South Carolina 2 CROP

A Summary of CROP Landscape Analyses Results

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South Carolina 2 CROP:

Center Point: Saluda 50-mi. radius

- 1 National Forest
- SC DNR
- Charleston Air Force Base
- Savannah River

Kings Mountain National Military Park Cowpens National Battlefield Spartanburg Sumter Rock Hill Vational Forest * Greenville Hartwell Lake Sumter Anderso National Fores Ninety Six nal Historic Site Fort Jackson **Richard B Russell** Shaw Air Force Bas Lake Sumte National Fores **Congaree Swamp** J Stro National Monument Lake Lake Mari Santee . Aiker NWR Savannah Charleste Naval Weapons Static GEORGIA Charleston Naval Weapons Station South Anne

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National Forest:

• **Sumter NF:** 2 ranger districts:

Long Cane RD Enoree RD

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What was asked for (5-yr. period):

- *Volume:* (by mmbf; green/dry tons; ccf) w/conversions
- *Diameter sizes:* <4" >4"-7" >7"-9" >9"-12" >12"
- **Species:** (<u>6 species</u> evaluated for resource flow)
- *Harvest "type":* timber sales, PW-T, biomass, thinning, etc.
- *Location* of resource offering
- NEPA phase for each resource offering (Federal lands only)
- *Road accessibility* for each resource offering (Federal lands only)

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So, let's take a look at the final results . . .



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Overall:

Year	Total Biomass (354,000 gT)	% of 5-yr volume	T (1	otal Small Log .02.125 mmbf)	% of 5-yr volume	Total Large Log (194.861 mmbf)	% of 5-yr volume
2006	69,960	20%		19.825	19%	31.619	16%
2007	69,960	20%		20.125	20%	34.097	18%
2008	71,160	20%		20.325	20%	38.415	20%
2009	71,160	20%		20.725	20%	43.115	22%
2010	71,760	20%		21.125	21%	47.615	24%

Biomass = 17% (up to 7" dbh) Small Logs = 29% (>7" - 12" dbh) Large Logs = 55% (>12" dbh)

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Who's providing what?

Agency	5-yr total <i>Biomass (gT)</i>	5-yr total Small Log (mmbf)	5-yr total <i>Large Log (mmbf</i>)	% of 5-yr total
Sumter NF	175,200	48.5	101.7	50%
Savannah River	178,800	53.625	91.575	49%
SC DNR	0	0	1.089	<1%
Charleston AFB *located in North, SC	0	0	.496	<1%

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Sumter NF: (gT = 175,200; Small log = 48.5 mmbf; Large log = 101.7 mmbf)

Ranger Districts	5-yr total (Biomass = gT)	5-yr total Small log (mmbf)	5-yr total Large log (mmbf)
Long Cane	79,800	20.9	60.7
Enoree	95,400	27.6	41



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Counties:

- ✓ 19 counties contacted, 95% (18) either have no forestlands or do not plan any removal in the next 5 years.
- Only Newberry county has removal plans in discussion, but no data in county is currently available.



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	5-yr total (Biomass = gT)	5-yr total Small log (mmbf)	5-yr total Large log (mmbf)
r. total)	266,528	74.491	150.918
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By Species **Loblolly pine** (76% of 5-yr Longleaf pine (12% of 5-yr. total) 41,512 12.269 21.925 **Slash pine** 33,210 9.815 17.54 (9% of 5-yr. total) **Gum species** 5,100 2.62 1.95 (2% of 5-yr. total) **Oak species** 5,100 1.82 1.622 (1% of 5-yr. total) Hardwoods 2,550 1.11 .906 (1% of 5-yr. total)

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Okay picture for potential small log processing with 29% of total 5-yr volume in small log strata @ ~20 mmbf/yr. Largest percentage of small log volume (42%) is projected to be in the >9"-12" log strata where highest grade of lumber is obtained.

(% of total volume)	4"-7"	>7"-9"	>9"-12"	<4'
Loblolly Pine	13%	10%	17%	3%
Longleaf Pine	17%	9%	21%	0%
Slash Pine	17%	9%	21%	0%
Gum Species	16%	27%	21%	0%
Oak Species	20%	25%	18%	0%
Hardwoods	0%	14%	14%	0%

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Resource Offering Maps (ROMS): *Here's what you get <u>for each species</u>...*

- ✓ <u>Who</u> will supply?
- $\checkmark \quad \underline{When} \text{ will supply be offered?}$
- ✓ *How much* will be offered?
- ✓ *What diameter size* will it be offered in?
- ✓ Will supply be consistent and <u>levelized over</u> <u>time</u> to invite purchase and investment?



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For each species:

- ✓ *Locator map* per specific supplier
- ✓ <u>Summary sheet</u>
- ✓ <u>Detailed supply breakouts</u> by volume, diameter, and year per supplier

Let's look at Loblolly Pine as an example ...

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South Carolina 2: <u>Loblolly Pine</u> CROP offering '06 – '10 (by agency)

ROM #LLP 1.4

- gT = green tons (up to 7" dbh)
- S = small log mmbf (>7"-12" dbh)
- L = large log mmbf (>12" dbh)

<i>Loblolly Pine</i> Savannah River	5-yr = 90.45 mmbf; 18.09 mmbf/yr				
	• Level supply from year to year				
gT = 91,327	 <4" = 0% (0 mmbf) >4"-7" = 17% (15.221 mmbf) 				
S = 26.991	 >7"-9" = 9% (8.209 mmbf) >9"-12" = 21% (18.782 mmbf) 				
L = 48.235	• >12" = 53% (48.235 mmbf)				

Detailed Breakout by Supplier

'06 - '10



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SO . . . with CROP, we're able to look at:

- *performance between different public agencies* to identify needed coordination of supply; <u>and</u>
- performance between ranger districts in a single <u>NF</u> to see where coordination of supply offering might be needed.

