

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

Paint Creek Watershed Team

Site Assessment Survey

Site Number (date and chronological order)	7.11.12 Site 2
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 215 Stand 28,27 Along Saw Mill Branch Road
Approximate Elevation	2400
Slope	Several steep coves running off a ridge
Aspect	West side of the ridge
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Coves with Mesic hardwood and oak on ridges
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Yellow Poplar/White Oak/Red Oak 1930
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?	Current condition is pretty good. Could possibly be improved by removal of Poplar along the road and in clumps where it occurs. With the purpose of creating early habitat and eventually a more diverse stand.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Gap harvest and thinning
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Depends on the amounts and arrangements of treatments and the road costs (currently looks to be in fair to good condition)
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	No
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?	Possible creation of early habitat in cove system.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Several steep slopes. May need to operate from the road with cables.

View upslope from Saw mill branch road



View from Saw Mill Branch road

