

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

Paint Creek Watershed Team

Site Assessment Survey

Site Number (date and chronological order)	6.12.12 Site 1
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Viking Mountain road below Viking Mountain
Approximate Elevation	4700
Slope	Mid slope to spur ridge
Aspect	West
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Dry Oak (no sign of pine except along the road cut)
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Oak dominated in Pine System
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Could move toward a more open condition with Prescribed Fire.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Prescribed Fire could reduce abundance of red maple in understory
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	
Does this site provide an opportunity to demonstrate a restoration treatment or condition that is better than other locations in the watershed? On the north end of the Forest?	
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Steep Slope. Within the AT corridor. Not currently in a burn unit. Oaks seem to have pest damage. We looked at this area from two points on the switchback road.



Please paste photos below.