

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

Paint Creek Watershed Team

Site Assessment Survey

Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.10.12 Site 1
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	219-16, 219-49
Approximate Elevation	1840'-2080'
Slope	Mid
Aspect	North?
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Poplar and Red Maple Dominated
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Regen harvest in 1976 for stand 16, 1994 for stand 49
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	U-Class Yellow-Poplar in Oak
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Desired future condition is Oak and hickory with a mix of other hardwoods.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Would need to do multiple burns, and thinning. Possibly herbicides to favor oaks.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	None currently. Maybe in 10-20 years for stand 19.
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	Probably
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?	Not necessarily, but, opportunity may exist to do some treatment here.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	This site was a field at one point. It is probably not the best restoration opportunity we could find. However, there was discussion of making a blanket recommendation for U-class young stands in the 5-40 year age range.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.10.12 Site 2
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	223-3
Approximate Elevation	About 2,100-2400
Slope	Mid-slope to ridge
Aspect	South
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Chestnut Oak, Scarlet Oak, pitch pine, table mountain pine, shorleaf pine, Virginia pine, black gum
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	38 Pitch Pine
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Pine dominated oak
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Yes. It was recently burned (Cummins Branch Burn) and it is in an open Oak/Pine condition.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	
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?	Good example of early and open oak/pine condition
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	This site afforded good discussion about fire as a tool for restoration and also about when management might switch to maintenance burns. What would the frequency be?



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.10.12 Site 3
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	219-5, 219-14
Approximate Elevation	1,800-2,000
Slope	Road was mid slope
Aspect	East, Northeast
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Oak trending toward cove below road. Cut in the last 10 years, Oak above road.
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Red Oak, White Oak, Hickory above road and Cove Hardwood below road
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Pine Forest
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Above road could become either mid open or mid closed depending upon future management
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Crop tree release will likely be planned here. Could encourage open conditions
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Below road slope is very steep.
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?	No
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	We would probably not recommend any changes to the FS likely plans for this site.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.10.12 Site 4
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	223-18
Approximate Elevation	
Slope	Cove
Aspect	East, northeast
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Cove with a lot of Poplar, Oak with lots of poplar above – about a 10 acre area
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Cove Hardwoods 1890 establishment date
What did Steve Simon’s model predict would be at the site?	Oak Forest
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Site condition is good. However, species and/or structural diversity could be increased. Could move toward late-open condition.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Selectively remove poplar. How to encourage species diversity in regeneration? Planting?
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Possibly could be done commercially
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	If planting was required, would likely need additional funds
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?	Maybe
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Cummins Branch Crossing

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.10.12 Site 5
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	“site” include area along FSR 54 . 223-25 harvested 1996, 223-24 harvested 1977, 223-26 established 1885
Approximate Elevation	1,600 -1,800
Slope	Varying
Aspect	Generally South/South-West
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	There were several different communities present at this site. There was regenerating Poplar below the road (see harvested stands listed above). Walking up the trail from the end of the road, there was predominately oak stand with a few yellow pine and some white pine mixed in on the east side of the ridge. On the south side of the ridge (facing the river), the canopy was more exposed and contained a lot more yellow pine in the structure. Then continuing up the trail, the canopy opened up on both sides of the trail and was in the process of regenerating due to fire and southern pine beetle kill. This area exhibited some yellow pine regeneration, but also had some white pine moving in as well.
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Red Oak, white Oak Hickory
What did Steve Simon’s model predict would be at the site?	Oak dominated Pine site
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	We discussed maintaining and possibly moving this area toward an open condition. Above the road, there is some oak and remains of yellow pine. The lower east facing ridge might be managed as an open oak-yellow pine site (white pine removal, thin oaks and burn), the lower west facing slope open yellow-pine oak (predominantly burning) and the upper slope an open yellow pine-oak mix (burning, white pine control, midstory treatment).
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Could move it back toward pine with harvest and burning.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Possible Firewood Sale to remove some trees. Possible timber sale of 10-20K board feet of high quality white oak.
Would there be a need for additional funding to	Unknown

