

GA Stakeholder Forum June 2017 Review Synopsis

GREAT BALSAM Agreement	Needs Collaboration
<p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone of agreement – everything south and west of Tuckasegee River <p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration goals are good especially the golden wing warbler and grouse. <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <p>Partnerships:</p> <p>Fire:</p> <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <p>MA distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General zone of agreement on MA distribution over entire GA • Like the flexibility in the mix of MAs. <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under enhancing and restoring resiliency – surprised that mesic oak restoration is not called out. Change language to focus on mesic oak – tie back to DCs • Would like to see discussion of clean and abundant water in the Tuckasegee hydropower area • Alarka Laurel SIA- Established to protect red spruce grove. Spruce not included in SIA. North of 86F, is where all the spruce are. See no reason – been timbered before – object to that leg of the Alarka Laurel SIA.. Good location for a field trip. • Cowee Mountain good area for chestnut restoration. • Pinnacle area could be discussed. WRC sees restoration potentials. <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good GA for further discussion on the economic viability of restoration opps – i.e. potentially low quality timber sales <p>Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area being so closer and more accessible to Western Carolina University. Huge outdoor rec program – creating own trails to Sylva. Intense forestry program. Something to think about as to who else is in community. • Also Southwestern Community College. • Be more explicit about collaborating with the conservancy organizations. Eg North American Land Trust. <p>Fire:</p> <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In agreement with whole thing except for Alarka Laurel – no problem with

	<p>creek and falls. Riparian area should take care of it. Good grouse area if managed correctly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perhaps Brown Mountain, since WRC does not see limited restoration that they have identified and there are many rare species. <p>MA distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heartburn on Tannasee Creek not being identified as eligible WSR• Need to balance structural classes across the GA <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dick's Creek- proximity to Sylva/Pinnacle Park• Assume that with Balsam Lake Lodge would be managed for scenery enhancement.• Opportunity to relocate the Mountains-to-Sea trail.• Additional areas mentioned: Roy Taylor, balds, Sugarcreek Fields,
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