# 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







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

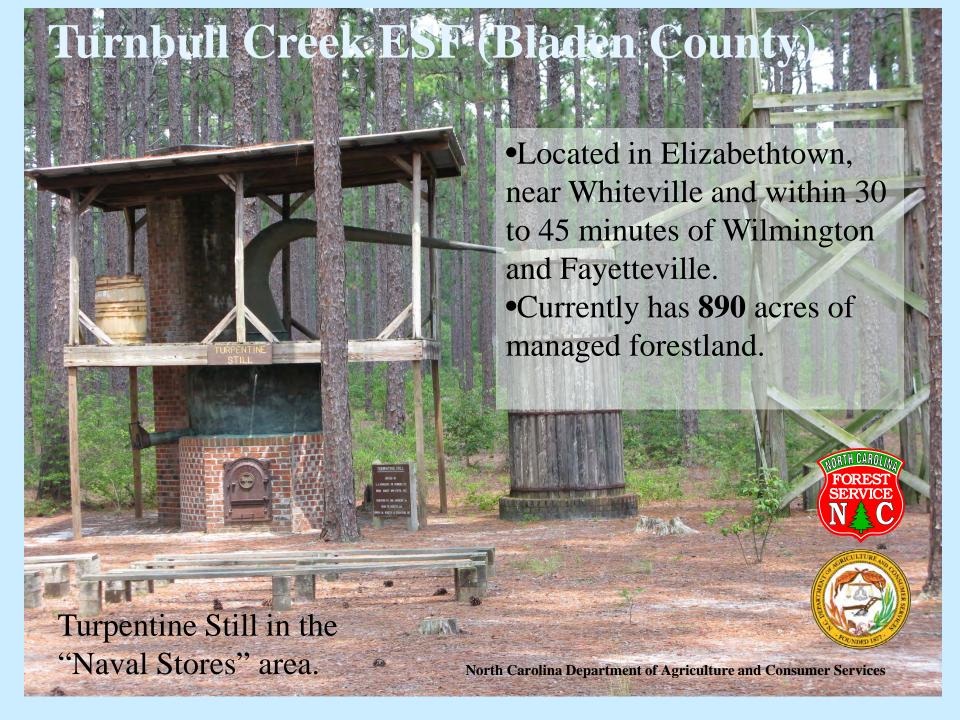




#### **Educational State Forest Locations**







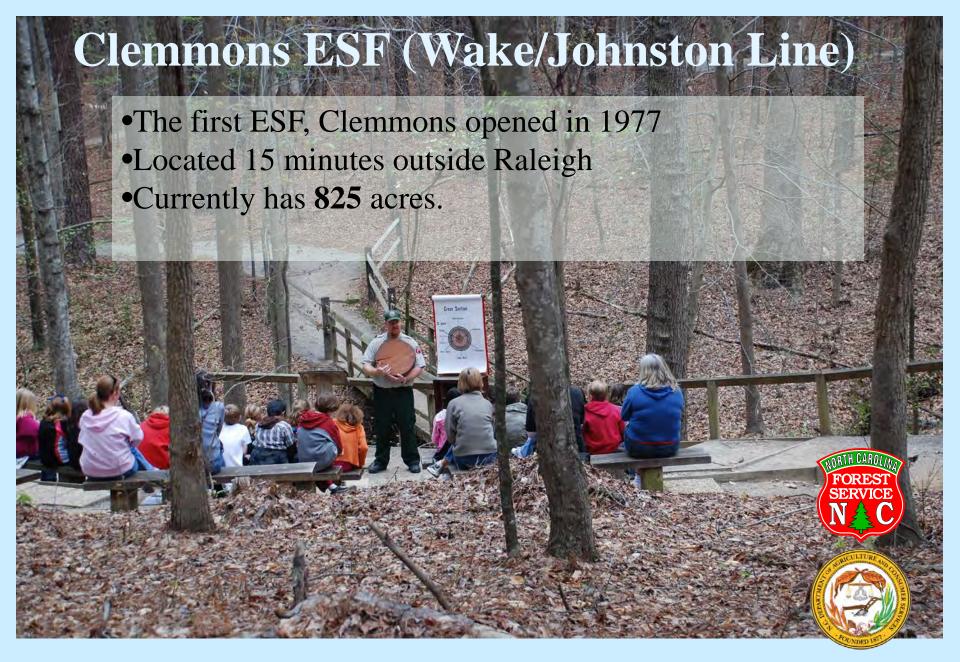








**Exhibits, Trails and Forest Management** 





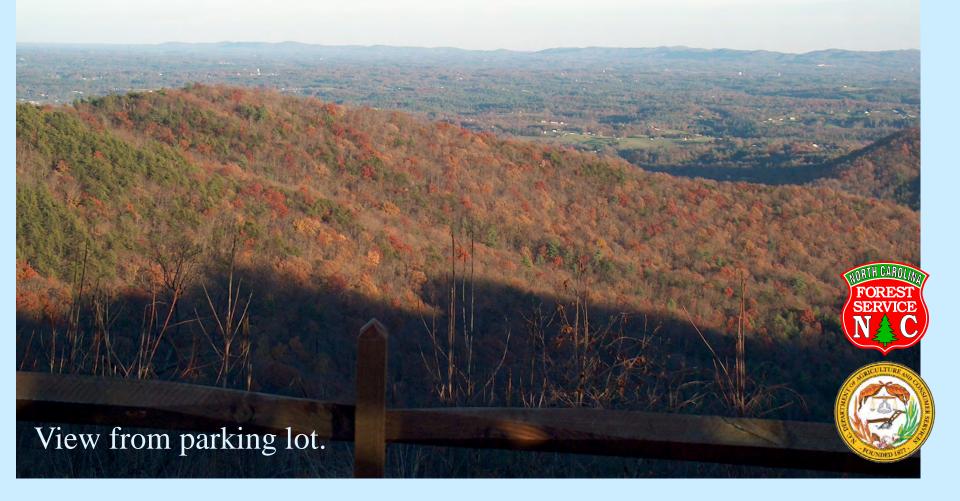
**Educational Programs** 



**Talking Tree Trail** 

# Rendezvous Mountain ESF (Wilkes County)

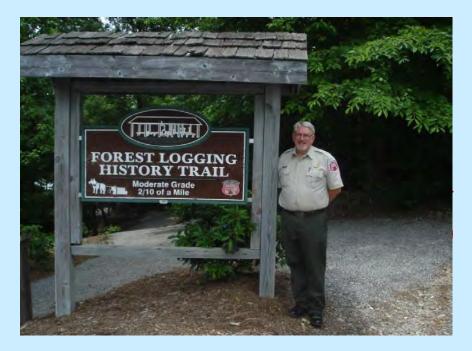
- •Opened in 1984
- •Currently has **3,316** acres.







