Forest Service National Forests in North Carolina Supervisor's Office

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## Dear Interested Citizen:

Using the input we received from you, we have completed the revision of the Croatan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) of the Plan. Enclosed are copies of the Croatan Plan, the Record of Decision, Management Prescription map, and a CD-ROM containing an electronic file of the Appendices to the Plan and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (and all previously mentioned documents). Your package may also include a paper copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Plan Appendices. If it does not, and you wish to have a paper copy of either document, please call 828-257-4200 to request a copy.

We feel that the management outlined in the revised Plan will meet the needs of the people in the southern coastal area of North Carolina. The Plan guides management of the Croatan National Forest for the next 10-15 years, with an emphasis on restoration of natural communities, especially the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem.

Any administrative appeal of this decision must be postmarked or received within 90 days of the date of publication of legal notice in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (anticipated to be mid-February 2003). Specific information on the appeal process is included in the Record of Decision.

Please contact Terry Seyden at 828-257-4202 if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in the management of the Croatan National Forest, and we look forward to hearing from you as we begin to implement the revised Plan.

Sincerely,





