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Forest Logging Equipment Vandalized

ASHEVILLE, N.C.---U.S. Forest Service officials report that vandals damaged equipment and drove spikes into downed logs on a timber sale on the Nantahala National Forest in Graham County, NC last week. According to Cheoah District Ranger R.E. Vann, "Sometime during the weekend of April 13th, someone came onto the national forest, and caused considerable damage to logging equipment. They also spiked an access road and a number of logs that had already been cut, and stacked. It is a shame that this kind of activity still goes on in western North Carolina. This reckless act of vandalism has caused economic harm to a local logger, and the spikes could pose a serious threat of personal injury at the sawmill."

No arrests have been made yet. U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officers and the Graham County Sheriff's Department are continuing to investigate this incident.

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