



USDA Forest Service Savannah River



We are stewards of the land.

Through collaboration, we develop and implement innovative, science-based forest management. We convene with key stakeholders across all lands to provide clean air, water, and healthy sustainable forests.

While supporting the Department of Energy-Savannah River Site mission, we instill public confidence while being recognized as a national asset in environmental stewardship through innovative technology. We serve the public by providing ecological and economic benefits. We provide excellent customer service while focusing on integration of all activities.

Our employees are our most valuable resource. We are committed to developing an inclusive and diverse workforce in a safe environment. We provide unique and rewarding opportunities for all of our employees.

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Our History

The U.S. Forest Service presence at Savannah River begin in 1951 via a contractual agreement between the Department of Energy and the Forest Service to help reforest the newly formed Savannah River Site.

Forest Service - Savannah River Natural Resource Management Plan

We manage the natural resources found on approximately 170,000 acres of the Department of Energy owned Savannah River Site in accordance with the mutually agreed upon SRS Natural Resource Management Plan. Management goals for specific program areas include:

Habitat, Population and Invasive Species, and TES Species Management

- Improve habitat and restore native natural resource communities and species.
- Control damage to natural resources, infrastructure, and vehicles resulting from deer, beavers, wild hogs, and other species.
- Conduct a comprehensive approach to TES species management.



Red-Cockaded woodpecker – USDA Image

Forest Products Harvesting and Silviculture Management



Longleaf pine seedlings prepped to be planted - USDA Image

- Manage and develop habitat for native species and communities through harvesting and other silviculture practices.
- Provide marketable forest products, such as sawtimber, pulpwood, and utility poles, through sustainable management.
- Manage hardwood stand composition to improve the diversity of both age and species.

Secondary Roads, Boundary, and Trails Management

- Maintain and construct secondary roads in support of SRS missions.
- Maintain and construct the SRS boundary.
- Maintain the SRS wellness trail systems.



USFS constructed road system on SRS - USDA Image

Watershed Management

- Maintain existing protective structures and developments.
- In areas of compacted soil, to restore soil porosity and native vegetation.
- Restore or enhance sub-watershed channels and riparian zones when opportunities for mitigation exists.
- Control actively eroding areas that potentially pollute streams, wetlands, and other open waters.
- Implement required RCRA, CERCLA, or other regulatory requirements for remediated and/or closed portions of watersheds.

Fire Management



- Suppress wildland fires with first priority for firefighter and public safety.
- Support natural resource management goals and objectives with a comprehensive management program.

Research and Research Set-Asides

- Develop and implement management plans for maintenance of each Set-Aside.
- Support the DOE natural resource, ecological, cultural, and environmental missions.
- Integrate research, education, and outreach activities where appropriate.
- Enhance the capability and activities of SRS as a NERP.

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