North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Mission Statement

To provide services that **promote** and improve agriculture, agribusiness and forests; **protect** consumers and businesses; and **conserve** farmland and natural resources for the prosperity of all North Carolinians
North Carolina Forest Service

Our Mission

To protect, manage and promote forest resources for the citizens of North Carolina.
Forest Protection

North Carolina has an annual average of 4,200 forest fires that burn 23,000 acres.
Forest Management

To assist private, non-industrial forest landowners in establishing and sustaining a high level of productivity of the natural resources within the state’s forests.
Forest Promotion

Did you know:

• North Carolina's forests cover 18.6 million acres, or 60 percent of the state's land area.

• In 2011, the wood products industry had about 2,299 companies employing 67,613 people, a payroll of $2.7 billion, and shipping products valued at $15.3 billion.

• The forestry sector contributes more than $4.5 billion to the state's gross product, and provides more than $23 billion in economic benefit.
Educational and State Recreational Forests

• There are 7 Educational State Forests
  – Turnbull Creek
  – Clemmons
  – Jordan Lake
  – Rendezvous Mountain
  – Tuttle
  – Holmes
  – Mountain Island

• DuPont State Recreational Forest
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Turnbull Creek ESF (Bladen County)

• Located in Elizabethtown, near Whiteville and within 30 to 45 minutes of Wilmington and Fayetteville.
• Currently has 890 acres of managed forestland.

Turpentine Still in the “Naval Stores” area.
Exhibits, Trails and Forest Management
Clemmons ESF (Wake/Johnston Line)

• The first ESF, Clemmons opened in 1977
• Located 15 minutes outside Raleigh
• Currently has 825 acres.
Educational Programs

Talking Tree Trail
Rendezvous Mountain ESF (Wilkes County)

- Opened in 1984
- Currently has 3,316 acres.
Office

Exhibit Center
Tuttle ESF (Caldwell County)

- This ESF is located outside of Lenoir.
- Currently has 288 acres
Holmes ESF (Transylvania County)

• Located in Hendersonville and is approximately 30 minutes outside of Asheville.
• Currently has 235 acres of managed forestland.
• Adjacent to DuPont State Recreational Forest
Jordan Lake ESF (Chatham County)

- Located in Chapel Hill
- Currently **900** acres.
Mountain Island ESF (Gaston County)

• Located in Mount Holly, 15 minutes outside of Charlotte.
• Not formally open to the public, but classes have been conducted on and off the property.
• Currently has 2,000 acres.
DuPont State Recreational Forest (Henderson/Transylvania Counties)

- Located between Hendersonville and Brevard.
- 10,473 acres currently
- Over 350,000 visitors per year
Old DuPont/Agfa Plant
Landing Strip

BRIDGE Crew
Dedication of the new Visitors Center
New parking lot and pedestrian bridge to Hooker Falls.
Bridal Veil Falls
High Falls
Hooker Falls
Questions?