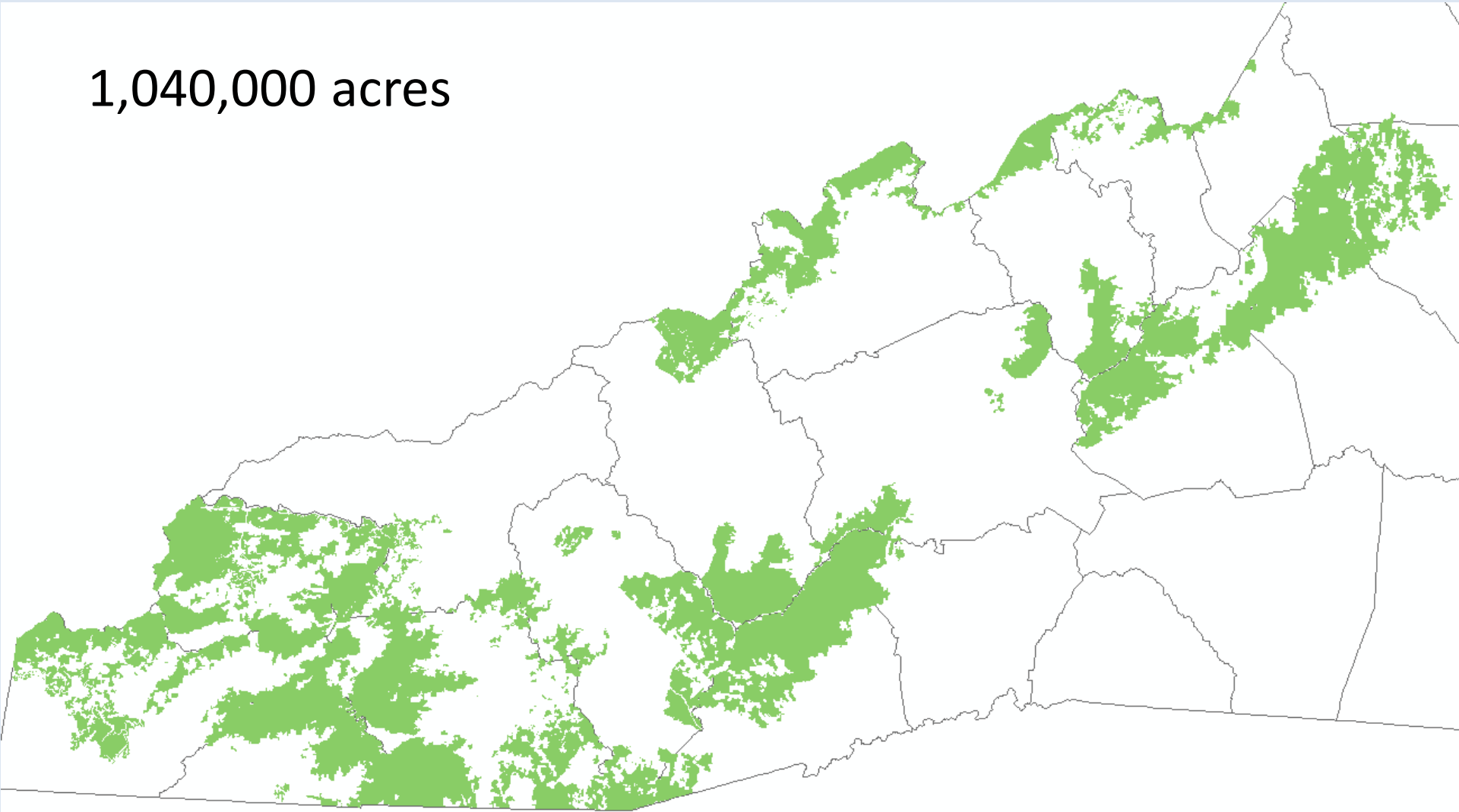


Nantahala and Pisgah NFs – All NFS lands

1,040,000 acres



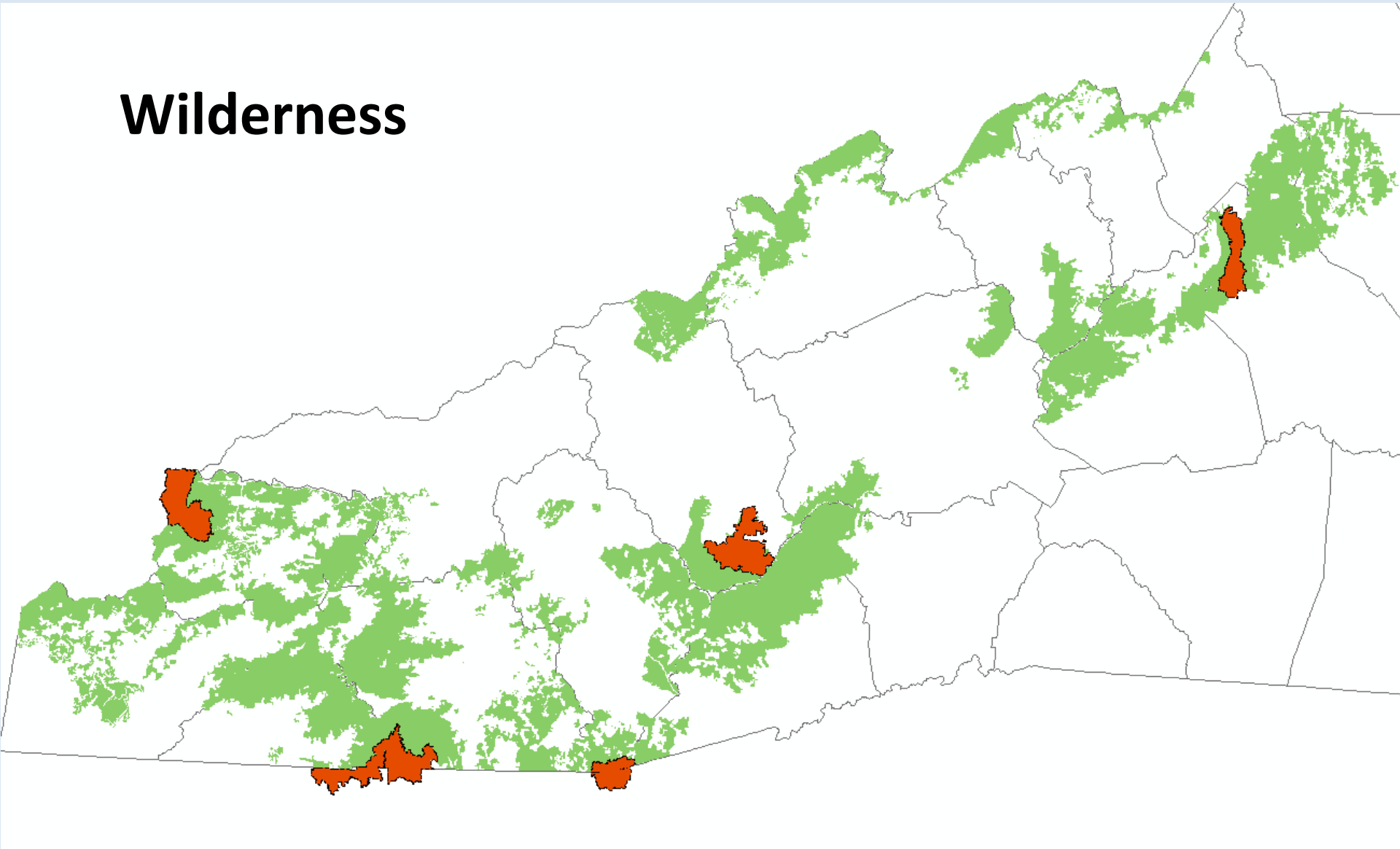
Management Areas	MA	Current Plan (Acres)
Wilderness Study Areas	6	26,900
Wilderness	7	66,550
Experimental Forests	8	12,250
Roan Mountain	9	7,900
Research Natural Areas	10	1,460
Cradle of Forestry	11	6,540
Developed Rec Areas	12	3,096
Special Interest Areas	13	10,370
Appalachian Trail	14	12,588
WSRs and corridor	15	5,919
Admin Facilities	16	1,269
Total		154,842

