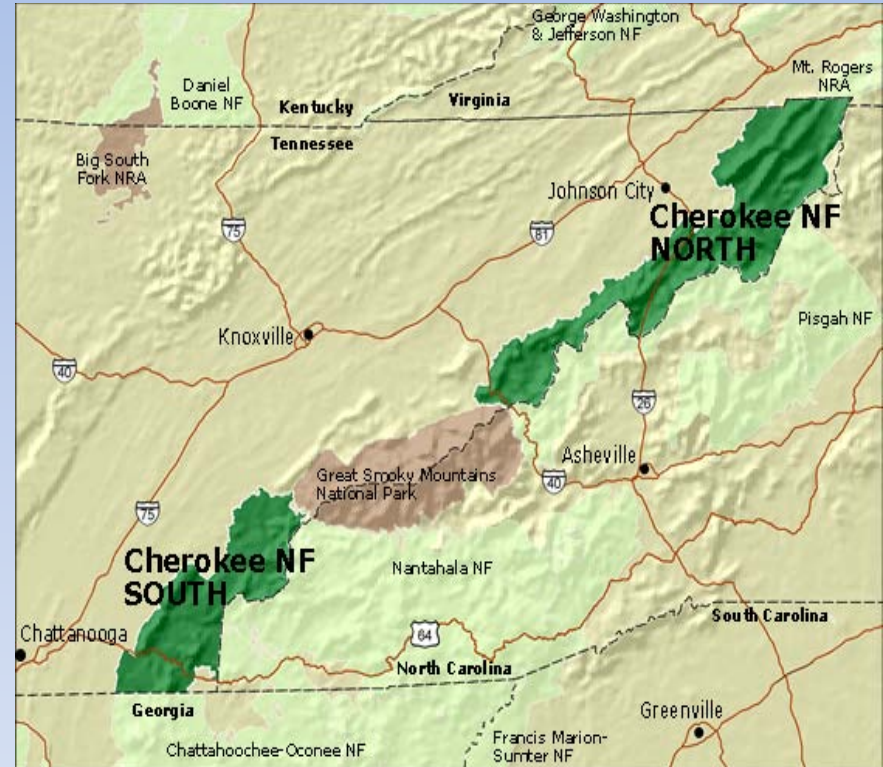


A scenic view of a forest landscape. In the foreground, there are green and yellow trees. In the middle ground, a valley with a river or stream is visible. In the background, there are blue mountains under a clear sky. The text "Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

Cherokee National Forest

- North Zone
- 7 counties
- Restoration projects are needed



Purpose and Objectives

- Purpose: Develop a set of scientifically sound, ecologically appropriate, consensus based recommendations to the Forest Service.
 - Define a **common vision** for the ecological restoration and management of the CNF
 - Engage/Re-engage a **diverse group of stakeholders** interested in ecological restoration and management of the CNF including stakeholders from the local communities and other individuals or groups who are interested in participating in the process
 - Provide a **structured process** designed to engage a diverse group of stakeholders
 - **Recommend a plan** for the implementation of ecological restoration that includes specific measurable objectives and prescribes explicit management actions that are consistent with the mission of the forest Service
 - Establish a **system for monitoring** and evaluating restoration activities to allow for adaptive management over time.

Steering Committee

- In order to achieve our purpose and objectives, we established a Steering Committee of interested stakeholders who represent a diverse array of interests.
 - Geoff Call-US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Dennis Daniel-National Wild Turkey Federation
 - John Gregory-Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
 - Steve Henson-Southern Multiple Use Council
 - Dwight King-Volunteer Logging and Sullivan County
 - Joe McGuinness-Cherokee National Forest
 - Katherine Medlock-The Nature Conservancy
 - Catherine Murray-Cherokee Forest Voices
 - Steve Novak-Wildlaw
 - Danny Osborne-Tennessee Division of Forestry
 - Terry Porter-Tennessee Forestry Association
 - Mark Shelley-Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition
 - Parker Street-Ruffed Grouse Society



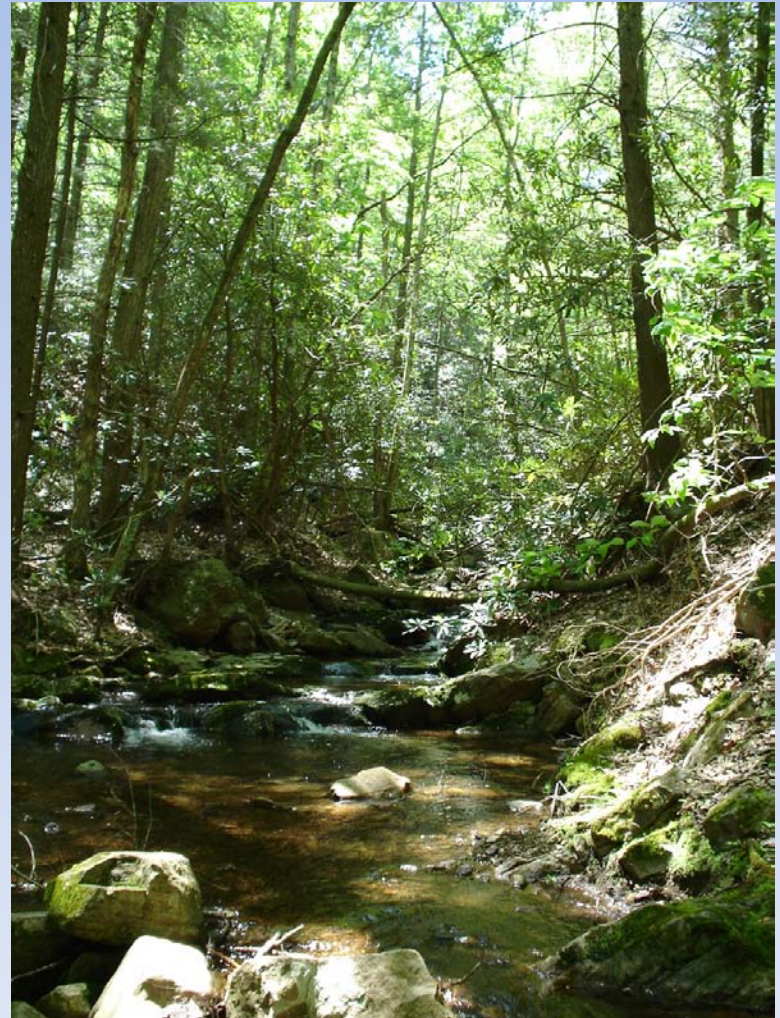
The Process-establishing our desired outcomes