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?	Might provide one of the best opportunities for favoring Open Low elevation pine in the watershed. Other areas may be too steep. This location is relatively flat and has good road access.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	May want to look at soil maps of this area



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.10.12 Site 6
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	N/A
Approximate Elevation	1400'
Slope	Mid
Aspect	South
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Open Low Elevation Pine (Shortleaf)
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	N/A
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	N/A
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	This is a good example of Open Pine Woodland. Created by wildfire in 2001.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	N/A
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	N/A
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	N/A
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?	N/A
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	This site is located in North Carolina. The group visited it because it was very close and afforded a good opportunity to view an Open Pine woodland condition. No treatments will be recommended here.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.11.12 Site 1
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	FS Compartment 216 Stand 2, Mostly Comp. 217 Stand 17
Approximate Elevation	2,320'-2400'
Slope	Varying but generally not too steep
Aspect	Several aspects including north, southwest, and northwest.
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Oak and Cove with LOTS of White Pine in the overstory and understory
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	White Oak/Red Oak/Hickory for 216-2 and Cove hardwood-white pine-hemlock for 217-17
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Not mapped as U-Class. Modeled as Southern Appalachian Oak, Red Oak-chestnut oak, and dry oak
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	This location might be a candidate for Early or Open Condition
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Would need pre-treatment fire to remove White Pine in understory. Remove overstory White Pine and Poplar, maybe some oaks. Post treatment white pine suppression to allow other species to compete. Could not remove all White Pine
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Possibly
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?	Possibly a good site for open and early conditions
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Good discussion about suppression vs. removal of white pine.



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.11.12 Site 2
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	217-32, 217-19
Approximate Elevation	2,320'-2,700'
Slope	Varying but generally not too steep
Aspect	East, Southeast
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	white pine dominated with lesser amounts of oak, poplar, maple, and hemlock
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	FT 41 (Cove hardwood-white pine-hemlock) and FT 3 (white pine)
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	U-Class White Pine in Cove and Oak systems (Acidic cove, Montane Oak, Southern Appalachian Oak, Dry Oak)
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Removal and/or suppression of White Pine would be desirable here. White pine is very dominant. Increasing the component of other species is desirable. In the cove ecosystem that would be poplar, red maple, red oak, and basswood. In oak systems that would oaks and hickories.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	How to increase diversity of stand? Any openings would likely regenerate more Pine, Poplar, and red maple in the cove ecosystem. There would be more to work with and more opportunity to use fire in the oak ecosystems.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Yes
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?	Possibly a good site for late open or early conditions
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Needs more ground truthing. This stand runs for several hundred yards over a few slopes. We only looked at one draw.

