

Implementable Project IG notifications from the last meeting

Spring Prescribe Fire in Foothills on Chattooga River and Conasauga Ranger Districts

Activity Name (should correspond w/ Table 17 of EA)	Location (i.e., HUC, Compartment Stand, and or Geographic Description)	Implementation Area	Ranger District	Final Acres and /or miles of road/trails, etc.	Anticipated year(s) implementation would begin	Date implementation Accomplished
Continuation of prescribed burning within existing blocks	Deadin Timber	Lower Chattooga	Chattooga River	910 acres	2024	3/20/2024
	Tallulah Gorge North Coop Rx	Lower Chattooga	Chattooga River	101 acres	2024	
	Lick Log Rx	Warwoman – Chattooga	Chattooga River	782 acres	2024	3/14/2024
	Pool Creek Rx	Warwoman – Chattooga	Chattooga River	526 acres	3/29/2024	
	Bob Jones Rx	Sumac N Prong	Conasauga	1191 acres	2024	
	Rocky Flats Rx	Mill Creek Rockflat	Conasauga	1172 acres	2024	
	East Cowpen Rx	Upper Conasauga	Conasauga	422 acres	2024	
	Turkeybeard Rx	Mooneyham	Conasauga	435 acres	2024	

Project under NEPA Decisions other than Foothills

Activity	Implementation area	Ranger District	Project Description
Cottonwood Patch campground	Upper Conasauga	Conasauga	It has repeatedly been impacted by resource damage caused by visitors driving vehicles into the riparian area adjacent to the campground, creating deep ruts and other damage. The district is proposing the installation of a gate between the day-use area and campground, which would provide campers with a safer camping experience and give anyone with a campground reservation booked on Rec.gov to access the area via combination lock. The gate would not restrict the day-use area or restrooms. Horseback riders, mountain bikers and hikers would still have access to the Iron Mountain trailhead.
Emery Creek parking	Holly Creek	Conasauga	Parking lot expansion and paving is adjacent to the paving project included in Foothills as implementable immediately on Holly Creek Road. As we work with TNC to pave one mile of Holly Creek Road, we are proposing to expand and pave the parking area at Emery Creek trailhead to reduce erosion into Holly Creek and increase visitor safety.

Project Updates

- Mooneyham timber sale layout continues in anticipation of FY24 timber sale.
 - Perry Creek project has been delayed.
- Planning continues with The Nature Conservancy for the Holly Creek Road paving project. An engineering design package is currently in progress.
- Earl's Ford Updates
 - The Wild and Scenic River Section 7 determination report is complete and in review for final determination.
 - The Heritage Program competed the Passport in Time project.

Future IA projects

- Upper Conasauga
 - District interdisciplinary team continues to hold regular IDT meetings and is projecting to have an implementation guide completed for presentation to the collaborative by October.
- Lower Chattooga
 - District completed a Project initiation letter, established their interdisciplinary team, and held a kick-off meeting on 3/21/24.
 - In collaboration with GFC, the CRRD is approximately halfway done with the additional 2,700 acres of common stand exam inventory plots planned in the IA.
 - GIS efforts to re-delineate stands and compartment lines to properly match ownership layers, roads, natural stand boundaries, and other natural features are ongoing and ~30% complete.