

# Who can help?

## Landowner technical assistance in the Cape Fear Arch

A wide range of technical assistance is available to landowners to help manage forest. 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                    |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Bladen      | 910-588-4861 | bladen.ncfs@ncagr.gov     |
| Brunswick   | 910-755-7772 | brunswick.ncfs@ncagr.gov  |
| Columbus    | 910-654-4739 | columbus.ncfs@ncagr.gov   |
| Cumberland  | 910-483-1535 | cumberland.ncfs@ncagr.gov |
| New Hanover | 910-251-5750 | newhanover.ncfs@ncagr.gov |
| Pender      | 910-259-7251 | pender.ncfs@ncagr.gov     |
| Robeson     | 910-618-5540 | robeson.ncfs@ncagr.gov    |
| Sampson     | 910-592-4515 | sampson.ncfs@ncagr.gov    |

### Prescribed burn resources

Bladen Lakes Area Prescribed Burn Association is a group dedicated to providing neighbor to neighbor burning assistance, educational events and burn mentoring opportunities. While the area of focus is Bladen, Sampson and Pender Counties, anyone can join.

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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 Habitat Technical Assistance  
Biologists help landowners with the development of wildlife management plans and serve as liaisons with UDSA Farm Bill Programs.

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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.

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## 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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## U.S. Department of Agriculture

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

| County      | FSA Service Center | NRCS Office      |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Bladen      | 910-862-3179 X 2   | 910-862-3179 X 3 |
| Brunswick   | 910-253-4448 X 2   | 910-253-4448     |
| Columbus    | 910-642-2196 X 2   | 910-642-2348     |
| Cumberland  | 910-484-2138 X 2   | 910-484-8479 X 3 |
| New Hanover | 910-259-9123 X 2   | 910-798-6032     |
| Pender      | 910-259-9123 X 2   | 910-259-9123 X 3 |
| Robeson     | 910-739-3349 X 2   | 910-739-5478     |
| Sampson     | 910-592-4791 X 2   | 910-592-7963 X 3 |

## National Wild Turkey Federation

The National Wild Turkey Federation offers programs to help manage wildlife habitat on your woodlands and specifically works with USDA Farm Bill Programs in the Cape Fear Arch region.

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## Quail Forever

Quail Forever works with landowners for anything conservation and wildlife related, assisting with developing and funding habitat improvement 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:

Cape Fear Arch  
Conservation Collaboration  
[www.capefeararch.org](http://www.capefeararch.org)

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

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

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



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