

GA Stakeholder Forum June 2017 Review Synopsis

HIWASEE Agreement	Needs Collaboration
<p>General:</p> <p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing and restoring resiliency goals are excellent – like that that goal identifies specific ecozones b/c of link to the DCs (Megan) Shortleaf pine and the need for pine restoration is called out <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 agreement on the distribution of MAs but still have a question over recommended wilderness at Cantrell Top and Unicoi Mtn. Mix looks good for this GA. <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunting goal is also appropriate. 	<p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA has prime opportunities for shortleaf management Old Growth piece/layer is needed. Does not specify the outstanding watersheds (priority watersheds) Currently structural diversity is about 50/50—largely due to the predominant forest type of shortleaf pine and its allies. Emphasis should be on an aggressive structural shifting mosaic to its natural extent. The objective here would be healthy resilient forests, a variety of habitats and providing abundant recreational opportunities that take advantage of wildlife associates with fire maintained, more open woodland habitat. Finer distinction of ecological restoration as opposed to shifting mosaic. Where are the overlaps?? <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <p>Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need partnerships with county and state for boating access. Partnerships with local communities in addition to the tribes. <p>Fire:</p> <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elk restoration via importation in the northern tip. Cantrell Top and south to the Trail of Tears and river. <p>MA distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cantrell Top and Unicoi Mtns as recommended wilderness or backcountry as connected to the Cherokee NF – Broad agreement on MA distribution

	<p>here. Concerns that Cantrell Top is not included in the backcountry. Portion of Cantrell Top is not included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maybe public wilderness proposed area should be included in the collaboration.• Okay with distribution, except need more backcountry Unicoi or upper bald wilderness proposal• Generally okay—but some special places scattered and need to find out how they would be handled in the plan direction. <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access for boating/fishing.• Shooting range – In Connecting People Goals, provide opportunities for rifle and pistol shooting• wildlife viewing in addition to hunting. <p>Additional areas mentioned:</p>
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