

# Who can help?

## Landowner technical assistance in the N.C. 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.

### N.C. Forest Service

The county ranger is the key contact for services offered by the N.C. Forest Service (NCFS). Foresters and rangers can prepare a woodland plan tailored to your management goals.

Information about fees, if applicable, for woodland plan preparation is available at [www.ncforestservice.gov](http://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

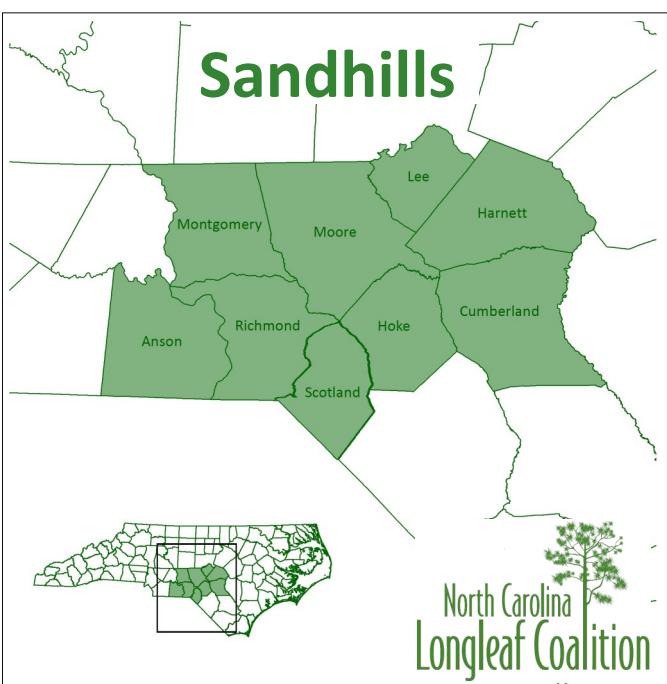
### Prescribed burn resources

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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The NCFS 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: <https://www.nclongleaf.org/landowners.html>.



### N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Wildlife conservation biologists provide wildlife management guidance and expertise to private landowners. These biologists can assist with development of wildlife focused plans or integrating habitat enhancement into forest stewardship and Tree Farm plans. They can also assist with Farm Bill enrollment.

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For more contact information go to [ncwildlife.org/WMDistrictContacts](http://ncwildlife.org/WMDistrictContacts) or email [privatelands@ncwildlife.org](mailto:privatelands@ncwildlife.org)

## U.S. 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](http://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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## U.S. 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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## N.C. Cooperative Extension Forestry

N.C. 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. For more information visit: [forestry.ces.ncsu.edu](http://forestry.ces.ncsu.edu).

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## Consulting foresters

Consulting foresters provide services on a fee or contractual basis. While the NCFS 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 NCFS at:  
<https://www.nclongleaf.org/landowners.html>.

## Online resources:

North Carolina Longleaf Coalition  
[www.nclongleaf.org](http://www.nclongleaf.org)

Sandhills Conservation Partnership  
[www.ncscp.org](http://www.ncscp.org)

NC Forest Service Claridge Nursery  
[www.buyntrees.com](http://www.buyntrees.com)  
1-888-NCTREES (628-7337)

The Longleaf Alliance  
[www.longleafalliance.org](http://www.longleafalliance.org)



N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Steve Troxler, Commissioner

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