Congressionally Designated Wilderness

- Linville Gorge
- Shining Rock
- Middle Prong
- Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock
- Southern Nantahala
- Ellicott Rock



Wilderness

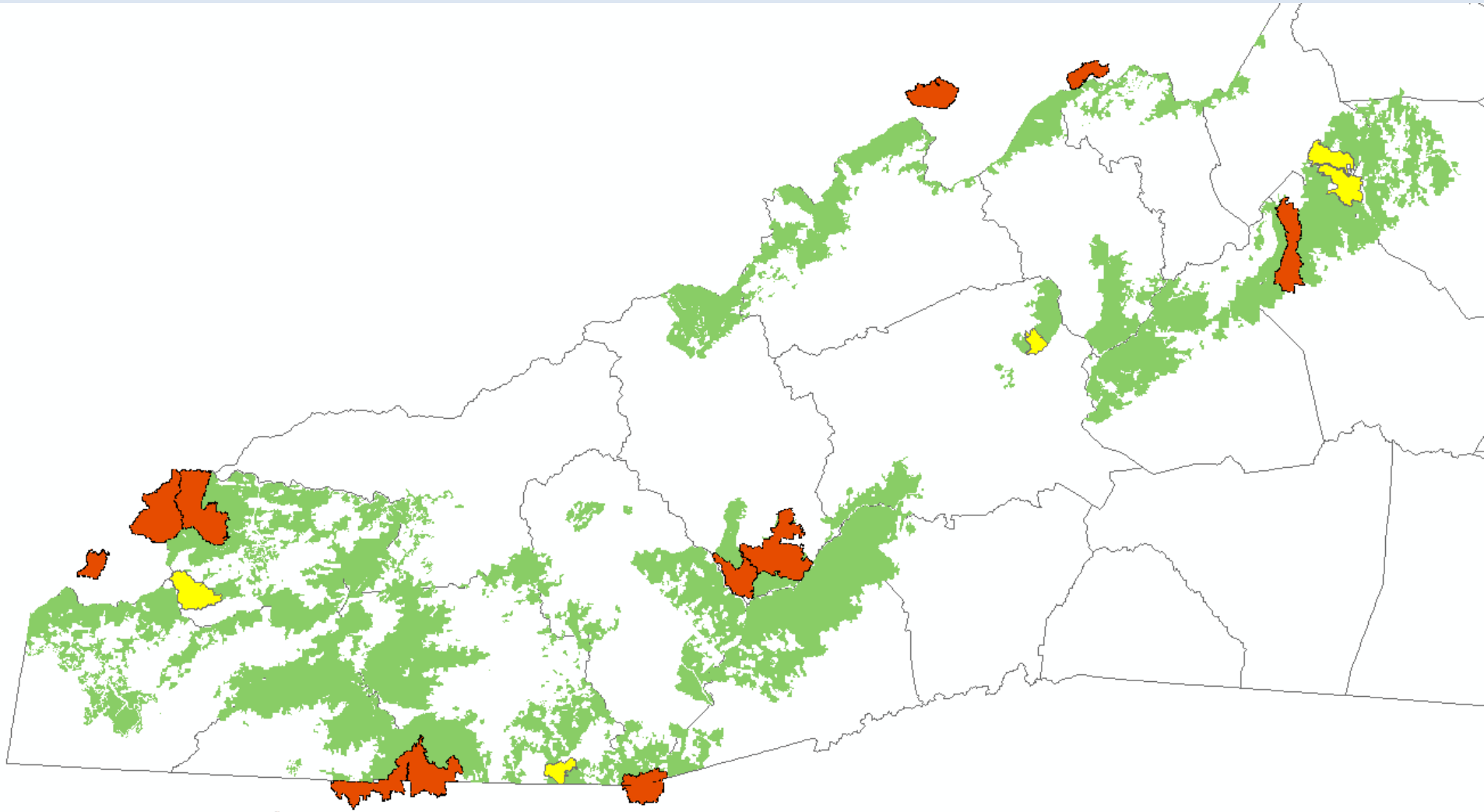


Wilderness Study Areas and Areas Recommended for Wilderness

- Managed to protect their wilderness characteristics pending legislation as to their classification
- Currently have 5 designated Wilderness Study Areas
- Any new recommendations for wilderness will also be in this Management Area