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FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	217-18
Approximate Elevation	2,160-2,440
Slope	Very steep slope into cove
Aspect	North
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Oak and Cove
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Yellow Poplar
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Cove/Oak with u-class poplar on oak
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Lots of characteristic vegetation here just below a regenerating poplar stand on the road. Hemlocks will likely die and create some openings.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	N/A
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	N/A
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	N/A
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?	Likely no recommendations here.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Shad Road. OHVs are making a mess of this road. Possible recommendation to close it.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.11.12 Site 4
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	"site" included all of area along FSR 22171 Compartment 217 Stands 4,5, and 14
Approximate Elevation	2,300
Slope	moderate
Aspect	South/South-West
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	White pine dominant and planted in many areas with lesser amounts of chestnut oak, scarlet oak, black oak, and white oak.
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	4=regen, 5=Upland Hardwood/White Pine, 14=Chestnut Oak/Scarlet Oak
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Several areas of White Pine dominated in Oak Systems and montane pine systems. Also Oak dominated in Montane 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?	Possibly remove White Pine
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Thinning. May wait to treat this area until trees are larger or markets are more desirable.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Possibly
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?	Potential to bundle multiple treatments along this road. Access is good. Road is currently used as linear wildlife opening in clover
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Ask Jim Stelick about commercial thinning of white pine in this area. Some has been done already.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	4.11.12 Site 5
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	"site" included all of area along Ricker Mountain road, especially moderately sloping south and southwest facing ridges.
Approximate Elevation	2360-2760
Slope	Varying, gentle to steep
Aspect	South/South-West
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	102 acres of regenerating Poplar stands below the road in oak ecosystems. Above the road there are at least 3 ridges that have some yellow-pine/oak and two draws that have some poplar dominated stands (totaling < 10 acres).
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	White Pine plantation (FT 3), Chestnut Oak (FT 60), Chestnut Oak-Scarlet Oak-yellow pine (FT 45)
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	One area of White Pine dominated in Oak Systems. Several areas of Oak dominated in Pine system. Large amounts of dry oak, montane pine, and low elevation pine predicted, which is consistent with current vegetation.
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	This site could be improved to provide an open pine woodland on the ridges and possibly increase the diversity of species present in the draws. White pine plantation could be regenerated with fire. Poplar dominated regen units could use tsi work.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Thinning and Prescribed Fire.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Likely if bundled together. Could be a firewood sale if nothing else
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?	Potential to provide a very good example of restoring Open pine woodlands.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Several south facing slopes that would be good for possible open oak/pine woodland. Thin to 40 basal area or lower leaving Yellow Pine and older Chestnut oaks and Black Gums. Scarlet oaks on site may help make the project commercially viable. Site needs additional ground truthing. Will need to determine burn lines. Currently not within

a burn unit. Possible location for reintroduction of American Chestnut.

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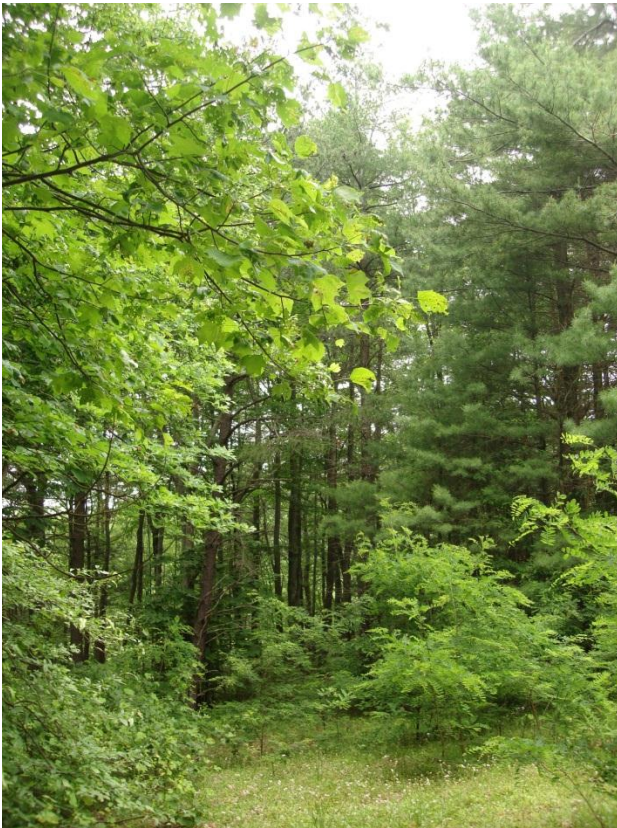
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Site Number (date and chronological order)	5.22.12. Site 1
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 215 Stand 17, 20, 47 and a small portion of 19
Approximate Elevation	2800
Slope	Knob and slope surrounding it to mid-slope Old Logging Road
Aspect	Several, mainly North/Northwest
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Closed canopy Oak forest with some White Pine/Poplar.
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	17-White Pine harvested in 1986, 20-Scarlet Oak/Chestnut Oak 1913, 47- White Oak/Red Oak/Hickory 1900
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	17-White Pine dominated Oak forest
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. Possibly Oak woodland.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Removal of White Pine and Poplar in State 17 via crop tree release. Downslope from Old Logging road may be candidate for commercial hap harvest and thinning treatment to create more open conditions. Reintroduction of fire to help suppress White Pine. Other locations along the Old Logging Road could be candidates for additional Open Oak woodland condition.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Open oak Woodland conditions could be done commercially. Stand 17 would be non-commercial.
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	Probably not.
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?	Good location for Open Oak conditions.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	From junction of Hurricane Gap Road and 5135, we walked to top of the knob at a Wildlife Opening. Then we walked downslope to an Old Logging Road. We followed it around the mid-slope of the knob to the end where we found more White Pine and then back out to Hurricane Gap Road. We discussed several treatments along the way. Waypoint at the end of the Old Logging

