

Alumni Profile: Henry Kunzig (Class of 2006)



Henry Kunzig is an Assistant County Ranger for the NC Forest Service in Rutherford County, N.C. Henry graduated in 2006 with a concentration in forest resources.

There are so many different things that are done on a day to day basis that it is hard to narrow down what I do. There are always people wanting Forest Management Plans which is done free of charge for the landowner. Forest management objectives could be timber production, wildlife habitat or even tax reductions.

We do inspections on harvesting operations to make sure that they are following the guidelines for water quality and to prevent sedimentation. Regeneration is another important aspect. We might plant one acre of white oak or 1000 acres of loblolly for an individual or a company.

Fire control and prevention are also a very big part of the job. We can be called out to a small fire in a backyard that had gotten out of hand, or a 100-acre fire on top of a mountain caused by a lightning strike. Most of our prevention is done with Smokey the Bear in parades or group functions like Girl Scouts and Field days.



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