Wilderness Wilderness Study Areas



Cradle of Forestry

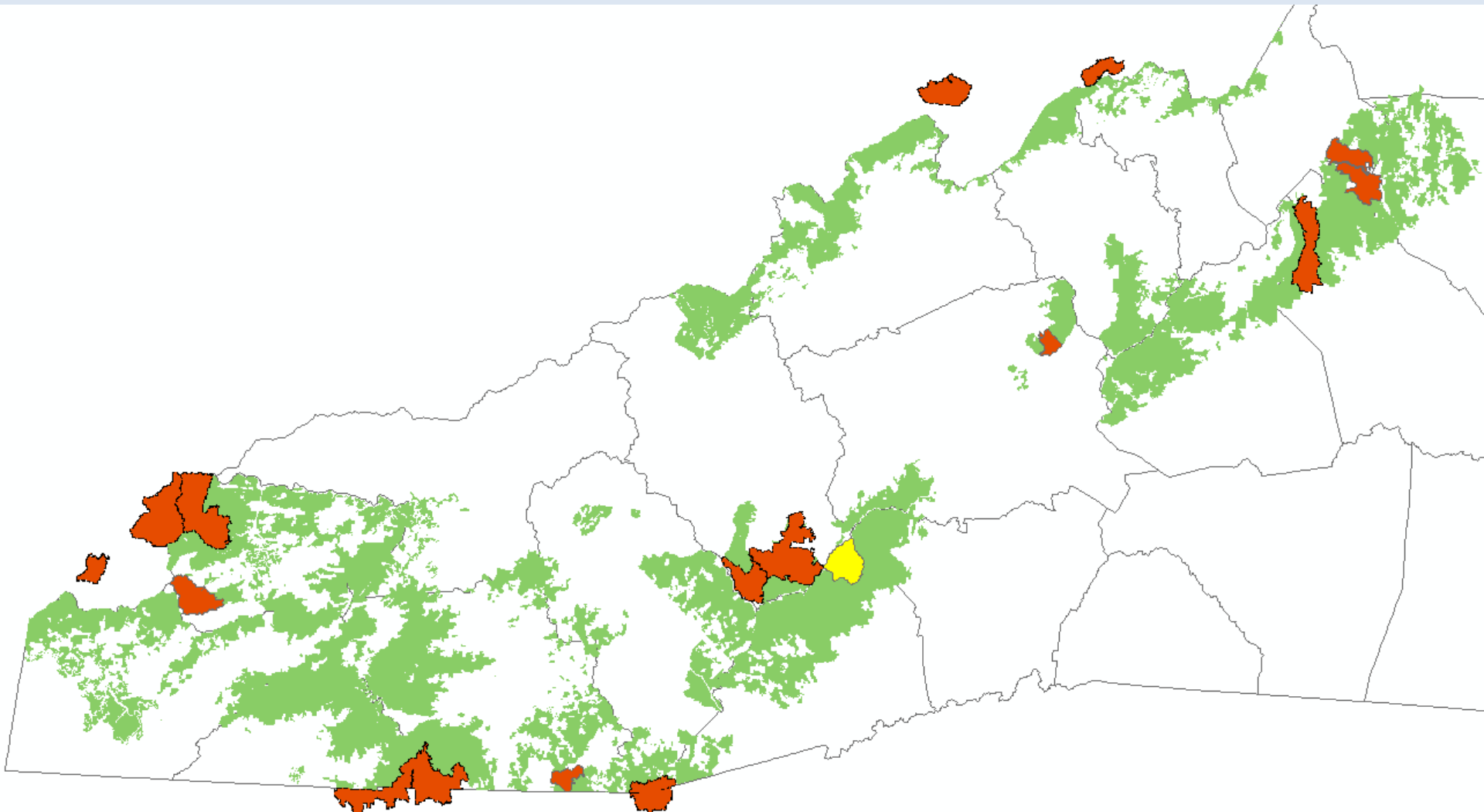
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Wilderness

Wilderness Study Areas

Cradle of Forestry



Experimental Forests

- Includes the 3 existing Experimental Forests
 - Bent Creek,
 - Coweeta, and
 - Blue Valley
- Lands dedicated to experimentation, education, and demonstration
- Research takes precedence over other multiple use objectives