- Determining desired future conditions.
- Using models such as:
 - LANDFIRE
 - Locally collected data



The Process-determining current conditions

- Determine current conditions.
- Using existing databases such as:
 - FS Veg aka. CISC data
 - Locally collected data
- If there are inventories available that should be considered during this process, please let us know.
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The Process-possible management scenarios

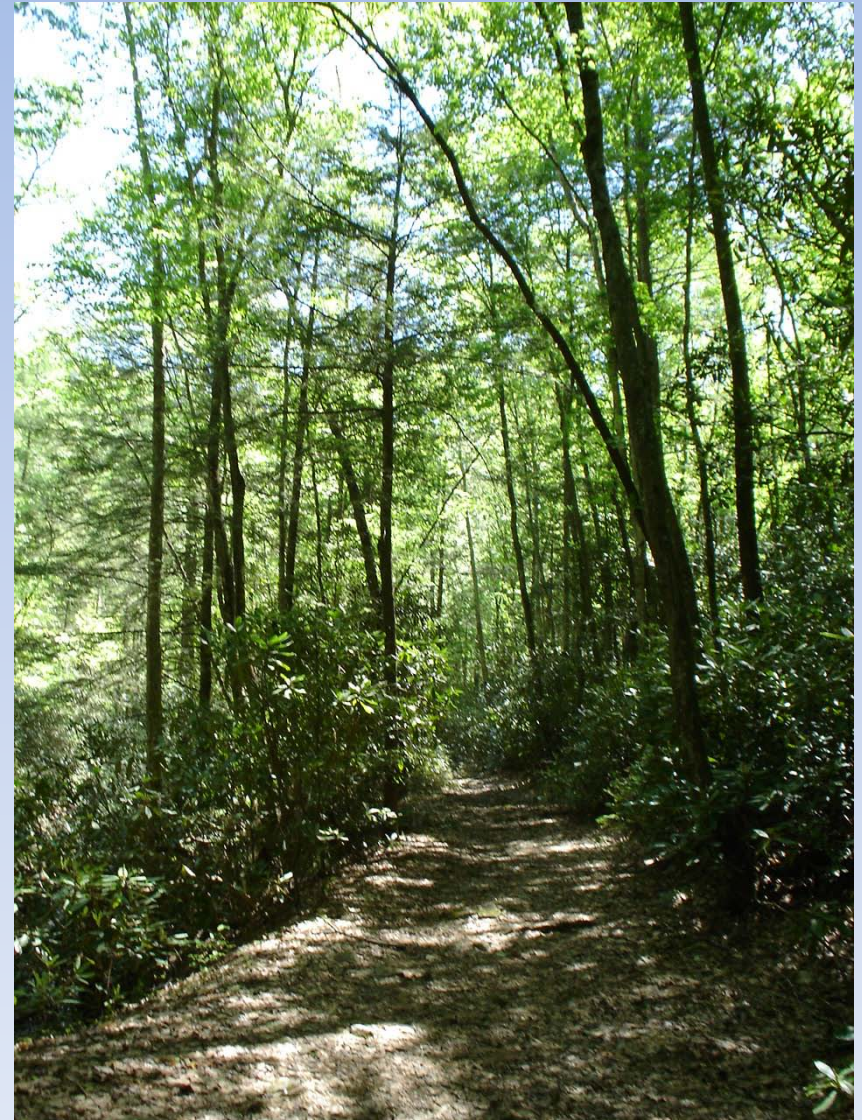
- Develop management scenarios that will move the current conditions toward the desired outcome.
- Activities within each management scenario could include:
 - Invasive species treatments
 - Prescribed fire
 - Timber harvesting or stand improvement activities
 - Stream or Road rehabilitation
 - Many others





The process-Cost/Benefit analysis

- The final recommendations will be fiscally responsible as well as scientifically valid and ecologically appropriate.
- Final recommendations will be submitted to the Forest Service for consideration.



How you can get involved

- Series of 3 public workshops (Spring of 2011) throughout the process. These workshops will be designed to follow the process and they will:
 - Inform the public about the progress
 - Solicit feedback, suggestions for improvements
 - Provide scientific and educational materials as needed.
 - Answer questions about the process
- Go to our website and take our survey. Also, check back for updates often.
<http://www.communityplan.net/cherokee/>.

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- Questions/Comments?
 - www.communityplan.net/cherokee/