Road was N35.94095 82.80841



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	5.22.12 Site 2
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 216 Stand 3
Approximate Elevation	3090
Slope	
Aspect	North-Northwest
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Below Road-Poplar Above Rd- Mostly Oak
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	White Pine-1986
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	White Pine in Oak
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Currently in a desired condition. No recommendations at this time. Possible future treatments to remove some poplar and increase mast producing diversity.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	
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.	Shad Road at Sawmill Branch. Within the AT corridor

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	5.22.12 Site 3
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 215 Stand 45
Approximate Elevation	2100
Slope	Low ridge running North to South with stands on either side.
Aspect	
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	White Pine and Poplar
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	White Pine-1993
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?	No. Improvements would be to decrease Poplar and Pine and increase diversity of mast producing species.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Non-commercial crop tree release to favor hard and soft mast producing species.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	None
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	Yes, especially in order to do all the acres in this condition within this watershed.
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?	Unlike some stands within this watershed, this area has some oak component that could be favored during crop tree release work.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Walked out read past several wildlife openings. Discussed creation of small opening and planting oaks. Discussion of funding for multiple acres of crop tree release work.



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	5.22.12 Site 4
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 216 Stand 29 and 2
Approximate Elevation	2200
Slope	Road is mid-slope
Aspect	South
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Poplar dominated Cove below the road. White pine encroaching dry and montane Oak system above the road
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	29- Yellow Poplar/White Oak/N.Red Oak
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Montane Pine/Dry Oak
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Could create open cove system with greater diversity below the road. Open and early Oak habitat would be desirable above the road.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Commercial thinning and regeneration cuts with prescribed fire. Approximately 10 acres of regen/ESH above the road with Oak leave trees.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Yes.
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?	This would be a very good opportunity to create Open Dry Oak system (similar to Ricker Mountain Road).
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Spur of Bellcow Road. Small (~1/2 acre) patch of old growth on the ridge should be left adjacent to ESH. Poplar below the road goes into Riparian area and may limit treatment options.



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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.



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	6.12.12 Site 2
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Kennedy Cabin road "The Wedge"
Approximate Elevation	4000
Slope	We walked a ridge running E-W and discussed treatments primarily on the south side.
Aspect	South Slope
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Dry Oak
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?	Late open oak/pine
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Prescribed Fire. Possibly plant pine (a few seed trees still in the canopy)
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?	This area had historic Pine Beetle damage and very little pine is regenerating. Prescribed Fire could encourage Pine. We have not visited many other sites where pine restoration would be appropriate.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Re-visited on 6.13.12



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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

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	6.12.12 Site 4
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Viking Mountain Road just above Dillard Place
Approximate Elevation	2700
Slope	Mid-slope
Aspect	South
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Currently poplar with Oak overstory
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Mesic Oak. Cut in 1926
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	Oak Dominated on Pine (incorrect. Should probably be montane oak)
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	This was likely a "two age Leave". There are no recommendations at this time.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	
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?	
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Re-visited on 6.13.12



