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| Foothills Landscape | Picnic Site       | US or State Highway | State Park        |
| Boating Site        | Interpretive Site | County Road         | Historic Site     |
| Camping             | Observation Site  | Wilderness          | Conservation Area |
| Climbing Area       | Picnic Site       | Forest Service Land | City              |
| DNR Check Station   | Target Range      |                     |                   |
| Recreation Area     | Trailhead         |                     |                   |
| Fishing Site        |                   |                     |                   |



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# Activities within Foothills IA, but different decision

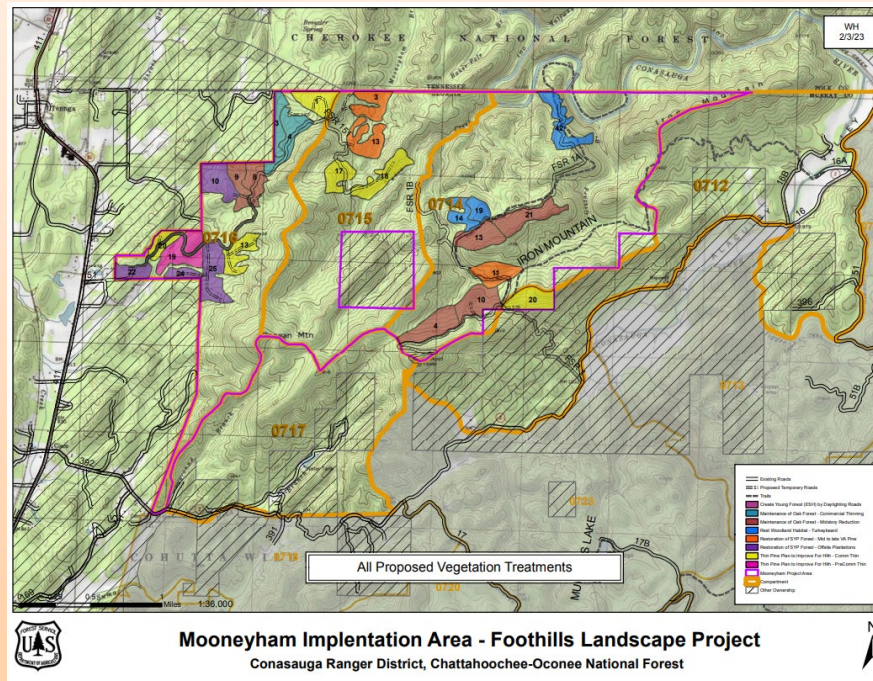
<b>District</b>	<b>Implementation Area</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>CRD</b>	Sumac-North Prong	Sumac III timber sale	Sumac EA
<b>BRRD</b>	Three Sister's	Three Sister's timber sale	Forest Health South EA
<b>BRRD</b>	Three Sister's	Road closure order FSR 135 and 135A	CE – in process
<b>CRRD</b>	Sarah's Creek	Metcalf creek culvert replacement	CE - completed
<b>CRRD</b>	Sarah's Creek	Earl's Ford dispersed rec improvements outside WSR corridor	CE – in process
<b>CRRD</b>	Soquee River	Piney Ridge	Eastside Forest Health EA
<b>CRRD</b>	Tallulah River	Shirley Grove	Eastside Forest Health EA

# 2023 Foothills Accomplishments

<b>District</b>	<b>Implementation Area</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Units Accomplished</b>
<b>CRD</b>	Mill Creek/Rockflat Branch	Convert the Rocky Flats OHV trail back to a system road	3.36 miles
<b>CRD</b>	Jigger Creek	Continuation of Rx burning - Buffalo Rx Unit	26 acres
<b>CRD</b>	Mill Creek/Rockflat Branch	Continuation of Rx Burning - Rocky Flats Rx Unit	77 acres
<b>CRRD</b>	Tallulah River	Continuation of Rx Burning – Slick Shoals	1,943 acres
<b>CRRD</b>	Tiger	Continuation of Rx Burning – Stonewall	338 acres

# CRD - Mooneyham Project Implementation

- Non-commercial oak midstory treatment – planned implementation in FY24 underway, partnering with Ruffed Grouse Society to collect data and develop a contract to do the work.
- Existing Turkeybeard prescribed burn planned for spring of 2024



- Mooneyham timber sale layout continues in anticipation of FY24 timber sale
- Some road maintenance has been done to FSR-151, including gravel placement, repair of a washout and replacement of several culverts.