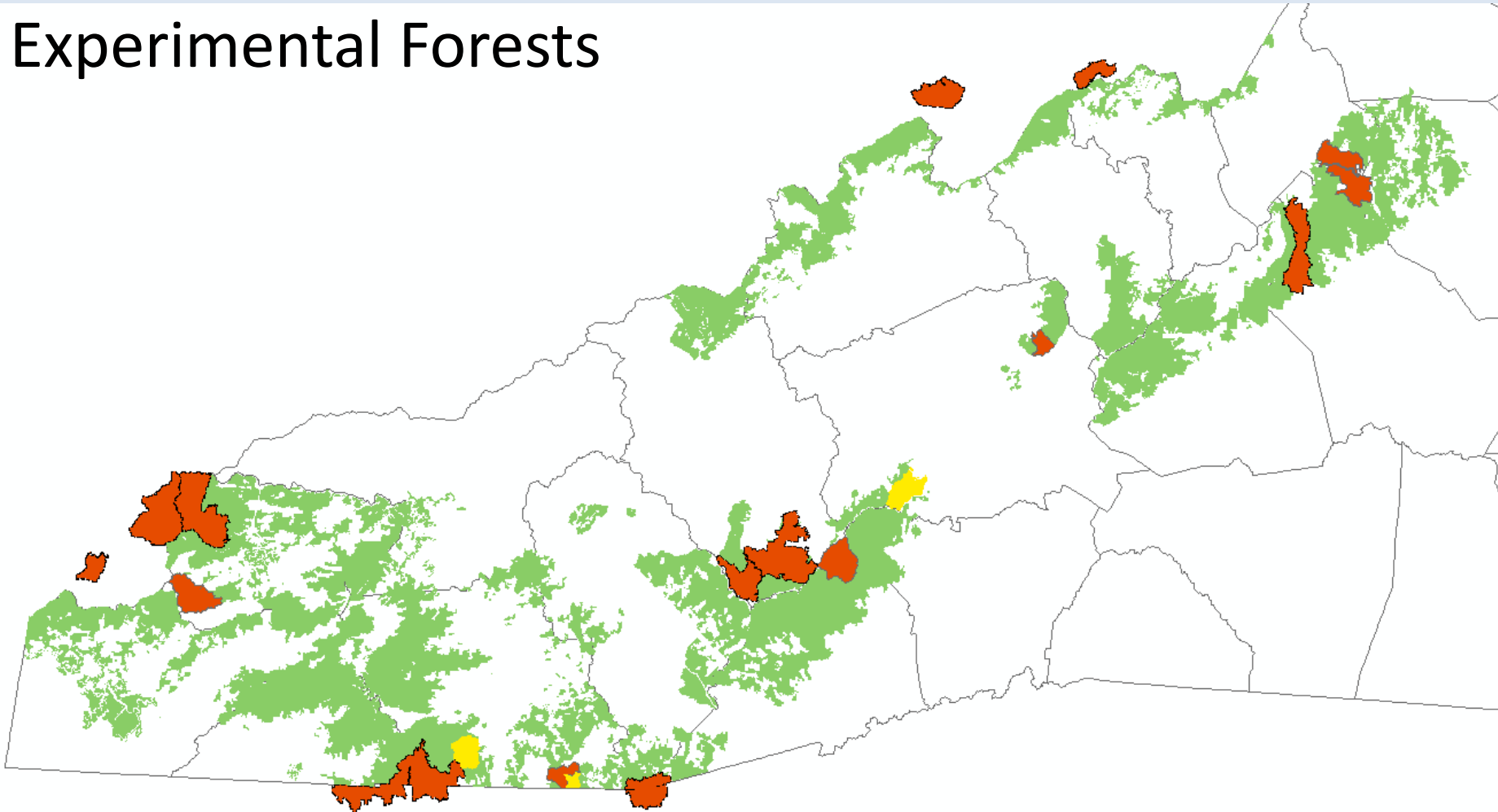


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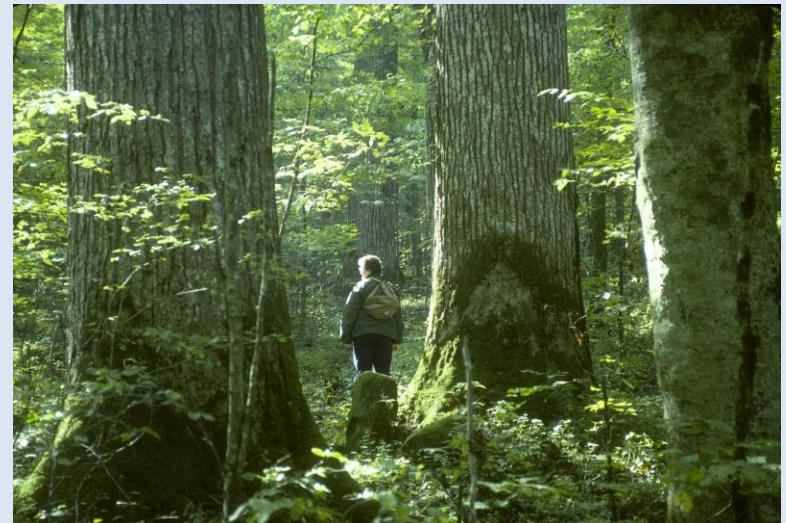
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Experimental Forests



Backcountry including Inventoried Roadless Areas

- Remote and primarily unroaded areas
- Areas are primarily shaped by natural processes
- Older forest conditions are most apparent
- Large tracts of backcountry recreation opportunities
- Will include many of the Inventoried Roadless Areas



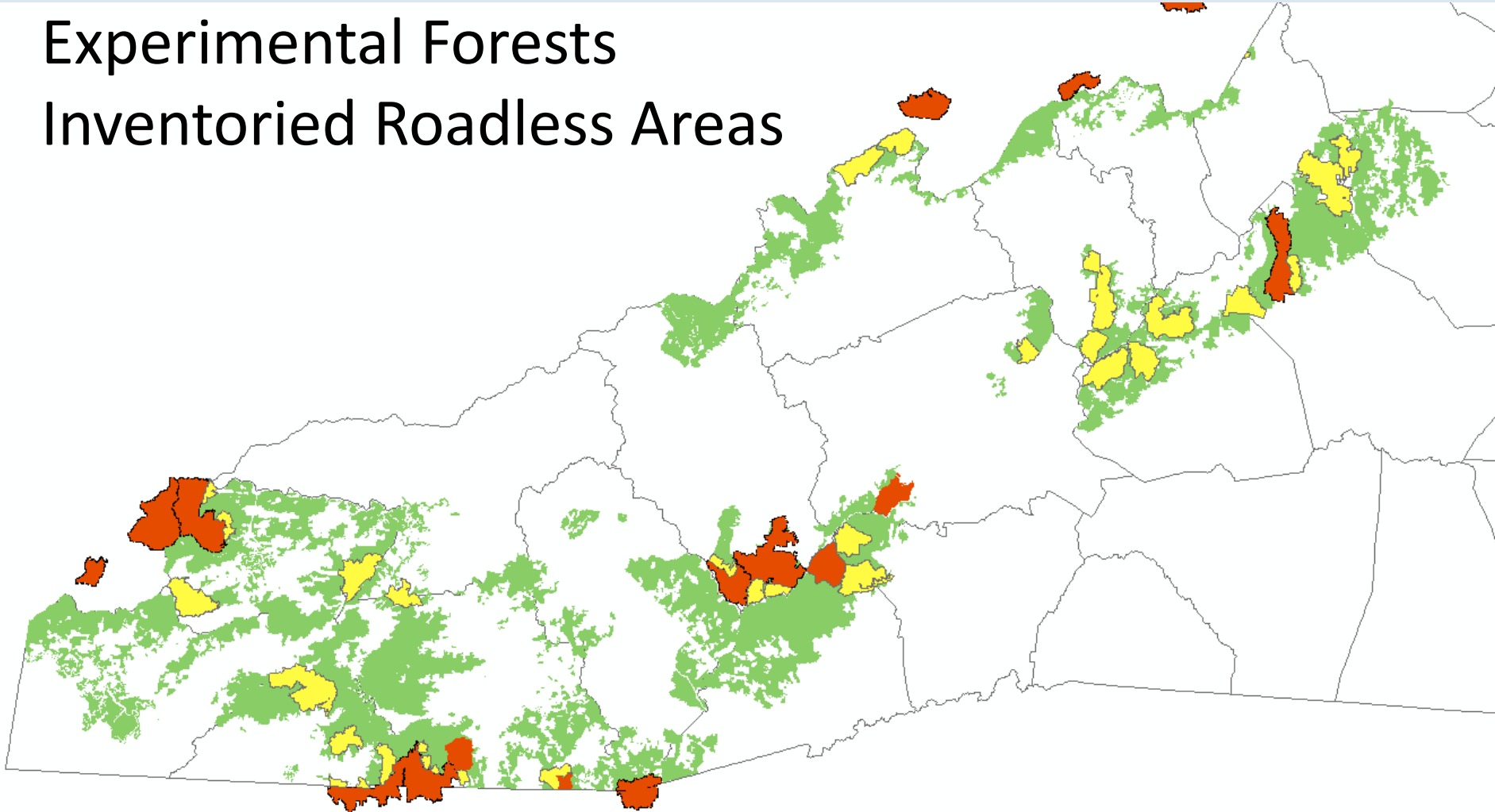
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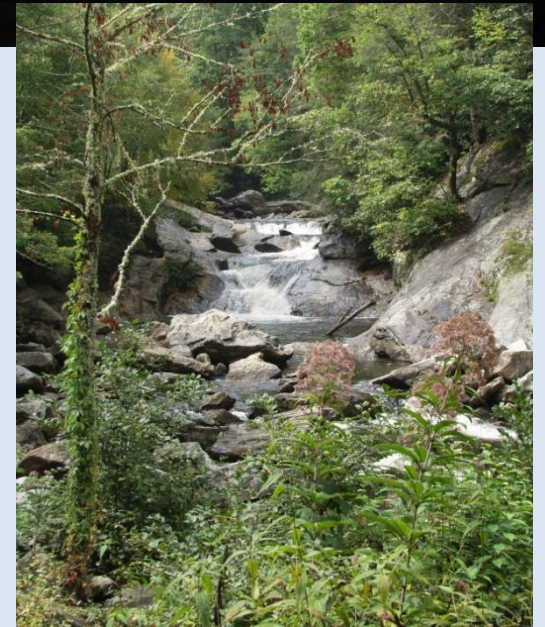
Experimental Forests

