



NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES

North Carolina Forest Service

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PROTECT....

MANAGE.....

PROMOTE.....

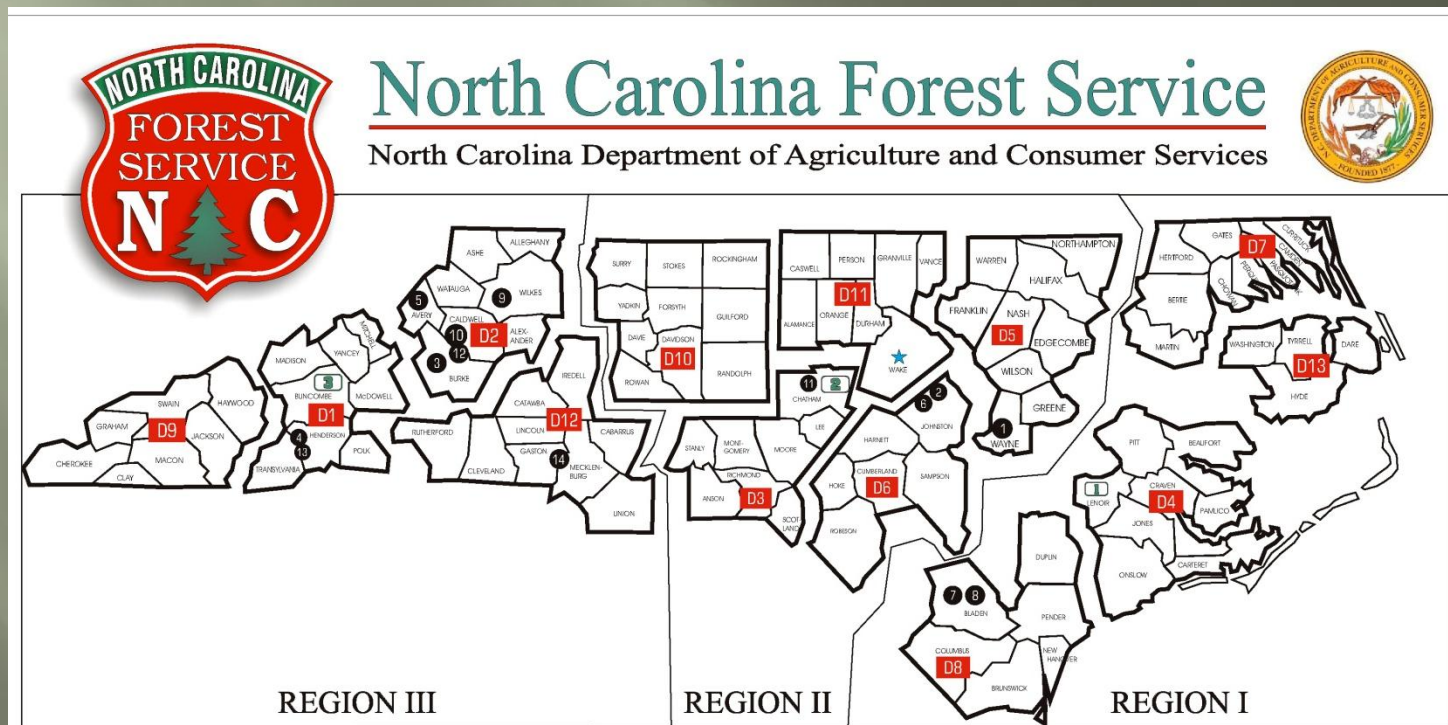
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ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

NC Forest Service has a line/staff structure. The agency is divided into seven divisions: four program and three geographical. Each geographical area is further divided into Districts.



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County Cooperation for Service delivery

- Annual Cooperative budget in all 100 counties
 - NCFS County budget negotiated each year.
 - County share is 30-40% based on the tax base
 - County is billed monthly based on actual expenditures
 - Non-binding discussion with County on personnel hiring.





Protect....

- Life and property from over 4000 wildfires annually
 - Local response to every brush and woods fire
 - Largest number of acres in Wildland Urban Interface in US.



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Protect....

- Prevention
 - Firewise
 - Southern Wildfire Risk Assessment
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plans
 - Community Protection Program

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Protect.....

Prevention

- Law Enforcement
- Local School Fire Prevention Programs



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Initial Attack Equipment

Type 6 engine



Dozer (tractor plow)



UH-1H



Hand crew



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Aircraft

- (3) Type II Helicopters*
- (2) Type III Helicopters
- (4) Type IV Single Engine Air Tankers
- (1) Single Engine Lead Plane
- (1) Single Engine Cargo Plane
- (12) Single Engine Patrol Aircraft

*One helicopter out of service with replacement scheduled for delivery in Fall 2013.

Aviation Missions

- ☐ Aerial suppression with SEATS and helicopters
- ☐ Aerial tactical support
- ☐ Prescribed burning with helicopters
- ☐ Aerial reconnaissance (patrol, photography, resource survey, search)



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Wildland Fire Suppression For Fire Departments in North Carolina



N.C. Division of Forest Resources

Protect...

- Cooperation
 - Volunteer Fire Department Training
 - Fire Department Assistance
 - Incident Management Teams
 - Fire Compacts

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Protect....

- Against insects and diseases that threaten our forests.
- Extensive surveys and trapping done annually
- Cooperation with Plant Industry and USDA-APHIS



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Protect....

