



CHAPTER 106
ARTICLE 75 - PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS; FIRE CONTROL

N.C.G.S. § 106-899.

Powers of forest rangers and deputy rangers to prevent and extinguish fires; authority to issue citations and warning tickets.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2023-63, s. 12.1 — eighteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 02:52 UTC	3a79cf4d44641bc78b2021c - 034d6ac3100d8df171afcbcc - 4fc6957ce8c38a9a

§ 106-899(a) Forest rangers or deputy rangers shall prevent and extinguish forest fires and shall have control and direction of all persons and equipment while engaged in the extinguishing of forest fires. During a season of drought, the Commissioner or his designate may establish a fire patrol in any district. In case of fire in or threatening any forest or woodland, the forest ranger or deputy ranger shall attend forthwith and use all necessary means to confine and extinguish such fire. The forest ranger may summon any resident between the ages of 18 and 45 years, inclusive, to assist in extinguishing fires and may require the use of crawler tractors and other property needed for such purposes; any person so summoned and who is physically able who refuses or neglects to assist or to allow the use of equipment and such other property required shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall only be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). No action for trespass shall lie against any forest ranger, deputy ranger, or person summoned by a forest ranger for crossing lands, backfiring, burning out or performing his duties as a forest ranger or deputy ranger.

§ 106-899(b) Forest rangers are authorized to issue and serve citations under the terms of G.S. 15A-302 and warning tickets under the terms of G.S. 106-901 for offenses under the forest laws. This subsection may not be interpreted to confer the power of arrest on

forest rangers, and does not make them criminal justice officers within the meaning of G.S. 17C-2.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I
18 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1915

1969

2023

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1915	c. 243, s. 6	ENACTED
02	C.S.	s. 6137	RECODIFIED
03	1925	c. 106, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
04	1925	c. 240	AMENDED
05	1927	c. 150, s. 4	AMENDED
06	1951	c. 575	AMENDED
07	1963	c. 312, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1973	c. 108, s. 65	AMENDED
09	1973	c. 1262, s. 86	AMENDED
10	1975	c. 620, s. 2	AMENDED
11	1977	c. 771, s. 4	AMENDED
12	1983	c. 327, s. 3	AMENDED
13	1989	c. 727, s. 63	AMENDED
14	1993	c. 539, s. 832	AMENDED
15	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
16	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 13.25(p), (q)	AMENDED
17	2017	S.L. 2017-108, s. 12(b)	AMENDED
18	2023	S.L. 2023-63, s. 12.1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 15A-302	(b)	"serve citations under the terms of"
G.S. 106-901	(b)	"warning tickets under the terms of"
G.S. 17C-2	(b)	"justice officers within the meaning of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 106-899 (2023).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 106-899(a) (2023).

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