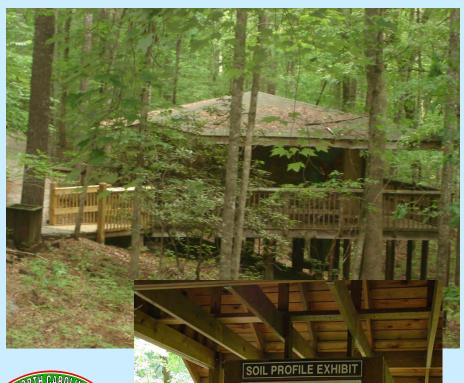








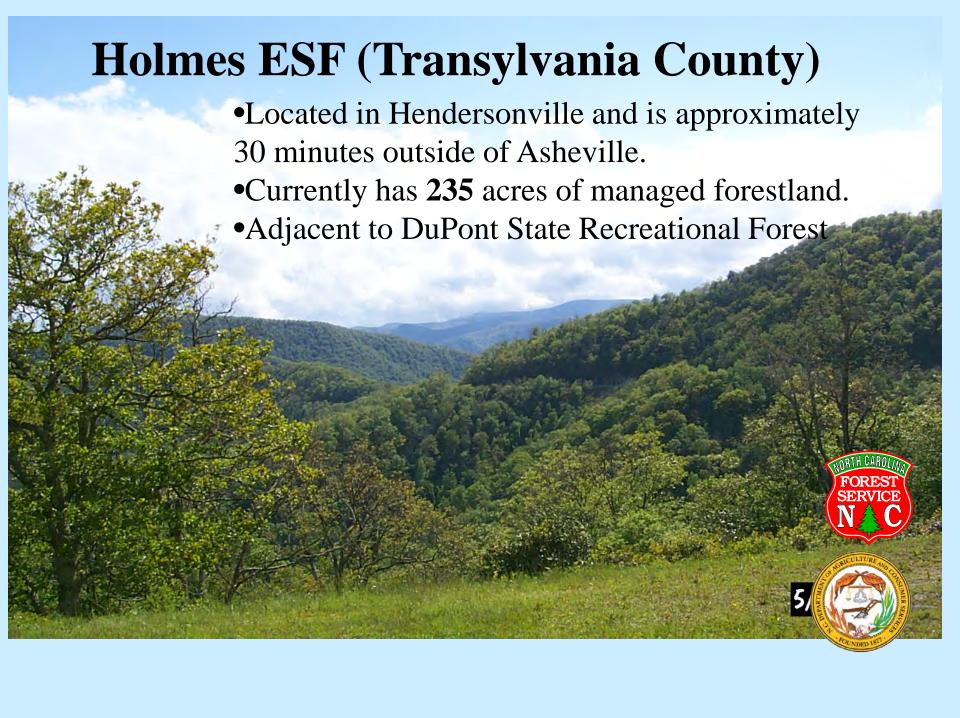






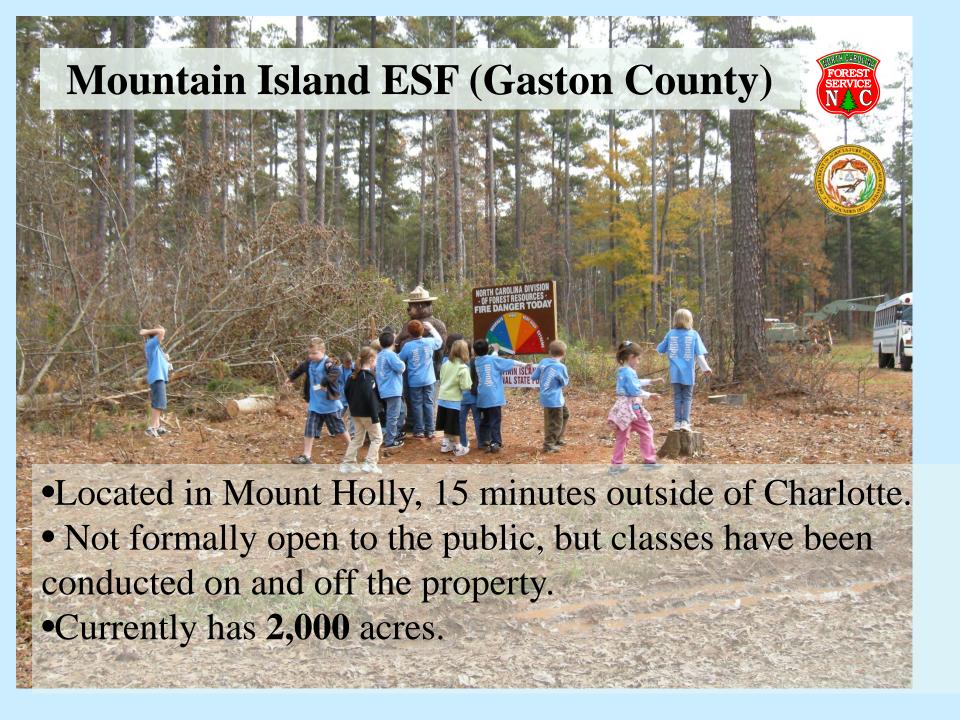


