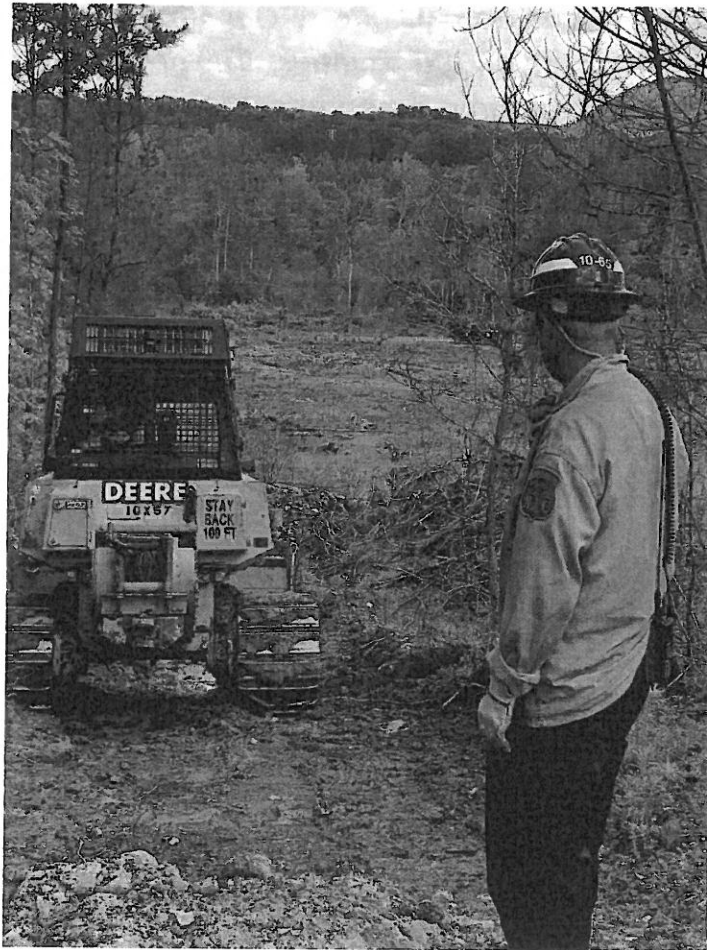


# North Carolina Forest Service

## Rowan County Report Year 2021



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The mission of the North Carolina Forest Service is to protect, manage and promote forest resources for the citizens of North Carolina.



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The North Carolina Forest Service has the responsibility of protecting state and privately owned forest land from wildfires. Our Fire Control program is managed on a cooperative basis with all 100 counties. The program consists of fire prevention efforts and programs, preparedness training with local VFD's, an aggressive suppression effort on all wildfires, and law enforcement follow-up on every fire.

*Roman County Wildfires*



	<b>TOTALS</b>
Calls for Response( includes none fire related calls)	65
Acres Burned	43 acres
Homes Protected (\$ Value)	25 (\$4,500,000)
Other Structures Protected	38 (662,000)
Homes Lost	0
Other Structures Lost	6 (\$25,000)
Homes Damaged	3 (\$25,000)
Other Structures Damaged	8 (\$21,000)
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	
Warnings Issued	43
Citations Issued	1
Warrants Issued	0

*Causes of Wildfires*

Debris Burning.....	32
Miscellaneous.....	12
Incendiary.....	5
Machine Use.....	10
Campfires.....	0
Lightning.....	0
Smoking.....	1
Undetermined.....	2
Railroad.....	3



### ***NC Forest Service VFD Training***

The North Carolina Forest Service provides several training opportunities to our rural Volunteer Fire Departments as well as other emergency service organizations. These trainings include national firefighter training and fire behavior, Incident Command System, Wildland Fire Suppression for VFD's, Class A Foam use, and Chainsaw Safety for VFD's. These trainings allows fire department personnel to be able to assist the NC Forest service in safely, efficiently, and effectively suppressing wildland fires while protecting citizen's property and our forest resources.

Rowan County assists local fire departments with training as requested.



# Forest Protection Water Quality



## Forest Practice Guidelines Related to Water Quality

### FPG INSPECTIONS COMPLETED BY NCFS

Logging Inspections and Re-inspections.....195 inspections

Number of Acres Inspected.....3071 acres



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*In North Carolina, Forest Practice Guidelines (FPG's) are mandatory, statewide requirements defined by N.C. Administrative Code 15A NCAC 01I .0100 - .0209. All forestry-related, site-disturbing activities must comply with the FPGs if that activity is to remain exempt from permitting and other requirements specified in the North Carolina Sedimentation Pollution Control Act (SPCA) of 1973.*

The N.C. Forest Service inspects logging sites each year to assess compliance with FPG's related to the following standards: Streamside Management Zones, Prohibition of Debris Entering Streams and Water bodies, Access Road and Skid Trail Stream Crossings, Access Road Entrances, Prohibition of Waste Entering Streams, Water bodies, and Groundwater, Pesticide Application, Fertilizer Application, Stream Temperature, and Rehabilitation of Project Site.

# *Forest Management*



## *Forest Establishment*

The NC Forest Service provides guidance to landowners of North Carolina, concerning establishing healthy trees, in order to produce forest products for our future generations. Forest establishment can be in the form of replanting trees on harvested timberland, planting trees on open fields no longer being used for agriculture, or allowing for natural regeneration of trees on harvested sites.

### Forest Establishment in Rowan County last year.

Trees Forest Establishment.....1044 acres

## *Forest Management Plans*

One of the many functions of the NC Forest Service is to develop sound forest management plans for the forest landowners of North Carolina. These plans are designed to help landowners meet their specific objectives they have for their property including timber production, soil and water protection, improving wildlife habitat, recreation and aesthetics. In July of 2014 the NC General Assembly directed the NC Board of Agriculture to require fees by NCFS in order to provide written woodland management plans to landowners.

- NCFS foresters prepared 49 plans on 1,501 acres for Rowan County landowners last year.

