ACRES	PL 106-393*	PILT **	TOTALS
Avery	28,369	\$18,910	\$44,866	\$63,776
Buncombe	31,461	\$21,700	\$47,169	\$68,869
Burke	48,623	\$33,171	\$68,619	\$101,790
Caldwell	49,416	\$34,101	\$69,045	\$103,146
Carteret	56,829	\$53,321	\$92,703	\$146,024
Cherokee	93,354	\$73,782	\$129,978	\$203,760
Clay	65,806	\$52,081	\$91,794	\$143,875
Craven	63,068	\$58,488	\$87,996	\$146,484
Davidson	958	\$1,240	\$1,336	\$2,576
Graham	113,437	\$89,592	\$158,211	\$247,803
Haywood	69,004	\$47,224	\$187,587	\$234,811
Henderson	17,295	\$11,987	\$24,500	\$36,487
Jackson	77,116	\$58,385	\$111,562	\$169,947
Jones	39,989	\$37,511	\$55,797	\$93,308
McDowell	70,914	\$46,294	\$99,627	\$145,921
Macon	153,211	\$116,563	\$213,527	\$330,090
Madison	55,360	\$41,541	\$76,929	\$118,470
Mitchell	18,918	\$12,607	\$27,279	\$39,886
Montgomery	39,891	\$50,634	\$55,633	\$106,267
Randolph	9,334	\$11,884	\$13,021	\$24,905
Swain	22,316	\$17,154	\$334,548	\$351,702
Transylvania	88,309	\$60,451	\$124,629	\$185,080
Watauga	393	\$310	\$12,743	\$13,053
Yancey	38,320	\$26,144	\$54,183	\$80,327
TOTAL	1,251,691	\$975,075	\$2,183,282	\$3,158,357

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

**FY 2004 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$1.41 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 '04 this equaled \$1.74 per acre.

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