Inventoried Roadless Areas



Research Natural Areas and Special Interest Areas

- Managed to perpetuate the rare species, conditions, or features for which the area was designated
- Research Natural Areas are managed as reference conditions for scientific research
- An additional 15 Special Interest Areas are being considered (approx. 6,000 acres)



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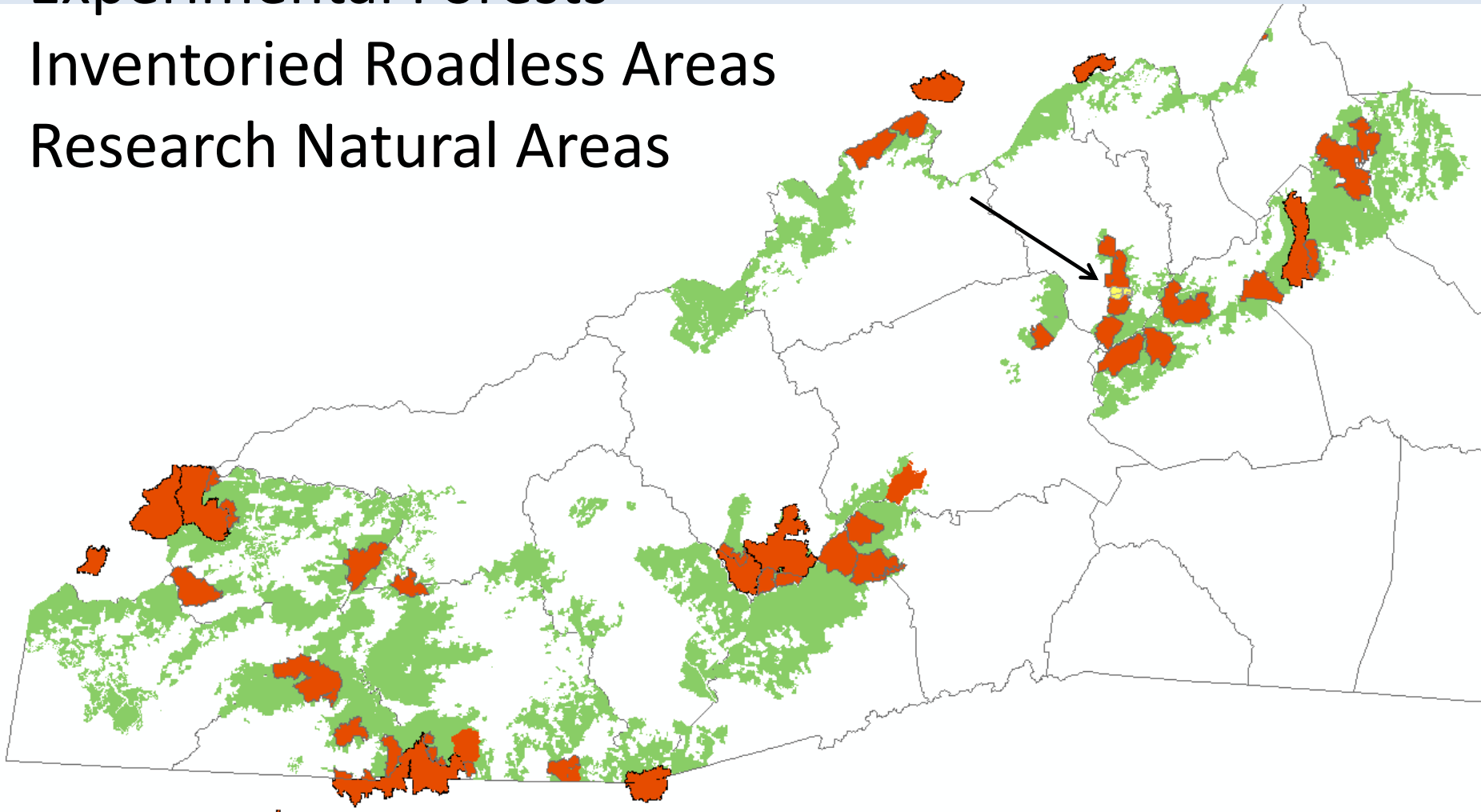
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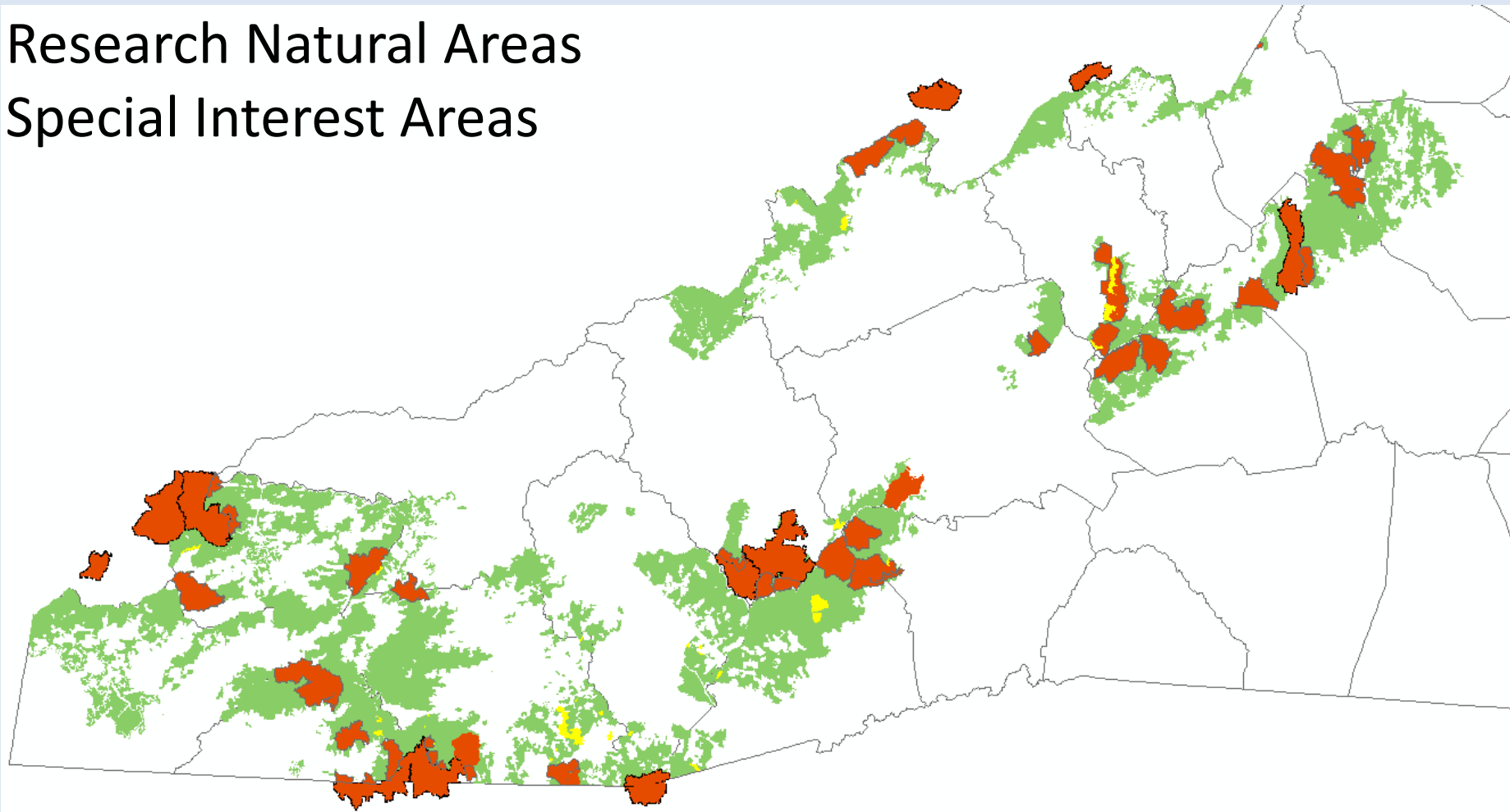
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Special Interest Areas