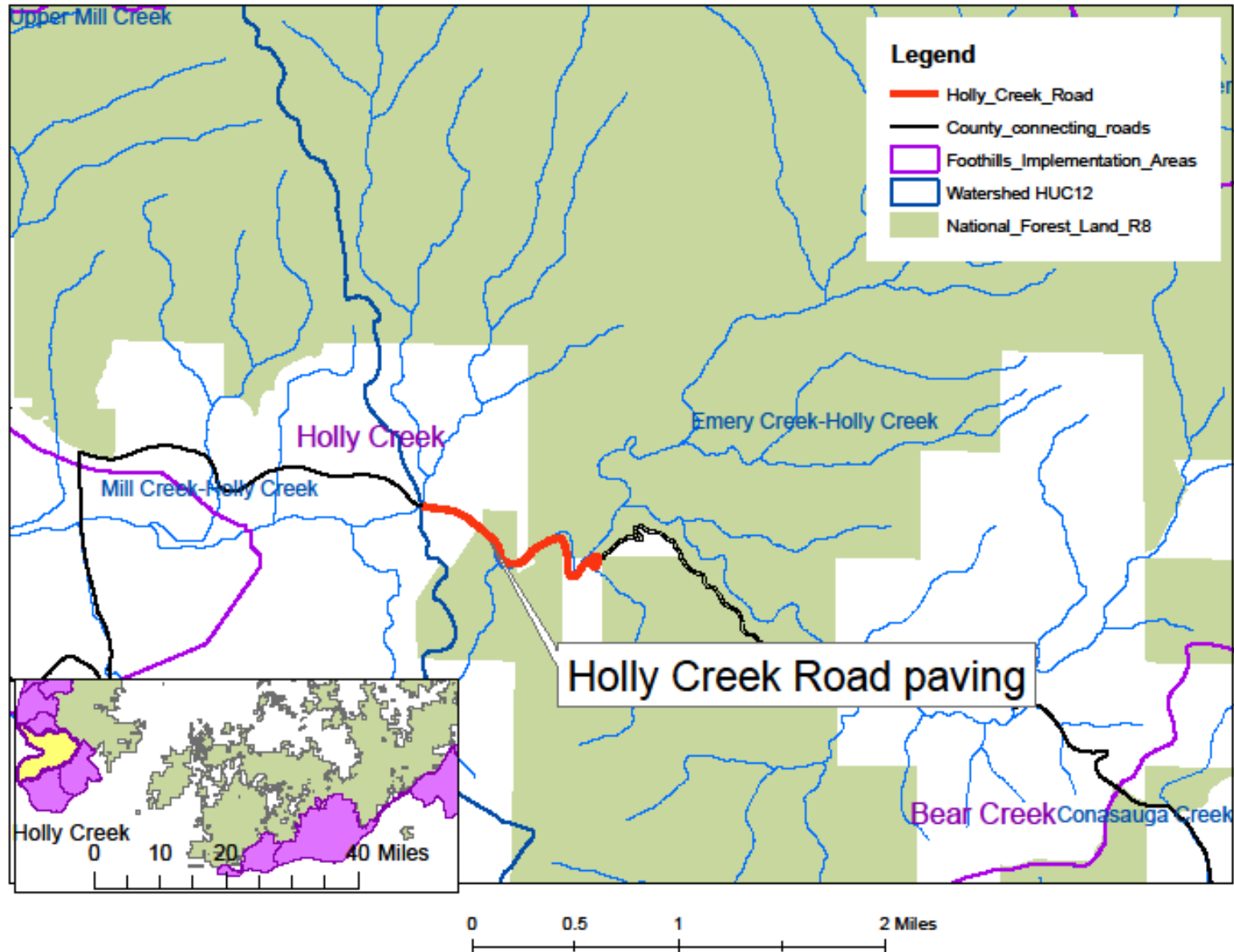
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