Large Blackgum at 6.12.12 Site 4

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FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Viking Mountain Road above Dillard Place, just before Creek crossing
Approximate Elevation	2700
Slope	Mid-slope
Aspect	South
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	White Pine Plantation
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Planted in 1968
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	White Pine in Cove/Oak (should have been White Pine in Low Elevation 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?	Early with regeneration toward Low elevation pine on ridges and more oaks down the slopes.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Remove White Pine in the plantation. Remove Poplar and Red Maple with herbicide in lower sites. Prescribed burn in the future.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Yes, possibly
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?	Potential for public outreach due to proximity to the well traveled road and Dillard Place nearby
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Re-visited on 6.13.12



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	6.13.12 Site 1
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Viking Mountain Road
Approximate Elevation	2700
Slope	Gentle slope
Aspect	North West
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Cove tending toward Oak
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	White Oak/Chestnut Oak
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Mid-Open Condition
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Remove Poplar and Red Maple
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Commercial Thinning
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?	Were the stand larger, it would be a good opportunity for creation of Mid-Open condition in Cove system. Potential for public outreach due to proximity to the well traveled road.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Stand is very small and adjacent to private property. Not big enough. Might be a location for demonstration of ideal conditions for working in a cove system.



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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? 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.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	7.10.12 Site 1
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 214 Stand 1 and Compartment 262 Stand 15. Located along FSR 31BA 0.1mile from creek crossing
Approximate Elevation	1980
Slope	Steep cove
Aspect	South/Southwest
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Acidic cove transitioning upslope to Mesic Oak
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Cove hardwood/White Pine/Hemlock Stand 1 originated in 1939, Stand 15 in 1921
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?	Site is already in a desired condition. There is some previous treatment done upslope.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	
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.	Very steep slopes with acidic cove/heavy rhododendron cover near the creek.



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	7.10.12 Site 2 "Busted Boot"
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	We walked to the end of FSR 31C and included Compartment 262 Stands 4, 14, 17, and 30 Note: Stand boundaries for stand 4 are hugely wrong in FS Veg.
Approximate Elevation	2380
Slope	Series of low ridges
Aspect	Southwest is most common, also N, NE, S, W
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Mostly Dry oak and Dry mesic oak with some montane/red/chestnut oak
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Stand 3: White Oak/Red Oak/Hickory treated in 1989. Stand 4: Yellow Poplar/White Oak/Red Oak regenerated in 1996. Stand 19: Chestnut Oak originated in 1918 treated in 1989. Stand 35: yellow Poplar/White oak/N. Red oak originated in 1918.
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?	Several of these stands could benefit from thinning (to varying degrees) and burning. Also could possibly apply gap/harvest and thinning treatments.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Should be able to be done as a commercial sale. Area is approximately .3 miles long and .15 miles wide. Treatment area composed of parts of Stand 4,14, 17, and 30 is ~32 acres, 25 acres with riparian zone excluded.
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?	Very good site for Dry Mesic oak treatments. Good site for Dry Oak woodland on ridges. Site at Bellcow mountain was also a good site for that kind of treatment.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Found a natural salt lick and spring head/pool in the area. These would need to be considered when designing the treatment in the area.



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	7.10.12 Site 3
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 215 Stand 34 along FSR 31B
Approximate Elevation	2450
Slope	Mid slope to ridge on upside of the road
Aspect	Southwest
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Mid aged dry oak. Downslope of road is more mesic
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Chestnut Oak/Scarlet Oak originated in 1925
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?	Could be moved to a Mid-Open condition. Or could wait to create Late-open when trees may be more merchantable.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Open condition could be achieved with thinning or multiple burn entries.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	No.
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?	Not especially
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Location was approximately above the "r" in Grassy. Did Josh take a GPS point?