Roan Mountain

- Managed to perpetuate existing significant plant and animal species and to protect the area's scenic and aesthetic attributes
- Significant rare communities



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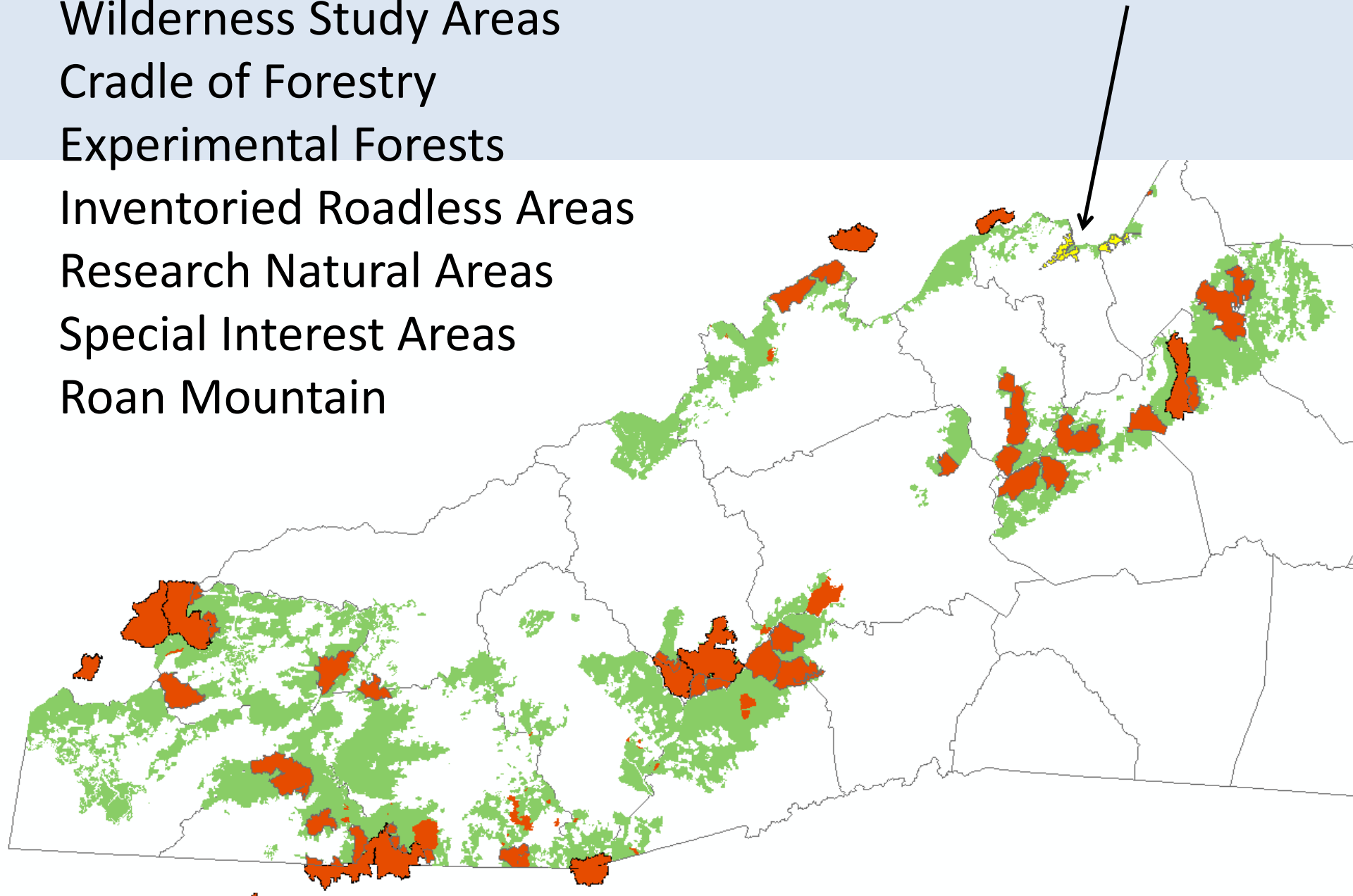
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Administrative Sites

