

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

Paint Creek Watershed Team

Site Assessment Survey

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| Site Number (date and chronological order) | 7.11.12 Site 1 |
| FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number | Compartment 215 Stand 24 and 25 Saw Mill Branch Road |
| Approximate Elevation | 2400 |
| Slope | 25- Steep cove 24- low ridge |
| Aspect | Northwest |
| What is the current Ecological system present at the site? | 24- dry Oak with some yellow pine on ridge 25- Mesic oak to cove |
| What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type? | 24- White oak/Red Oak/ Hickory 25 – Cove hardwood |
| What did Steve Simon’s model predict would be at the site? | |
| Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward? | 24- Continued burning to reduce white pine regeneration. 25- Diverse hardwood mix already present. Only Treatment might be to remove some of the Poplar. |
| What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries? | 24- Prescribed Fire 25- Thinning |
| How many of those treatments could be done commercially? | 24- No 25- Possibly |
| 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. | 25- Very Steep. May only be suitable for cable logging. |
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Stand 25 Viewed from Hurricane Gap Road



Low Ridge in Stand 24