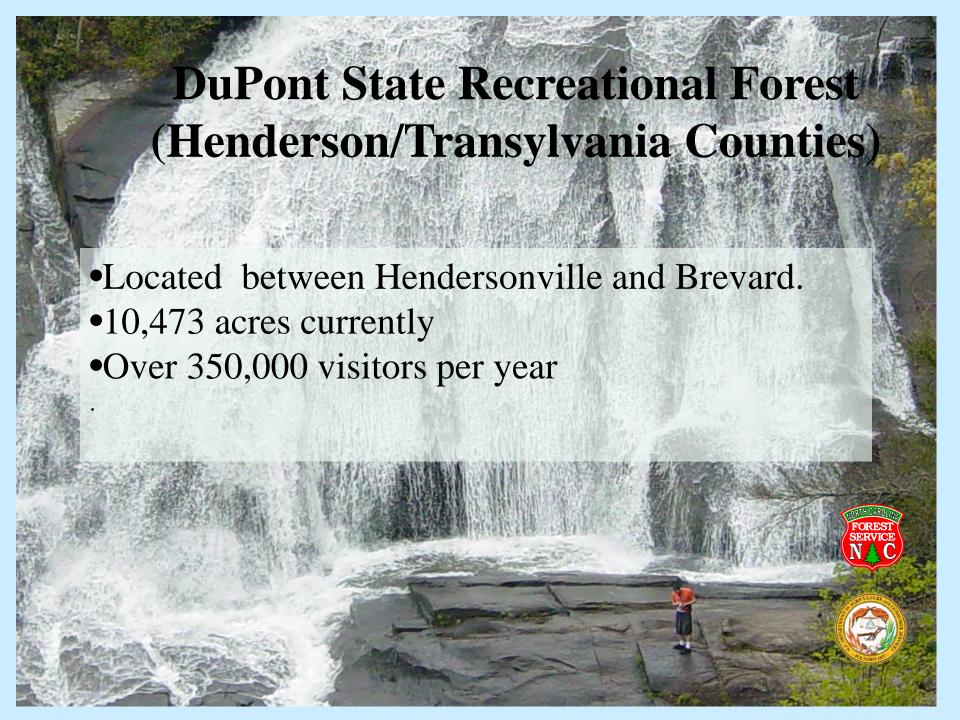














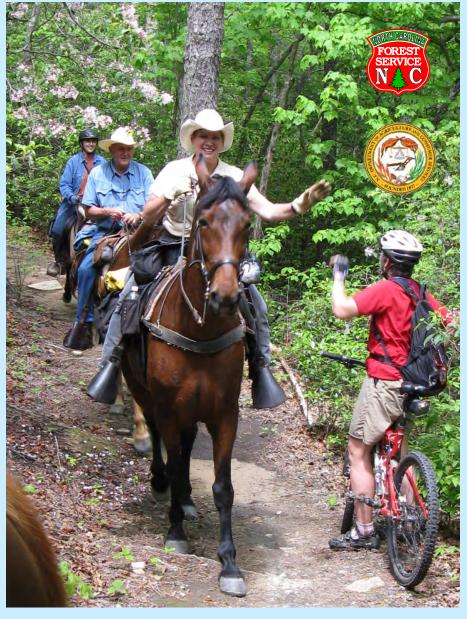




**BRIDGE Crew** 