Let's take a look ...



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Loblolly Pine: Sumter NF – 2 RI's *biomass offerings* (% of NF offering)







Fairly levelized supply in both RDs



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Loblolly Pine: Sumter NF – 2 RDS <u>small log</u> offerings (% of NF offering)

Long Cane RD – 44%



Enoree RD – 56%



Again, fairly levelized supply in both RDs

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Loblolly Pine: Sumter NF – 2 RDs <u>large log</u> offerings (% of NF offering)

Long Cane RD – 60%



Enoree RD – 40%



Level supply in one RD, but <u>unlevelized</u> supply from the RD providing the lion's share of the Sumter NF 5-yr supply.

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Let's look at species <u>Summary Sheets</u> for the other top South Carolina 2 CROP species



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How levelized will the supply be for all species?

Let's take a look . . .



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Levelized supply for five years?

	gT Biomass		Small Logs		Large Logs	
	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Loblolly Pine	✓		✓			✓
Longleaf Pine	✓		\checkmark		\checkmark	
Slash Pine	✓		\checkmark		✓	
Gum Species	✓		\checkmark		✓	
Oak Species	~		\checkmark		✓	
Other Hardwoods	✓		\checkmark		~	

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Looking at the *Loblolly Pine* . . .

- ✓ There will be a *levilized supply of green tonnage biomass* that will impact 75% of the total biomass volume in the CROP landscape over the next 5 years.
- ✓ There will be an *levelized supply of small logs in this specie* that will impact ~73% of the total CROP small log supply. However, total CROP volume of ~20 mmbf/yr is too small to construct a new small log mill. May be sufficient to consider adding small log line to an existing mill.
- ✓ There will be an <u>unlevel, but growing, supply of large logs in this specie</u> that comprises 77% of the total 5-yr CROP volume. Supply will be growing by ~3 mmbf/yr over the next 5-years.

Here's how it looks on an agency-by-agency basis ...

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Levelized Annual Supply?

(Total 5-yr volume)

Not a bad picture, but might consider leveling out large log supply by offering more volume in earlier years.

Y = yes		<u>La</u> (269.83 1	<u>oblolly Pir</u> nmbf; incl	<u>ne</u> udes gT)
N = no R = relatively		Biomass	Small log	Large log
Sumter NF	(50% of 5-yr vol.)			
	Long Cane RD	Y	Y	Ν
	• Enoree RD	Y	Y	N
Savannah River	(49% of 5-yr vol.)	Y	Y	Y
SC DNR	(<1% of 5-yr vol.)	_	_	N
Charleston AFB	(<1% of 5-yr vol.)	—	-	N

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... here's how it looks



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NEPA Picture for CROP Landscape

<u>Only Sumter NF has NEPA lands</u>: 100% of 5-yr total = (179.4 mmbf; includes gT as mmbf)



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	mmbf	% of total
Approved	90.7	51%
In process	67.6	38%
Just started	21.1	12%
Not started	0	0%

NEPA Process: All Agencies Total 5-yr Volume (179.4 mmbf)



Over 89% of Sumter NF CROP resource offering either NEPA approved or in-process!

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NEPA Risk Rating

1	2	3	4	5
Lowest	Low	Medium	High	<i>High</i> est

For low risk rating, 3 key desired attributes:

- ✓ Volume *approved* in first 2 years, followed by *in-process*.
- ✓ Consistency in supply; no dramatic gaps from year to year (eg: *approved/not started/in-process*).
- ✓ Overall no major emphasis on *just started* or *not started*.

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NEPA Risk Rating Summary:

Sumter NF	Total 5-yr volume	NEPA Risk Rating
Long Cane RD	94.9 mmbf	Low
Enoree RD	84.5 mmbf	Lowest







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What about road access to supply? No problems here . . .

Agency	5-yr total volume	Affected by No Current Road Access
	mmbf	% of total volume with no road access
Sumter NF	179.4	0%
Savannah River	175	0%
SC DNR	1.089	0%
Charleston AFB	.496	0%
Total	355.986	0%

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What about private lands?



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Here's a snapshot:

- ✓ Data received for 1986, 1993, & 2001
- ✓ Softwood species includes *loblolly*, *longleaf*, *shortleaf*, & *others*
- ✓ Hardwood species includes *sweetgum* & *yellow poplar*
- ✓ Average annual volume = ~894 mmbf with 91% softwood & 9% hardwoods
- ✓ ~45% of annual volume <12"; 55% is >12"

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Conclusions for South Carolina 2 CROP ...

Public forestlands to be a much more significant supply partner in the CROP landscape during the next five years. Normally, volume from public lands is 20x less that that off private forestlands. Assuming average annual volume from private forestlands stays the same per year as in prior years, volume from public lands will be only 12x less than that off private lands.

There is potential investment opportunity in new small log processing with ~20 mmbf/yr of small log supply coming on board on a levelized basis.

....*but*

Biomass (7" and less) volume offering low compared to other CROP landscapes across the US. Investor interest would likely seek public-private partnership for biomass supply to consider manufacturing investment.

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