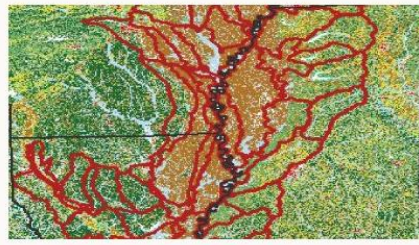




# My Internship Experience

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# What I did



**Groundwater Recharge in the Lower Mississippi River Alluvial Valley**



**Targeted Deer Removal Can Reduce Deer-Vehicle Collisions**



**After Fire, Red Oak Seedlings Resprout**

- Wrote some CompassLive Articles
- Updated search tags on publication database
- Presented a safety message during a staff meeting
- Took notes during Science in Practice webinars for use in science communications projects
- Created a series of factsheets for the Experimental Forest network



# Challenges

- Introducing myself the first couple of times
- Asking people for help, talking to new people
- Finding a good work set-up at home
- Not being able to explore forests in North Carolina



# Takeaways

- I learned how to communicate scientific findings more effectively
  - Format and style of writing
- I improved my communication skills
  - Talking to new people
- I learned about all the different research areas that the Forest Service studies

# Next Steps

- Will do more with science communication
- Will think more about the different research areas I learned about
- Visit some National Forests