

Remembering

Curtis Jessen

North Carolina Division of Forest Resources — North Carolina

Career Assistant District Forester

Date of Death: August 21, 2008

Age: 32

Assistant District Forester Curtis Jessen died August 21, 2008, from injuries sustained in a fall while fighting a brush fire.

Curtis held a degree in forestry service from North Carolina State University. He joined the Division of Forest Resources in 2002 and worked as a forest inventory analysis forester and a service forester before being promoted to assistant district forester.

He combined use of modern technology with knowledge of forestry, which made him an excel-

lent forester. He was passionate about his work. In addition to fighting fire, he organized community outreach programs and helped landowners create forestry management plans.

Curtis loved being outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Family, friends, and coworkers remembered him as hardworking, soft-hearted, and down to earth.

Curtis was survived by his mother, Sue Jessen; his brother, Robert Jessen; and his grandmother, Jeanette Robertson.

