

WHO CAN HELP?

Landowner Technical Assistance in the NC Sandhills

A wide range of technical assistance is available to landowners to help manage forests. The first step is to have a resource professional visit your property and write a plan based on your objectives.

North Carolina Forest Service

The **County Ranger** is the key contact for services the NC Forest Service offers. NC Forest Service Foresters and Rangers can prepare a woodland plan tailored to your management goals.

Information about fees, if applicable, for the preparation of woodland plans is available at www.ncforestservice.gov. There are no fees associated with verbal forest management assistance for insect infestations, disease, and water quality concerns.

County	Phone	E-mail
Anson	704-848-4705	anson.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Cumberland	910-483-1535	cumberland.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Harnett	910-893-4391	harnett.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Hoke	910-875-2808	hoke.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Lee	919-775-5214	lee.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Montgomery	910-576-5481	montgomery.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Moore	910-235-0216	moore.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Richmond	910-582-7029	richmond.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Scotland	910-276-0455	scotland.ncfs@ncagr.gov

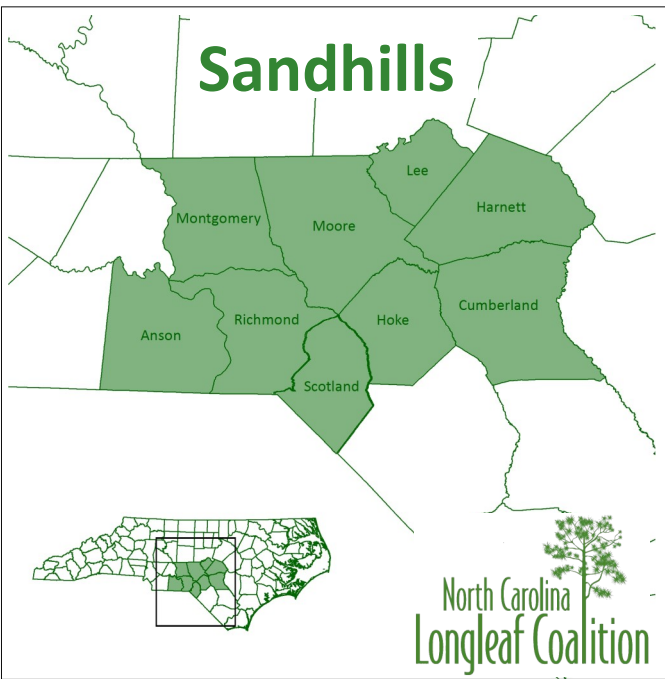
Prescribed Burn Resources

The **Sandhills Prescribed Burn Association (PBA)** is a community-based organization connecting private landowners and interested citizens to a prescribed fire network. PBA benefits include burn training, equipment access, and insurance at reduced cost.

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NC Forest Service offers prescribed fire services, including site preparation burning, in-stand burning, and fireline construction. Rates are based on acreage and equipment use. Contact your County Ranger for more information.

For a list of private service providers, including **prescribed burning contractors**, that can help landowners, please visit: www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/contract_services.htm



NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Technical Assistance Biologists provide wildlife management advice and expertise to private landowners.

The **Wildlife Habitat Program** assists with wildlife management plans and serves as a liaison with USDA Farm Bill Programs.

Piedmont
 John Isenhour
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Forest Stewardship assists landowners interested in managing their forest land for multi-use resources, including timber, wildlife, soil and water quality, recreation, and aesthetics.

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US Fish and Wildlife Service

The **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program** provides technical and financial assistance to restore habitat for the benefit of migratory birds and rare species. www.fws.gov/partners

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The **Safe Harbor Program** is a landowner incentive program that benefits red-cockaded woodpeckers through voluntary habitat improvements. It provides regulatory assurance that no additional land restrictions will be imposed as a result of management actions.

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US Department of Agriculture

The **Farm Service Agency (FSA)** and **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)** provide cost-share assistance programs for longleaf pine establishment and management.

County	FSA Service Center	NRCS Office
Anson	704-694-3516 X 2	704-694-3516 X 3
Cumberland	910-484-2138 X 2	910-484-8479 X 3
Harnett	910-893-5101 X 2	910-893-7584
Hoke	910-875-8111 X 2	910-875-8685
Lee	919-775-3407 X 2	919-776-2633
Montgomery	919-775-3407 X 2	910-572-2700
Moore	919-775-3407 X 2	910-947-5183
Richmond	910-895-3950 X 2	910-997-8244
Scotland	910-739-3349 X 2	910-277-2433

Quail Forever

Quail Forever works with landowners for anything conservation and wildlife-related, specifically assisting with developing and funding habitat improvement projects through **Farm Bill Programs** offered by **NRCS and FSA**.

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NC Cooperative Extension Forestry

NC Cooperative Extension offers research based information and technical assistance to landowners on a wide range of natural resource management topics. The **Forestry Area Specialized Agent (ASA)** provides assistance to landowners concerning longleaf management, pine straw production, marketing, and forest health. forestry.ces.ncsu.edu

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Consulting Foresters

Consulting foresters provide services on a fee or contractual basis. While the NC Forest Service and other public agencies can provide some free advice and assistance for managing your forestland, there are limitations. If you wish to know the value of your timber or how much timber volume you have, a public agency staff person cannot provide this service. Forest owners are encouraged to obtain the services of a Consulting Forester.

A list of Consulting Foresters who conduct business in North Carolina is maintained on by the N.C. Forest Service at: www.ncforestservice.gov/managing_your_forest/consulting_foresters.htm

Online Resources:

North Carolina Longleaf Coalition
www.nclongleaf.org

The Longleaf Alliance
www.longleafalliance.org

NC Forest Service Claridge Nursery
www.buynctrees.com
1-888-NCTREES (628-7337)



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