- Southern Pine Beetle
 - Since 2005, \$3,700,000 paid directly to NC landowners for completing practices to prevent
- Non natives
 - Gypsy moth
 - Emerald Ash Borer
 - Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
 - Cogongrass
 - Laurel Wilt

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Manage....

- Written forest management plans affecting 365,000 acres
- Assist landowners in obtaining necessary management services and carrying out practices including...



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- Site Preparation for Planting
- Tree Planting
- Herbicide Treatments
- Forest Fertilization
- Intermediate Timber Harvest
- Final Harvest Advice
 - Nearly 2,500 harvest plans were referred to private forestry consultants

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Manage.....

- Working with loggers on Best Management Practices to protect water quality
- Providing Forest Inventory for the entire state on a 5-7 year rotation.



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Manage.....

- Administering the Forest Development Program providing cost share for forest management practices
- Utilizing prescribed burning
 - 65,000 acres last year
 - Plan to increase 25%



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Manage.....

- Tree Improvement has lead to increased timber volumes of 30-40%
- Provided through nurseries that grow 30-35 tree species available to public



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Promote.....

- Educational programs in schools and civic organizations
- 200,000 visits to our Educational State Forests
- 150,000 visitors to DuPont Recreational State Forest

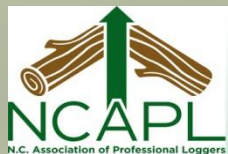
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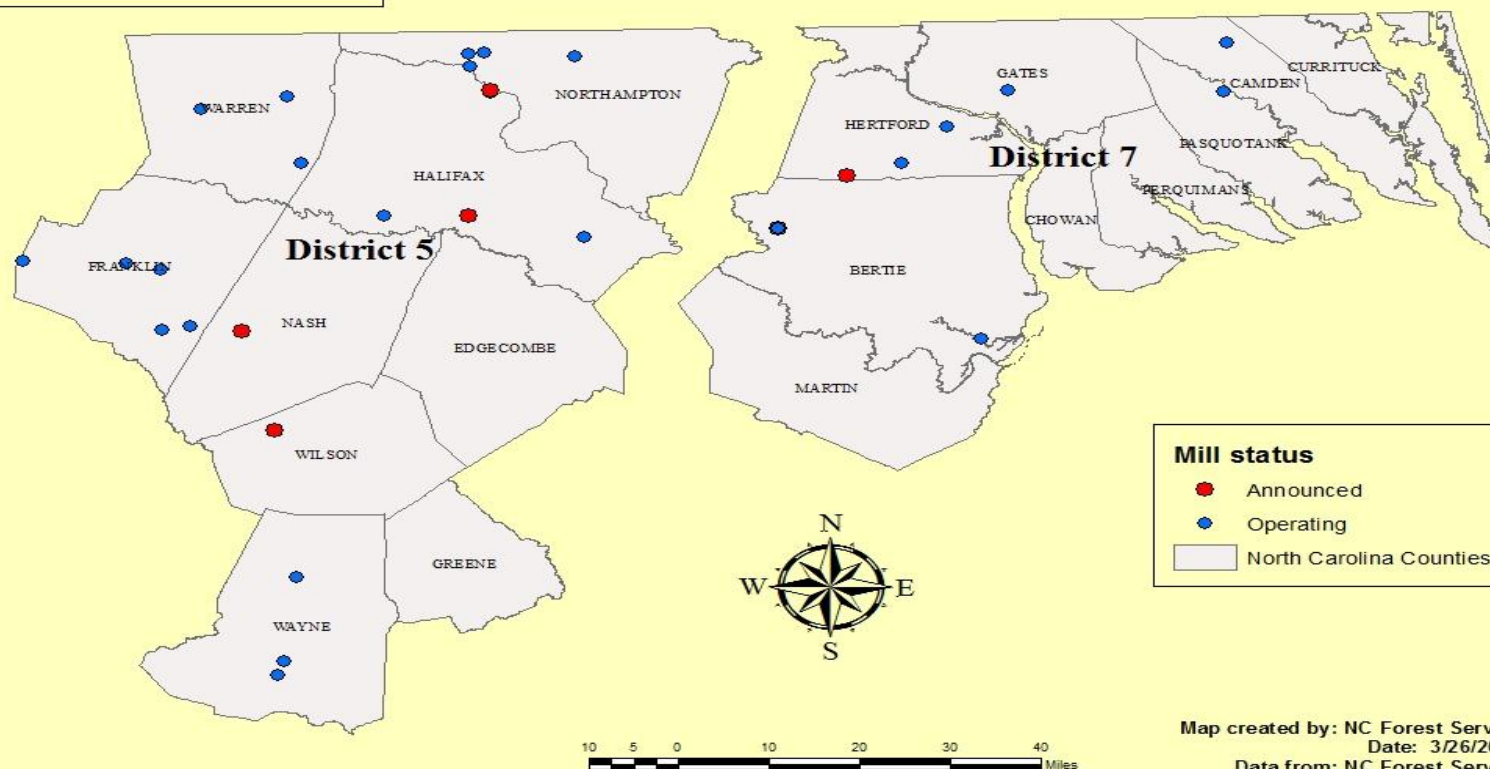


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North Carolina Timber and Biomass Mills

District 5 and District 7



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VISION

We envision a North Carolina with healthy trees and forests that provide essential environmental, economic and social benefits served by a professional workforce recognized as a leader in forest protection, emergency response, resource management and environmental education.



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