- District Offices, work centers, Job Corps Centers, seed orchards



Concentrated Recreation Areas

- Developed recreation areas and areas of concentrated recreation use



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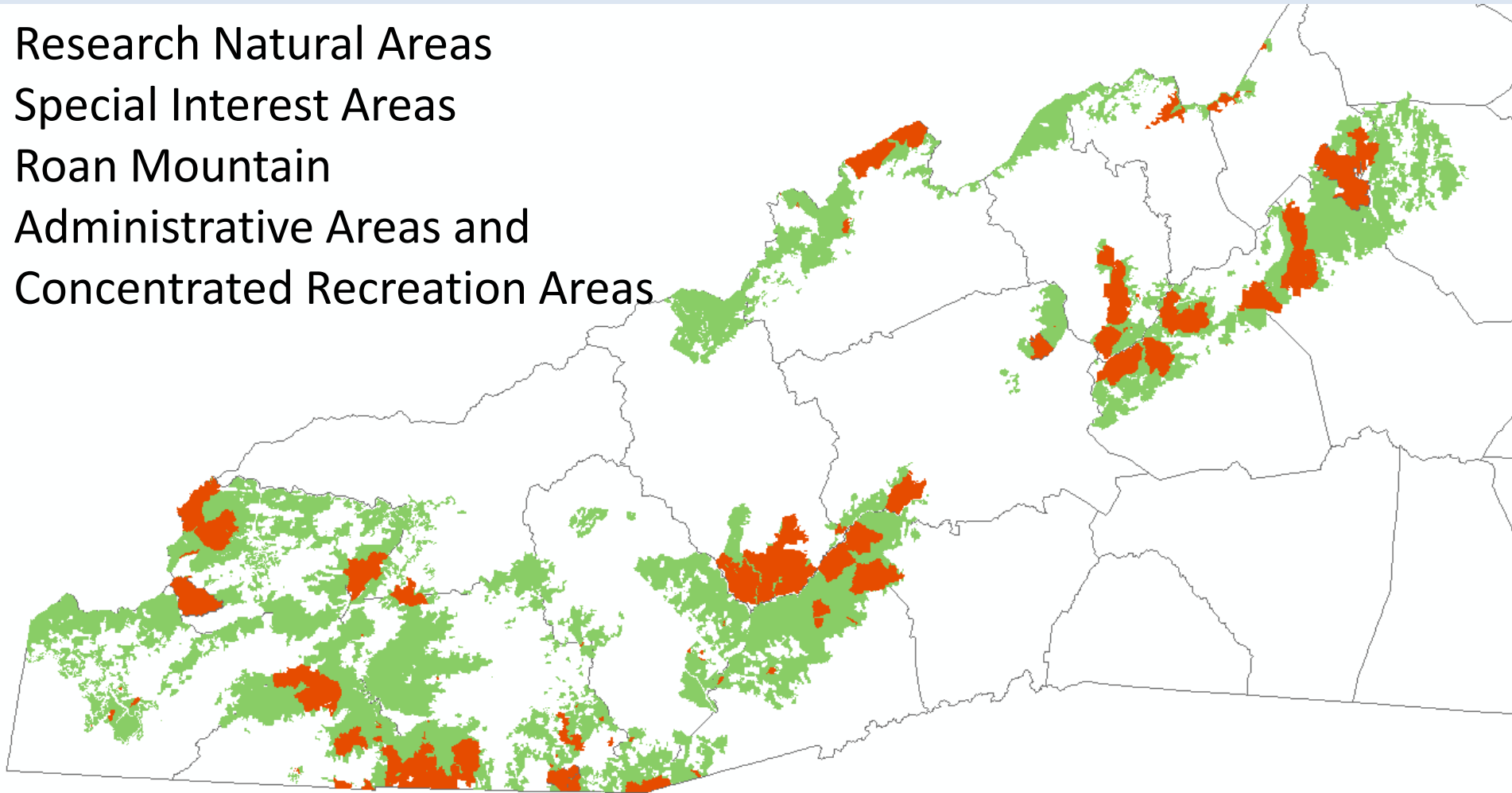
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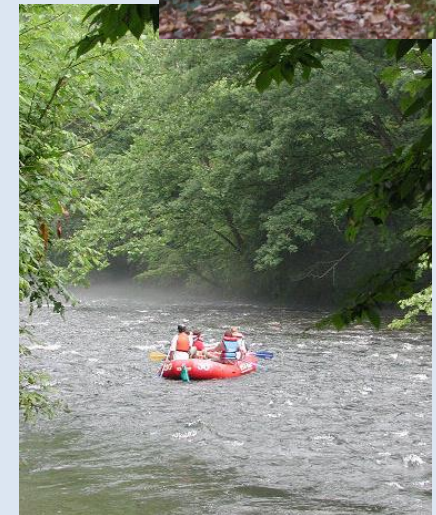
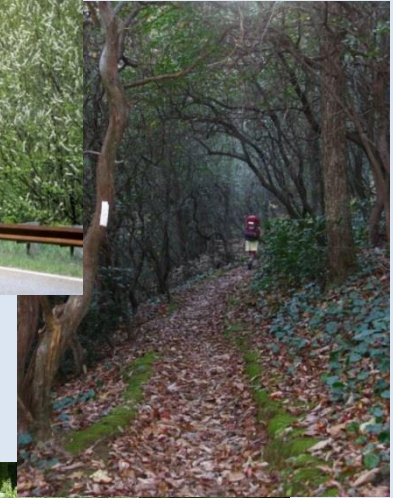
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Significant Recreation and Heritage Corridors

