

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).

Silvicultural Activity Summary By Annual Work Plan

Workplan Activity	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		8 Year Total	
	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.	Plan Acres	Acres Comp.														
Final Harvests	90	68	115	62	51		105	71	112	24	33	11	149	27	31		687	263
Various Select Harvests &/or other treatments					64		15	17	19		42		38	47	85		264	64
First Thinning	127		57		100				305		120	114	623	248	586		1,918	362
Second Thinning												26	120				120	26
Site Preparation																	-	-
Tree Planting		48							15								-	63
Regeneration Release																	-	-
Grass Control																	-	-
Mid Rotation Release																	-	-
Fertilization																	-	-
Natural Regeneration		14		77		44		62		43		46					-	285
Pre Commercial Thinning	36	69	21	20	20		21		59	59			18	18	45	45	219	210
Prescribed Fire										35		22					-	57
Boundary Maintenance				2,606				280						100		634	-	3,620
Restoration Projects													12				12	-
Watershed Imp. Projects																	-	-
Work within HCVF areas							53	42	176	23	86	51	181	96	114		609	211

* High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) were initially identified and designated in 2010 on the Pocomoke State Forest. The current designation includes Ecologically Significant Areas (ESA) Zone 1 & 2, Core Forest Interior Dwelling Bird (FID) 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).