

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

Paint Creek Watershed Team

Site Assessment Survey

Site Number (date and chronological order)	6.12.12 Site 3
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Kennedy Cabin Road
Approximate Elevation	4000
Slope	Mid-slope
Aspect	South to West as we followed the road
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Dry Oak with some Yellow Pine present. Some Rhododendron and Hemlock coming upslope (likely due to fire suppression)
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?	Open Oak/Pine or Pine/Oak (would depend upon future fire frequency)
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Prescribed Fire. Possibly do manual thinning around remaining Table Mountain Pine seed trees
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Probably not
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	Unknown
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?	We have not visited many other sites where pine restoration would be appropriate. This may be combined with Site 2 from 6.12.12 within a large project area.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Re-visited on 6.13.12. Above the road had been burned and showed signs of great improvement. Below the road could greatly benefit from Prescribed fire. It is within the Upper Paint Creek burn unit but has never been burned. <i>Thermopsis fraxinifolia</i> , Pink lady Slipper and Turkey Beard are all fire tolerant/dependent species and were all observed from the road.





View from Kennedy Cabin Road





*Thermopsis fraxinifolia* along the road



Table Mountain Pine (seed tree) along Kennedy Cabin road