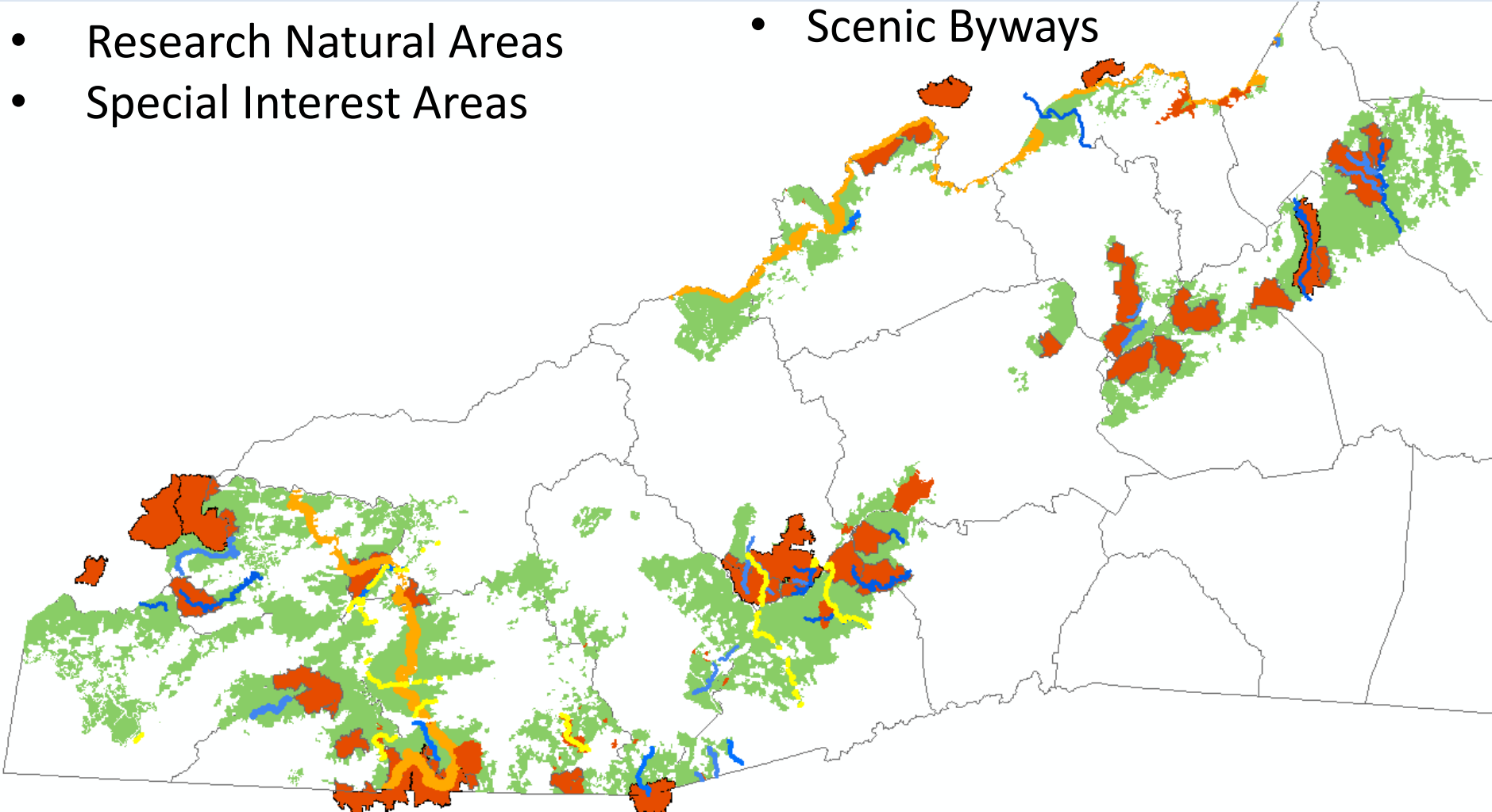
- 4A – Appalachian Trail
- 4B – National and Forest Scenic Byways
- 4C – National Heritage Corridors
- 4D – Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers

Provide for the conservation and enjoyment of the significant scenic, historic, natural and cultural qualities of the land through which these corridors pass.



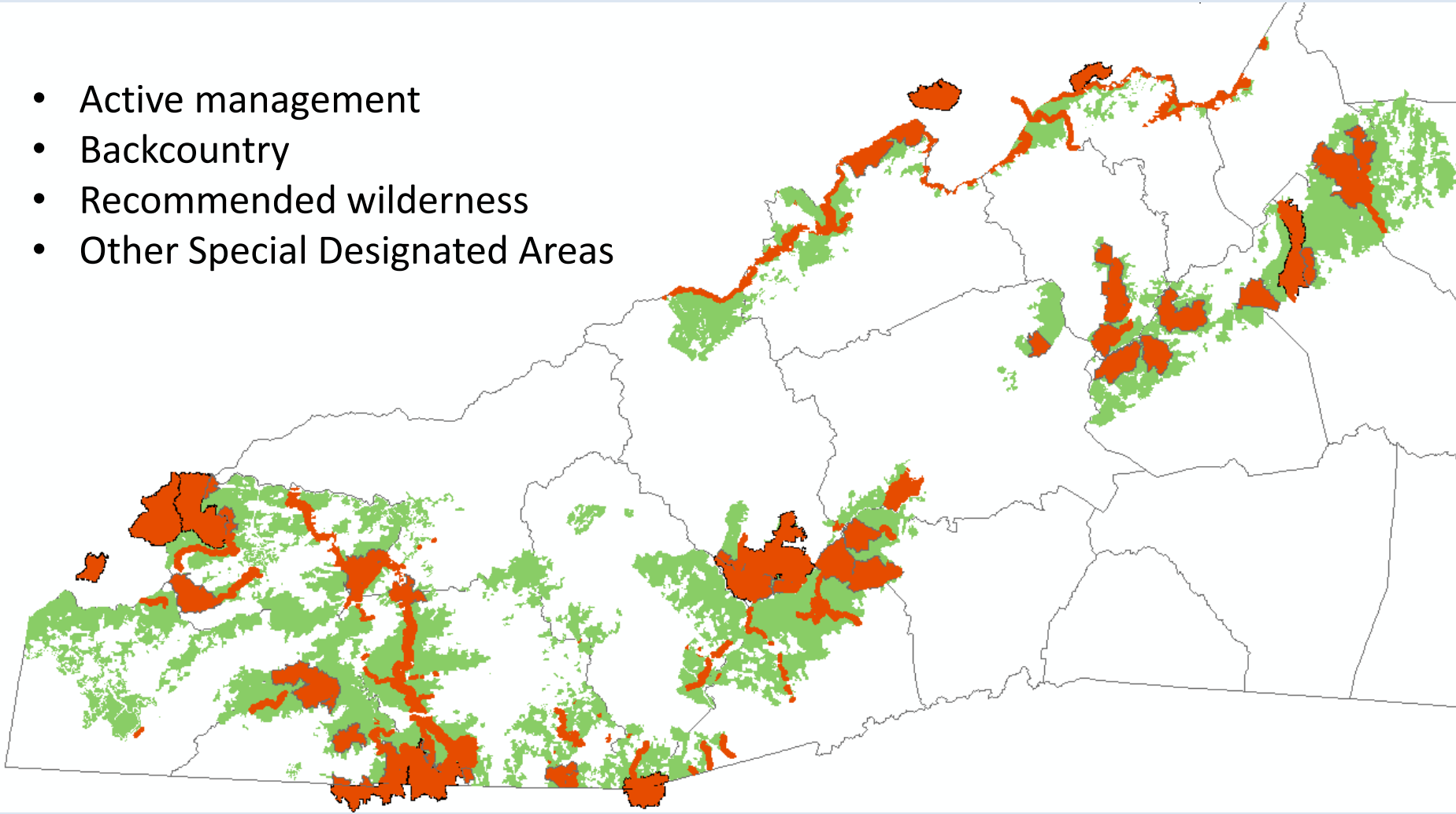
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- Appalachian Trail Corridor
- Scenic Byways



The fate of the green?

- Active management
- Backcountry
- Recommended wilderness
- Other Special Designated Areas



Forest Habitat Diversity

- Diversity of forest age classes and conditions
- High-quality wildlife habitat, including both early successional habitat and some old growth conditions
- Forest management, including timber production and prescribed fire, plays an important role in the maintenance of the forest
- More roaded access compared to other MAs



Restoration and Connectivity

- Opportunities for restoring a diversity of forest age classes and conditions
- Less emphasis on young forest and more emphasis on connectivity of habitats
- New road construction is limited to low

