

The following summary compares the work scheduled in each annual work plan against the amount of work implemented/completed in the field. Annual Work Plans (AWP's) are developed 18 months in advance of any work being implemented in the field to allow time for an internal departmental and public review process. Activities listed in the AWP's are many times not accomplished due to several unforeseen factors. Rainfall has the greatest effect on limiting the implementation of forestry work on Delmarva each year with wet soil conditions frequently restricting access to approved harvest sites with heavy logging equipment. Another factor that affects commercial forestry practices is the limited number of trained logging crews available to carry out thinning operations. Other types of planned practices, such as site preparation, tree planting, herbicide applications, and fertilization are occasionally not implemented due to changes in the field since the plan was written. An example would be a harvested area that regenerated itself naturally (won't require planting) and experienced little or no competition with undesirable species (won't require herbicide application).

Pocomoke State Forest Silvicultural Activity Summary By Annual Work Plan

Workplan Activity	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		9 Year Total	
	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.
Final Harvests	90	68	115	62	51	71	112	24	33	11	149	27	31	23	25	687	311			
Various Select Harvests &/or other treatments					64	17	19		42		38	47	85		226	490	64			
First Thinning	127		57		100		305		120	114	623	248	586	212	75	345	1,993	918		
Second Thinning										26	120									
Site Preparation																				
Tree Planting		48						15						23		4				90
Regeneration Release																				
Grass Control																				
Mild Rotation Release																				
Fertilization																				
Natural Regeneration		14		77		62		43		46		12		74		20				392
Pre Commercial Thinning	36	69	21	20	20		59	59	21		18	18	45	45					219	210
Prescribed Fire								35		22										57
Boundary Maintenance																				
Restoration Projects				2,606		280								100	634		18			3,638
Watershed Imp. Projects											12									12
Harvests within HCVF areas*					53	42	176	23	86	51	181	96	114	177	74	636	462			

* High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) were initially identified and designated in 2009 on the Pocomoke State Forest. The current designation includes Ecologically Significant Areas (ESA) Zone 1 & 2, Core Forest Interior Dwelling Bird (FIDS) Habitat, Core Delmarva Fox Squirrel (DFS) Habitat, and Riparian Forested Buffers. Management activities within the HCVF have been designed to maintain or enhance the attributes that define such forests. Activities thus far have included the conversion of loblolly pine plantations to natural mixed forest conditions for DFS habitat or the removal of woody plant material from xeric dune and Carolina bay communities (ESA Zone 1 & 2).