

GA Stakeholder Forum June 2017 Review Synopsis

NANTAHALA MOUNTAINS Agreement	Needs Collaboration
<p>General:</p> <p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the goal about serpentine woodlands • Goals for restoration really “nail it on the head”. <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <p>Partnerships:</p> <p>Fire:</p> <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love that hellbenders are called out <p>MA distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well distributed balance of 3 primary MAs • If put Silers Bald in wilderness, you’d lose it fast. There was general agreement amongst people present that you would lose the bald. • Seems very balanced. <p>Recreation:</p>	<p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trimont area for a shifting mosaic. <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If concern about restoration for private property because of acidic rocks, then what about restoration suitability for same reason. Can’t do restoration without building roads. Why in matrix if acid bearing rock is such a big concern. <p>Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opps for partnering in So. Nant Wilderness <u>specifically for preserving wilderness character</u> <p>Fire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed fire opps in Tusquitee Bald area <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add hydrologic improvements to goal for bogs • Have reviewed area extensively with grouse hunters. Big issue for group is green dotted lines along Silers Bald and Tellico Bald. Don’t have a problem with Wesser going into backcountry. Can live with it being backcountry and love interface and matrix. Opposed to wilderness. • Bird matrix is a distribution of habitat—should we shoot for that? <p>MA distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fires Creek area – wilderness recommendation. Fires Creek area that is currently in Matrix but could be in backcountry to follow WRC dotted line

	<p>on northern portion. Conflict with Clay County interest to on map for tourists. Question size of backcountry area extension of south side of fires creek—there is limited matrix between interface and backcountry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanding So. Nant wilderness – adding IRA extensions• Wesser Bald, Tellico Bald, north part of Boteler and Siler Bald. Road issue and issue with opposing dotted green lines against both areas.• Wilderness boundaries on western edge especially dashed lines from the public are open for collaboration. Some are IRAs.• Is backcountry the right MA for open area management (for example, balds). Tellico bald area. Will we be able to maintain bald if they are in backcountry?• Siler Bald wilderness but not in isolation – is an area of previous agreement. Areas have overlapping values. Support is contingent on other areas. Chunky Gal; extensions to the Southern Nantahala Wilderness. <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does sustainable recreation mean in this GA?– area provides a diversity of opps (hunting, long distance hiking, wilderness exp)• Recreation events in along Rim Trail in Fires Creek• Thinking about Fires Creek Rim Trail – long distance trail opportunities with AT, Chunky Gal, Fires Creek Rim, Batram Trail, connecting to other Geographic Areas.• Appalachian Trial view shed. Again there are management layers that are not showing on this maps. <p>Additional areas mentioned:</p>
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