

# National Forests in North Carolina

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

### Slide in the Solar!



*Newly installed solar panels at Sliding Rock*

The Forest partnered with Haywood Electric Membership Corporation and installed a new 9,000 watt solar panel system at the Sliding Rock Recreation Area. Sliding Rock is a 60-foot natural water slide that ends in an 8 foot deep pool of water. Open year round, this

recreation gem attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. This project used about \$154,000 of recreation fee funds, improves recreation sustainability, and greatly reduces the water and energy consumption at Sliding Rock.

### Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



### Jackrabbit's Campsites

Jackrabbit Mountain Campground lies on a peninsula of Lake Chatuge. The area offers a large campground and numerous day use activities such as swimming, picnicking, mountain biking, hiking, fishing, and motorized boating. The Forest reconstructed three campsites at Jackrabbit Mountain Campground with new landscape timbers, gravel, grills and lantern posts using \$5,000 of recreation fee funds.



*Updated amenities*

### Partnering on Trails

The Pisgah National Forest completed a number of large trail projects through grants and partnerships. As examples, the Forest made significant improvements on four trails of the Brown Mountain OHV trail system; completed maintenance on 204 miles of trail with the help of volunteers and partners; constructed stone steps in the Linville Gorge Wilderness Area with the help of Wild South; and made improvements to the Kitsuma Trail, a popular bike trail. Recreation fee funds contributed \$95,000 to all of these projects.

*Constructing stone steps on Hawksbill Mountain in the Linville Gorge Wilderness*



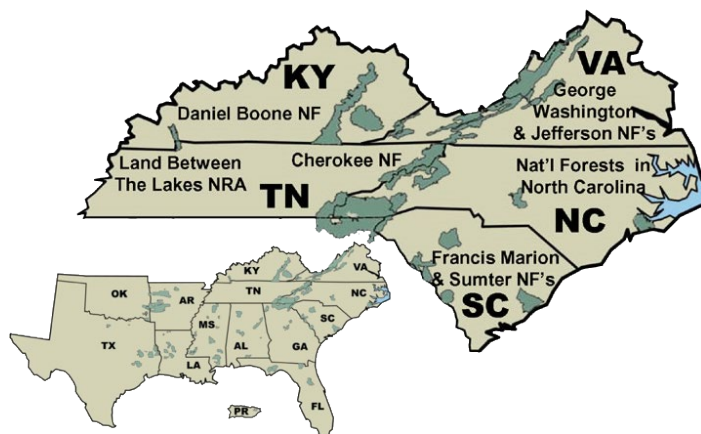
## Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained sites including: mowing; trash collection; cleaning; treating and testing water and wastewater; provided on-site utilities; repaired bathrooms and vault toilets; replaced damaged and worn tables, grills, fire rings, and other site furnishings; rehabilitated camp and picnic sites; upgraded signage; and removed hazard trees.
- Staffed Roan Mountain in support of the Rhododendron Festival. Provided traffic control, law enforcement, additional portable toilets, and overflow parking.
- Provided security patrols and additional law enforcement presence at recreation areas in partnership with Sheriff's Departments.
- Partnered with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to maintain the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range and to provide a full-time Range Safety Officer.
- Funded materials for 11 volunteer work weekends where they installed metal guardrails; rehabilitated dispersed campsites and illegal trails; installed signs and trail blazes; cleaned out trail ditches and culverts; removed hazard trees; and protected archaeological sites and water quality at the Badin Lake OHV Trail System.
- Repaired fencing, picnic tables, grills, and horse tie posts at Canebrake Horse Camp.



*The four National Forests in North Carolina differ greatly in their geography and distinctive beauty, but share in common their unsurpassed recreation opportunities that millions of visitors experience and enjoy.*

## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$1,168,022	\$6,854,330
Special Uses	\$697,122	\$1,210,993
Interagency Passes	\$46,020	\$248,638
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,911,165</b>	<b>\$8,313,961</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,020,129	\$5,346,472
Visitor Services	\$457,580	\$2,390,812
Law Enforcement	\$13,367	\$231,504
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$211,682
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$69,907
Collections/Overhead	\$357,955	\$1,354,533
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,849,030</b>	<b>\$9,604,908</b>