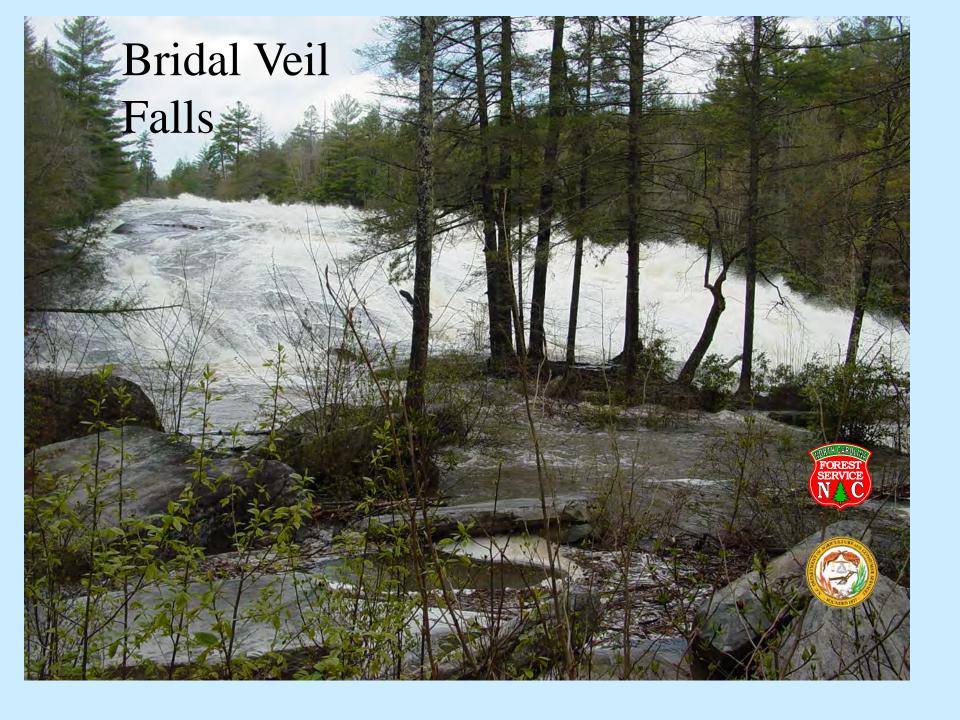
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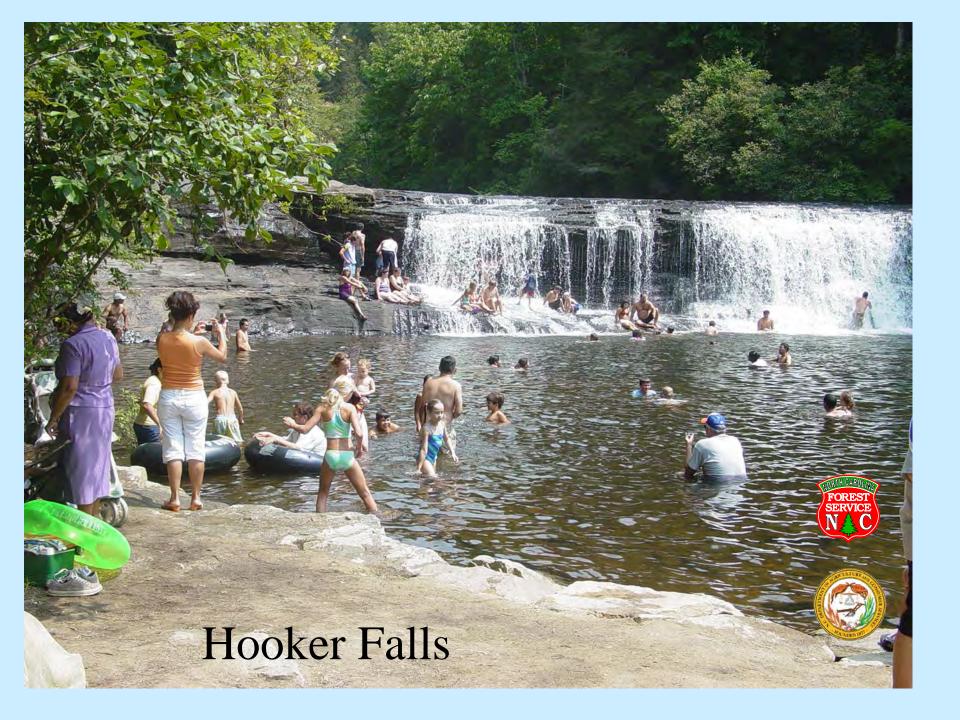


