

National Forests in North Carolina

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General Information

National Forests	4
Acres of National Forests in NC Land	1,252,324
Acres on the Pisgah National Forest	510,119
Acres on the Nantahala National Forest	531,303
Acres on the Uwharrie National Forest	50,368
Acres on the Croatan National Forest	159,886
Ranger Districts8
Job Corps Centers (429 student capacity)	2
Nursery/Seed Orchard	1
Counties with National Forests in NC Land	24
Total Population within North Carolina (July 2006, U.S. Census Bureau NC)	8.9 million
FY '06 Total Forest Budget (appropriated funds only)	\$.22.1 million
Employees (permanent)	204
Volunteers	3,754
Senior Community Service Program Enrollees69

Recreation

Total Number of Recreation Site Visits8.6 million
Viewing Scenery27.5 percent
Camping7.2 percent
Hiking & Walking	22 percent
Fishing	11 percent
Driving for Pleasure	17.2 percent
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts	\$1,577,393
Developed Recreation Sites	189
Capacity (Persons at One Time)	22,416
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	26,617 ccf or 13.3 mmbf
Timber Sold for	39,219 ccf or 19.6 mmbf
Timber Offered	43,500 ccf or 21.8 mmbf

Amount is expressed in 100 cubic feet or million board feet

ccf x .50 = 1,000 board feet

Acres Regenerated	1,479
Timber Stand Improvement Acres	1,849
Acres Harvested	1,308
Group Selection	9
Shelterwood (two-age)621
Thinning658
Salvage	0
Clearcut	20
Removal	0
Special Cut	0

Lands

Miles of Property Boundary	4,771
Special-Use Permits	1,371
Acres Acquired by Exchange	0
Acres Conveyed by Exchange	0
Acres Purchased	17
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 & 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	3,153
Total Sites Recorded	260

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Law Enforcement

Arrests	132
Citations Processed	2,864
Warning Notices Processed	683
Marijuana Plants Seized from National Forest Land	190
Incidents Investigated	2,376

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	2,560
Inventoried Road Bridges, plus 78 Large Culvert Installations	216
Miles of Road Constructed	2
Miles of Road Reconstructed.	73
Miles of Road Open Year-Round	1,004
Miles of Road Normally Closed to Public Vehicle Use.	1,556

Fire

Wildfires	117
Acres Burned in Wildfires	1,375
Average Annual Wildfires (FY '95-'05).	98
Average Annual Acres Burned in Wildfires (FY '95-'05)	2,729
Acres of Fuel Treatment & Prescribed Burning	30,693
People Who Completed Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Training Detail	18
People Dispatched Through IA Dispatch Center	2,775

Forest Receipts

Timber Related Revenues	\$1,530,815
Special-Use Revenues	\$396,213
Power & Minerals Revenues.	\$57,501
Recreation Fee Demonstration Project Receipts	\$1,577,393

FY 2006 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES

COUNTY	ACRES	PL 106-393*	PILT**	TOTALS
Avery	28,369	\$19,793	\$43,257	\$63,050
Buncombe	31,461	\$22,713	\$49,933	\$72,646
Burke	48,646	\$34,719	\$71,937	\$106,656
Caldwell	49,416	\$35,692	\$71,765	\$107,457
Carteret	56,829	\$55,809	\$96,354	\$152,163
Cherokee	93,397	\$77,225	\$135,155	\$212,380
Clay	65,935	\$54,511	\$95,595	\$150,106
Craven	63,068	\$61,217	\$91,462	\$152,679
Davidson	958	\$1,298	\$1,390	\$2,688
Graham	113,437	\$93,773	\$164,441	\$258,214
Haywood	69,066	\$49,428	\$194,812	\$244,240
Henderson	17,295	\$12,546	\$25,465	\$38,011
Jackson	77,229	\$61,109	\$116,384	\$177,493
Jones	39,989	\$39,261	\$57,994	\$97,255
McDowell	70,914	\$48,455	\$107,631	\$156,086
Macon	153,211	\$122,002	\$221,949	\$343,951
Madison	55,369	\$43,479	\$79,971	\$123,450
Mitchell	18,919	\$13,195	\$28,344	\$41,539
Montgomery	39,886	\$52,997	\$57,816	\$110,813
Randolph	9,524	\$12,438	\$13,809	\$26,247
Swain	22,384	\$17,954	\$347,519	\$365,473
Transylvania	88,309	\$63,272	\$129,533	\$192,805
Watauga	393	\$324	\$13,276	\$13,600
Yancey	38,322	\$27,364	\$56,318	\$83,68
TOTAL	1,252,324	\$1,020,574	\$2,272,110	\$3,292,684

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

**FY 2006 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$1.46 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 '06, this equaled \$1.46 per acre.

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