

A total of 700 recently harvested areas were located in 2006-2007 in the two southern regions of the state, with only two sites being deemed out of compliance. These sites were also visited on the ground and both were found to be in compliance. A 21% sample (147 sites) of a total 700 sites was inspected. Only 1.4% (2 of the 147) sites were noted to be out of compliance representing a compliance rate of 98.6% for the southern two regions.

Based on a two-year sampling method described above, the state as a whole was found to have a compliance rate of 98.1%.

The Alabama Forestry Commission will be restarting the two-year cycle at the beginning of the 2008 fiscal year. Random on-the-ground sampling will also be done in order to get a more diversified sample and further educate loggers and landowners.

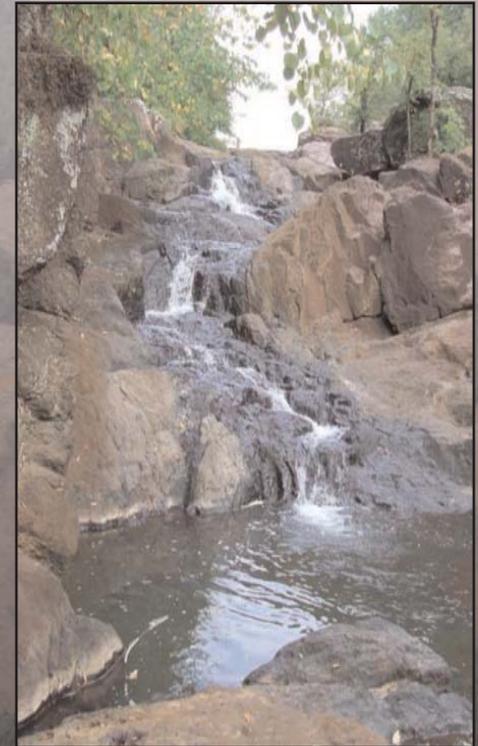


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Alabama's Best Management Practices for Forestry



RANDOM MONITORING REPORT
Fiscal Years 2006-2007
BMP Compliance

The Alabama Forestry Commission conducted a random monitoring program of compliance with Alabama's Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Forestry on sites with recent silvicultural activities in 2004-2005. The process of aerial detection and mapping in North Alabama began in November 2005 and concluded in South Alabama in September of 2007. BMP aerial monitoring is conducted annually, on a rotating basis between the two Northern and two Southern AFC Regions. Commission associates and pilots have mapped and checked the sites for compliance in all 67 Alabama counties.

Harvested Areas of Alabama



2006-2007

The number of sites monitored was based on the average annual removal of growing stock in million cubic feet (mmcf) for each county using FIA data and the following criteria:

- If less than 3.715 mmcf -- 1 site.
- Between 3.716-7.430 mmcf -- 2 sites.
- Between 7.431-14.860 mmcf --3 sites.
- Between 14.861-22.290 mmcf -- 4 sites.
- Between 22.291 -30.000 mmcf -- 5 sites.
- Over 30.001 mmcf -- 6 sites.

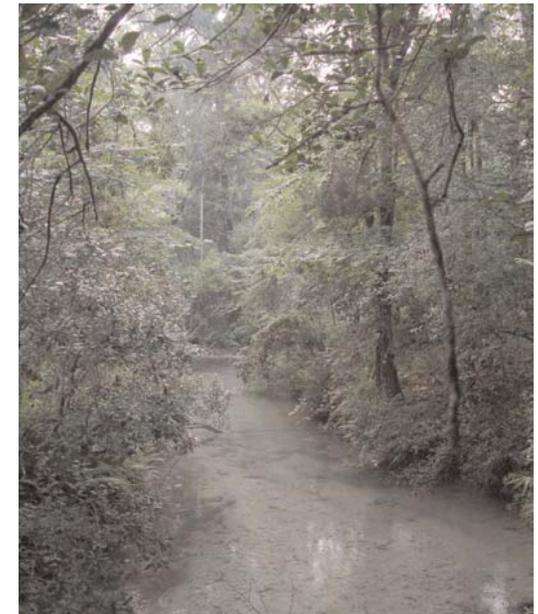
A list of recent harvest locations was developed in each appropriate region at the beginning of the fiscal year. Using aerial observation, recently harvested sites were selected based in the following criteria:

1. Well-defined forestry operations such as clearcuts, select harvests, site prep areas, or sites with significant woods road construction.
2. One year old or less.
3. Ongoing, stopped, or completed.
4. Free from bias. Size, ownership, or access difficulty should not be considered. However, access routes visible from the air should be noted on such sites to aid ground access.

The sites were then broken down on a county basis and the necessary number of sites was randomly selected for further examination. These sites were then inspected by qualified inspectors, as determined by the Alabama Forestry Commission. The sites were then examined on the following categories:

- Streamside Management Zones adequate
- Stream Crossings adequate
- Forest Roads adequate
- Timber Harvesting adequate
- Reforestation/Stand Management adequate
- Forested Wetland Management adequate
- BMP adequately implemented during overall operation(s)

Upon the recognition of a problem in any of these categories, the site was deemed out of compliance and further action was taken to achieve compliance.



A total of 635 recently harvested sites were located in 2005-2006 in the two northern regions of the state, with only three sites being deemed out of compliance. These three sites were also visited on the ground, and one was found to be in compliance. A 17.6% sample (112 sites) of a total 635 sites was inspected. Only 2.6% (3 of the 112 sites) was noted to be out of compliance representing a compliance rate of 97.4% for the two northern regions.