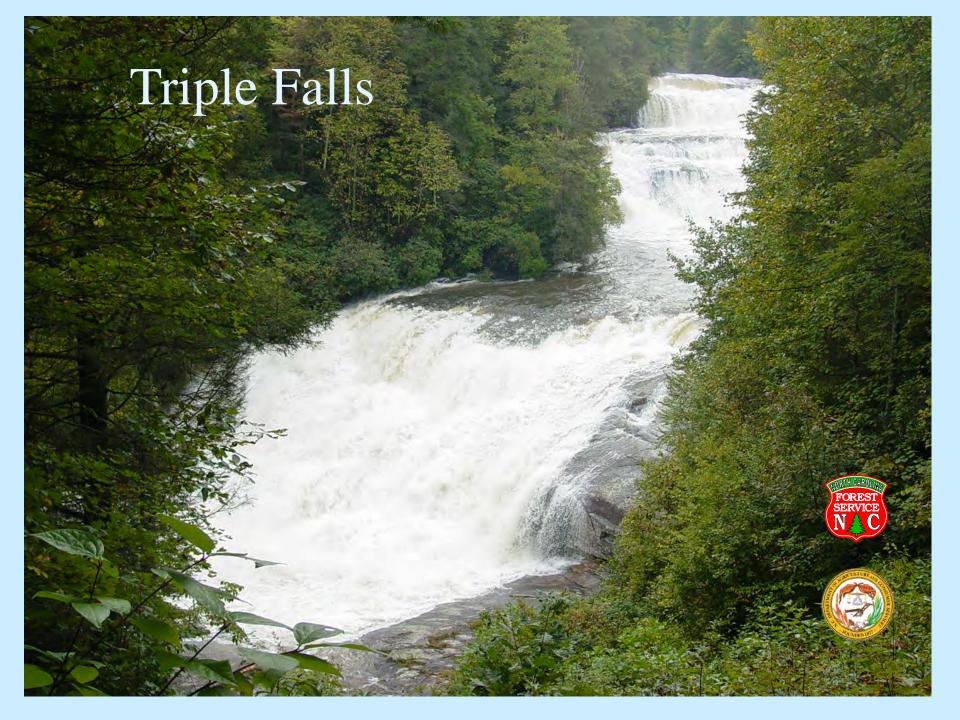














# Questions?



