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### **Aerial Seeding & Mulching on National Forest lands in North Carolina**

ASHEVILLE — Starting April 23 the National Forests in North Carolina will be using a helicopter to reseed several storm-damaged areas. The reseeding areas are on the Grandfather Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest northwest of Lenoir in Caldwell County. During this coming week the helicopter will be used to apply fertilizer, seed and mulch on several landslide areas. The areas to be treated are generally located in rugged terrain and lack safe and suitable road or ground access. (The operation is weather dependent.) See attached photos.

#### **Background:**

Damage from last fall's Hurricanes Frances and Ivan included numerous landslides and debris flows. To prevent further loss of soil and to reduce the threat of even further damage to downslope/downstream areas, 155 acres were seeded last October and November. This resulted in some improvement, but 67 acres were evaluated as needing reseeding.



Forest Service Crews Unloading Straw Bales to be Used in Aerial Mulching

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Helicopter Used in Aerial Mulching on Grandfather District

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Seed Mixing Bucket to be Attached to Helicopter

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Seed Mixing Buckets Used in Aerial Seeding of Landslides on Grandfather District

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Helicopter Used to Seed, Fertilize and Mulch Landslides  
on the Grandfather District of the Pisgah National Forest

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