

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

Paint Creek Watershed Team

Site Assessment Survey

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| Site Number (date and chronological order)  | 6.13.12 Site 2   |
| FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number   | Devil's Kitchen Branch road from Upper Paint Creek Road to Hwy 70 (FSR 93 A and FSR93)   |
| Approximate Elevation   | 2500   |
| Slope   | Varying  |
| Aspect  | Varying  |
| What is the current Ecological system present at the site?  | Numerous Pine Plantations varying in age   |
| What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?  |  |
| What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?  | Predicted some White Pine in cove/oak systems  |
| Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?   | No. Pine plantations should be removed. Converted to Early habitat with the purpose of creating a more diverse canopy in the future. This could be done in stages providing optimal ESH for several years into the future. |
| What treatment options could be used to do that?<br>How many entries?   | Remove White Pine  |
| How many of those treatments could be done commercially?  | Yes. It could be commercial.   |
| 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? | This location had an abundance of White Pine Plantations. It also has two rare communities in the vicinity that could benefit from maintenance/restoration.  |
| Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.  | Also visited on 6.12.12. The road is in poor condition in several locations.   |