Below the road



Above the road



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	7.10.12 Site 4
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 215 Stands 46 and 54 along FSR 22152
Approximate Elevation	2200
Slope	Road was mid-slope
Aspect	Southwest
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	South of road had early to mid aged regen. North of road was very steep dry oak.
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	46- Cove hardwood/W. Pine/hemlock originated in 1913. 54- White Pine/cove hardwood regenerated in 2000.
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?	Reduce amount of Poplar to create more diversity
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Thinning
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Probably not at this time. May be a commercial sale in the future when the Poplar is a bit larger.
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	Probably so at this time.
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?	Not especially
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	7.10.12 Site 5
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 216 Stand 25 at Courtland Place
Approximate Elevation	2200
Slope	Lower slopes
Aspect	North/Northwest
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	White Pine and Poplar
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Cove hardwood/White pine/hemlock originated 1914
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?	Reduce White Pine and Poplar to eventually create a more diverse stand. Would immediately provide Early conditions.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Regeneration treatment
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Yes
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?	Opportunity to more clearly define camping area
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Possibility of Archeological or Recreation concerns.

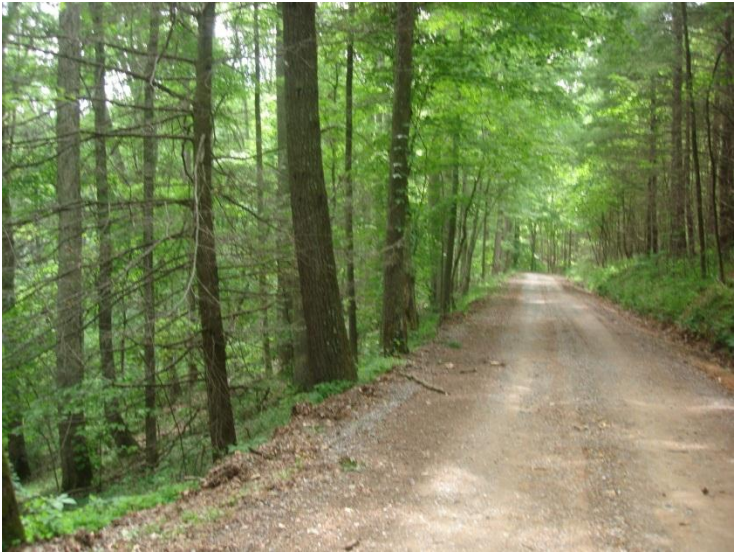


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Site Number (date and chronological order)	7.10.12 Site 6
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Compartment 216 Stand 28 Cove across from FSR 22152
Approximate Elevation	2200
Slope	Moderately steep slopes to a flat cove bottom
Aspect	Northwest
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Cove with good diversity. Evidence of White oak regeneration
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Yellow Poplar/W. Oak/R. Oak 1916
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?	Could create a more open condition here
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Thinning or Gap harvest and Thinning to remove Poplar and Red maple
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Yes
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?	
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	May be too steep for logging equipment. Very visible from road.



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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.

Stand 25 Viewed from Hurricane Gap Road



Low Ridge in Stand 24



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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