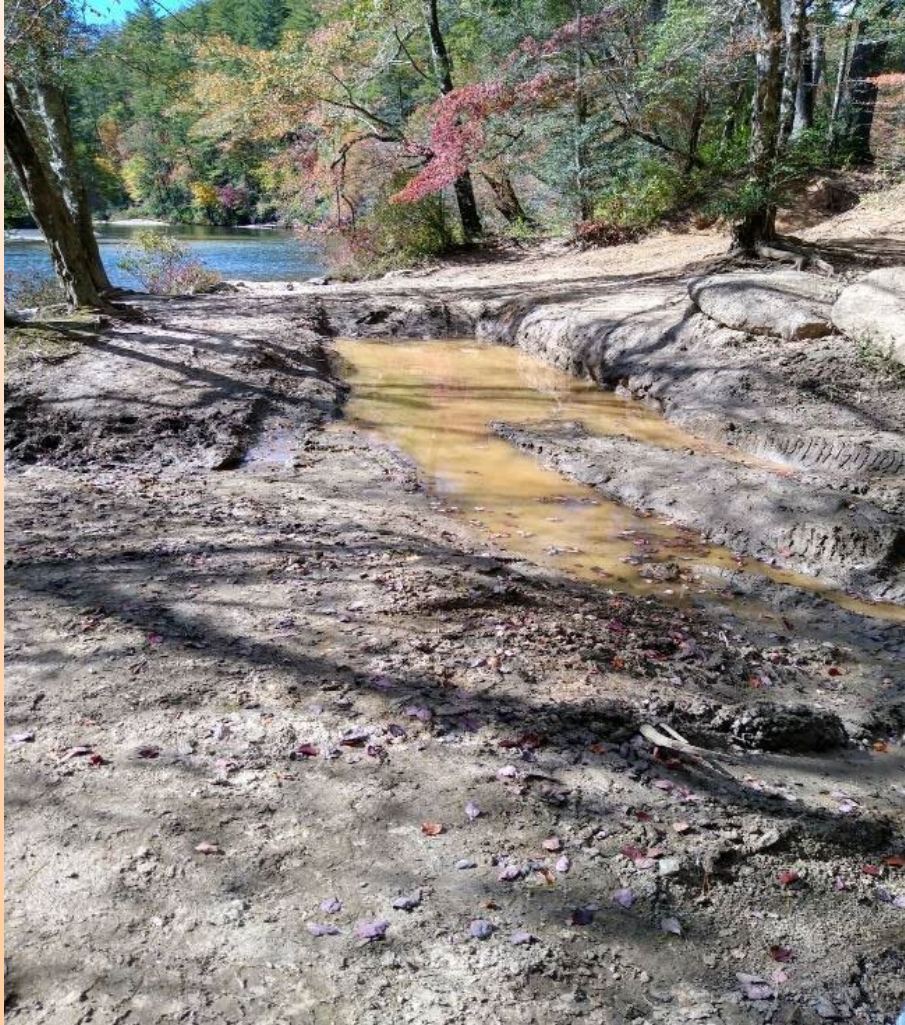


