

National Forests in North Carolina

FACT SHEET/FY 2005

General Information

National Forests	4
Acres of National Forests in NC Land	1,252,322
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest	510,119
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest	531,286
Acres on the Uwharrie National Forest	50,368
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 '05 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only)	\$.24.6 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	17,221 ccf or 8.61 mmbf
Timber Sold for	31,830 ccf or 15.9 mmbf
Timber Offered	34,054 ccf or 17 mmbf

Amount is expressed in 100 cubic feet or million board feet

ccf x .50 = 1,000 board feet

Acres Regenerated	1,466
Timber Stand Improvement Acres	1,904
Acres Harvested	1,088
Group Selection	13
Shelterwood (two-age) .....	.385
Thinning	595
Salvage	5
Clearcut	4
Removal .....	.5
Special Cut .....	.81

Lands

Miles of Property Boundary	4,770
Special-Use Permits	1,394
Acres Acquired by Exchange	12
Acres Conveyed by Exchange8
Acres Purchased	200
Acres Donated	101

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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 & 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
Endangered Animal Species	12
Endangered Plant Species	7
Threatened Animal Species	4
Threatened Plant Species	7
Sensitive Animal Species	63
Sensitive Plant Species	148
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Animal Species	0
Proposed Threatened/Endangered Plant Species	0
Locally Rare Animal Species	171
Locally Rare Plant Species	262

Heritage Resources

Total Acres Surveyed on National Forests	4,876
Total Sites Recorded	219

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Law Enforcement

Arrests84
Citations Processed	3,352
Warning Notices Processed690
Marijuana Plants Seized from National Forest Land . . . . .	.6,118
Incidents Investigated	2,320

Facilities

Forest Service Administrative Buildings (240,935 sq. ft.)	169
Leased Administrative Buildings (32,393 sq. ft.)	2
Administrative Sites	56
Job Corps Centers . . . . .	.2 with 85 buildings
Lookout Towers . . . . .	.12
Telecommunication Sites . . . . .	.20
Offices . . . . .	.16
Work Centers . . . . .	.12
Seed Orchard . . . . .	.1
Potable Water Systems	88
Sewerage Systems (includes septic tank systems, tertiary, and secondary treatment systems)121

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Roads & Bridges

Miles of Road with Forest Service Jurisdiction	2,563
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 78 Large Culvert Installations216
Miles of Road Constructed . . . . .	.47
Miles of Road Reconstructed. . . . .	.0
Miles of Road Open Year-Round	1,004
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use.	1,559

Fire

Wildfires . . . . .	.77
Acres Burned in Wildfires . . . . .	.913
Average Annual Wildfires (FY '95-'05). . . . .	.99
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY '95-'05)	2,831
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning . . . . .	.23,880
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail	17
People Dispatched Through IA Dispatch Center	1,255

Forest Receipts

Timber Related Revenues	\$1,051,623
General Recreation & Special-Use Revenues . . . . .	.\$361,783
Power & Minerals Revenues.	\$35,595
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts . . . . .	.\$1,038,115

FY 2005 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES

COUNTY	ACRES	PL 106-393*	PILT**	TOTALS
Avery	28,369	\$19,597	\$42,535	\$62,132
Buncombe	31,464	\$22,488	\$49,124	\$71,612
Burke	48,794	\$34,375	\$70,737	\$105,112
Caldwell	49,416	\$35,339	\$70,567	\$105,906
Carteret	56,828	\$55,257	\$94,746	\$150,003
Cherokee	93,394	\$76,460	\$132,905	\$209,365
Clay	65,934	\$53,972	\$94,000	\$147,972
Craven	63,068	\$60,611	\$89,936	\$150,547
Davidson	958	\$1,285	\$1,366	\$2,651
Graham	113,443	\$92,844	\$161,697	\$254,541
Haywood	68,886	\$48,939	\$191,725	\$240,664
Henderson	17,295	\$12,422	\$25,040	\$37,462
Jackson	77,183	\$60,504	\$114,442	\$174,946
Jones	39,989	\$38,873	\$57,027	\$95,900
McDowell	73,640	\$47,975	\$105,852	\$153,827
Macon	153,170	\$120,794	\$218,233	\$339,027
Madison	55,281	\$43,049	\$78,624	\$121,673
Mitchell	18,918	\$13,065	\$27,877	\$40,942
Montgomery	39,884	\$52,473	\$56,851	\$109,324
Randolph	9,522	\$12,315	\$13,308	\$25,623
Swain	22,316	\$17,776	\$341,720	\$359,496
Transylvania	88,307	\$62,646	\$127,376	\$190,022
Watauga	393	\$321	\$13,054	\$13,375
Yancey	38,273	\$27,093	\$55,378	\$82,471
TOTAL	1,254,725	\$1,010,473	\$2,234,120	\$3,244,593

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

**FY 2005 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$1.44 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 '05, this equaled \$1.44 per acre.

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