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Site Number (date and chronological order)	9.19.12 Site 1
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Comp. 215 Stand 22 and 53
Approximate Elevation	Approximately 22-2300
Slope	Rolling flat, low-lying
Aspect	Northeast
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Cove hardwoods with White Pine in the understory
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Stand 22: White Pine/Cove hardwood 1913, Stand 53: Cove hardwoods 1930
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	N/A
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Desired future condition is mix of cove hardwoods.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Fire to reduce White Pine in understory. Gap harvest and thinning with planting of oaks in gaps. Would need chemical treatment for invasives and likely follow-up mechanical treatment to control White Pine.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Gap harvest and thinning 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?	This site had some sort of historical disturbance and has an overabundance of White Pine and Poplar. It may have been associated with the "Courtland Place". Though it is currently in a characteristic vegetation condition, it will likely convert to a White Pine dominated cove over time. Therefore, treatment in this location would be desirable
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	Could possibly be packaged with the 8 acre "Courtland Place" site to make both more economically feasible.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	9.19.12 Site 2
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Comp. 215 Stand 46
Approximate Elevation	Approximately 23-2400
Slope	Ridgetop to draw
Aspect	Northeast
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Upland Hardwoods on ridge that had been cut relatively recently. The rest seemed to be in a riparian area with Hemlocks dominating the overstory.
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Stand 46: Cove hardwoods/White Pine 1913
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	N/A
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Ridge is currently regenerating in Oak. Riparian area is in a characteristic condition.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	N/A
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	N/A
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	N/A
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?	No.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	We did not view the upper portion of this stand. There may be opportunities there that we did not see in the portions we walked through.

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	9.19.12 Site 3
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Comp. 218 Stand 10
Approximate Elevation	Approximately 2800-3000
Slope	Portion of the stand that would be treated starts at the ridgetop and follows spurs until they begin to get steep.
Aspect	North
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Late-closed Oak
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Yellow Poplar/White Oak/Red Oak 1909
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	N/A
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Stand is currently in a desired condition. Could be converted to early condition.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Regen cut using Shad road as a skid trail
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Yes
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?	No
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	The Forest Service staff may be recommending this location as a possible traditional timber sale to provide ESH and regenerate Oak.

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Site Assessment Survey

Site Number (date and chronological order)	9.19.12 Site 4
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Comp. 217 Stand 10
Approximate Elevation	Approximately 23-2400
Slope	Stand goes from drain to ridgetop
Aspect	East facing slope
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	White Pine/Cove hardwood White Pine is likely overabundant at this location
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	White Pine/Cove hardwood 1916
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	N/A
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	White Pine is likely overabundant at this location. Could be moved toward Oaks and other diverse cove mix of species
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	thinning
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Yes
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?	Not especially. But, this stand will likely convert to more White Pine without treatment.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	

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Site Number (date and chronological order)	9.19.12 Site 5
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Comp. 217 Stand 31
Approximate Elevation	Approximately 24-2600
Slope	Fairly steep slope to ridge.
Aspect	North facing slope
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Hardwood mix with dense Rhodo understory on lower slope. More pines with dense laurel understory higher up.
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	Upland Hardwood/White Pine 1903
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	N/A
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Could remove the White Pine and maple to favor oaks and remove dense Rhodo and Laurel understory with fire/chemical treatment to create a more open oak condition
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Thinning followed by prescribed fire with possibility of chemical treatment.
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	Thinning could be done commercially
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?	Could possibly create an open oak woodland condition here. Stand was difficult to observe due to thick understory.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	

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Site Assessment Survey

Site Number (date and chronological order)	9.19.12 Site 6
FS Veg Compartment and Stand Number	Comp. 217 Stand 11 (possibly 13 and 19)
Approximate Elevation	Approximately 2600
Slope	Road is mid-slope. Treatment would be above the road
Aspect	Northeast facing slope
What is the current Ecological system present at the site?	Oak Stand with White Pine in under and mid-story
What does FS Veg say is the current Forest Type?	White Oak/Red Oak Hickory 1917
What did Steve Simon's model predict would be at the site?	N/A
Is the site in a desired condition? Could it be improved? What S-Class or System would we like to move it toward?	Currently in a desired condition, but, has White Pine in the understory and mid-story.
What treatment options could be used to do that? How many entries?	Remove understory of White Pine mechanically to encourage more advanced oak regeneration. Follow with prescribed burning
How many of those treatments could be done commercially?	No
Would there be a need for additional funding to complete treatments at this site?	Yes
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?	Not especially. However, this condition should be treated when possible to maintain Oak as the dominant species in these locations.
Additional Comments/Discussion Points or unanswered questions.	N35.95968 W82.84103

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