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We put in at Long Point in Croatan National Forest at 10:30. There was minor trash at the put in. We split up to cover both sides of the White Oak as we paddled down stream to Hunters Creek and continued to scout each side of the river as we paddle upstream to the sawdust pile where we had lunch. (Hunters Creek and this section of the White Oak do not have to be revisited during Big Sweep this year).



This sawdust pile is an awesome sight and displays the remnants of the huge cypress trees that graced the White Oak watershed. Few of them remain today. The new Weetock hiking trail leads one to this historic place by land off Route 58 opposite the little white church north of Hunters Creek.

We should have turned around here after lunch and headed home to Boondocks at Stella. Instead, we all voted to paddle up Hunters as far as the blown down trees would permit. It was pretty and we are glad we did it but we got in just before dark and it had turned cold.

New rule: We shoot to get in by three in these winter months.

Hunters Creek is a very pretty Creek with abundant red cedar lining the banks and large palmettos up near 58. One cannot get to 58. This creek should be cleared of

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all obstructing blown down trees far up into the Croatan Forest. This would make a excellent recreational paddle trail into the wilderness. We badly need more such trails like this.



The pictures show the group at the top of the sawdust pile and at the bottom.