# Foothills Landscape Project - Holly Creek Road Paving

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# Collaborative action: Earl's Ford

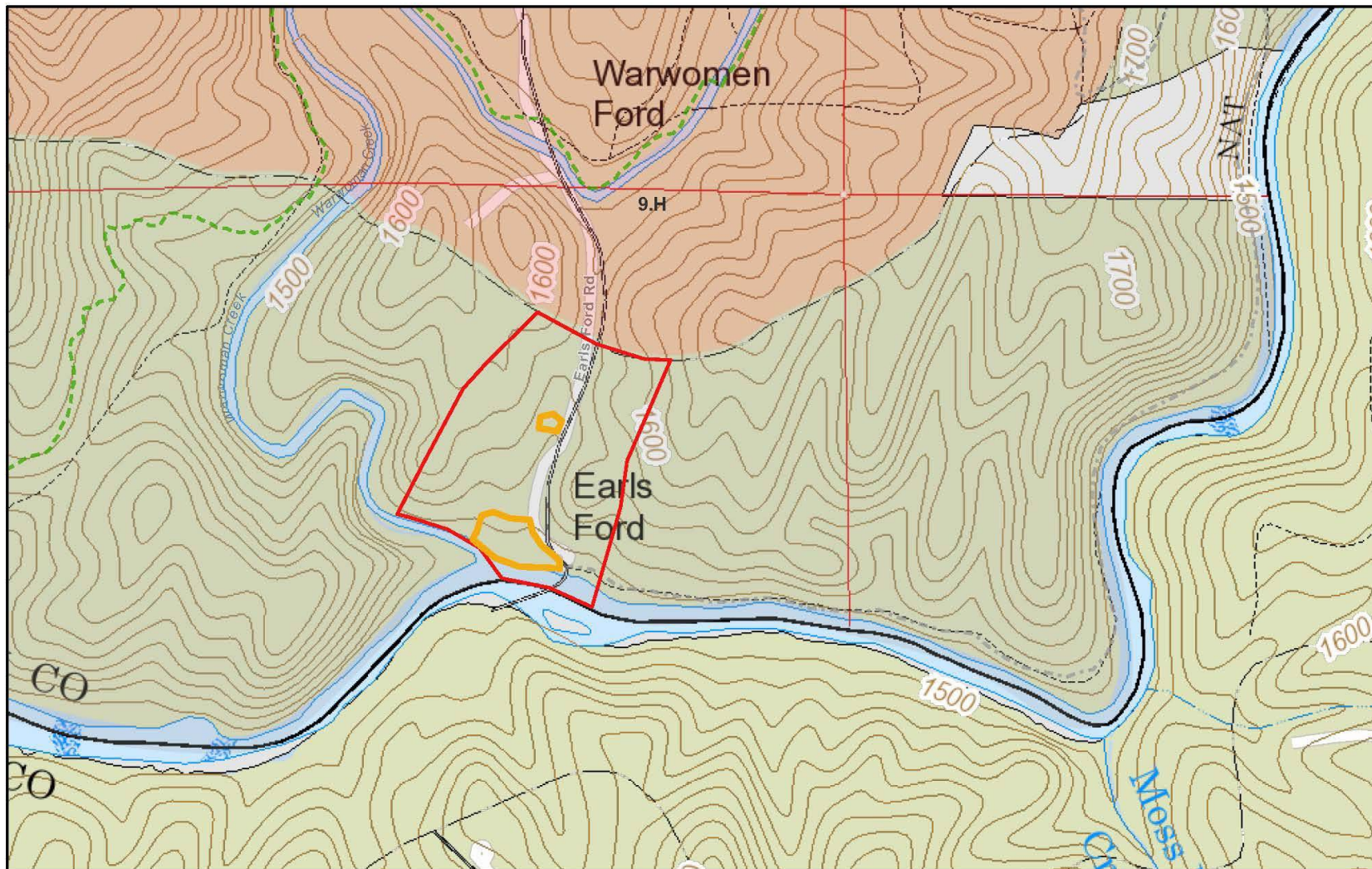


## **Foothills action Table 17: develop and maintain sustainable recreation within the WSR corridor – Earl's Ford**

Dispersed recreation (user-created campsites and trails) and illegal motorized vehicle activities within the WSR Corridor of the Chattooga River have resulted in extensive impacts to riparian habitat within stream management zones.

These impacts include, soil compaction, loss of riparian vegetation, reduced streambank stability, and increased sediment production to aquatic habitats within the Chattooga River.

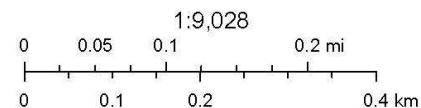
# Dispersed Recreation Sites: Chattooga River WSR



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Chattahoochee Oconee Trails Forest Plan Prescriptions 2004

- Hike
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- Horse
- Other



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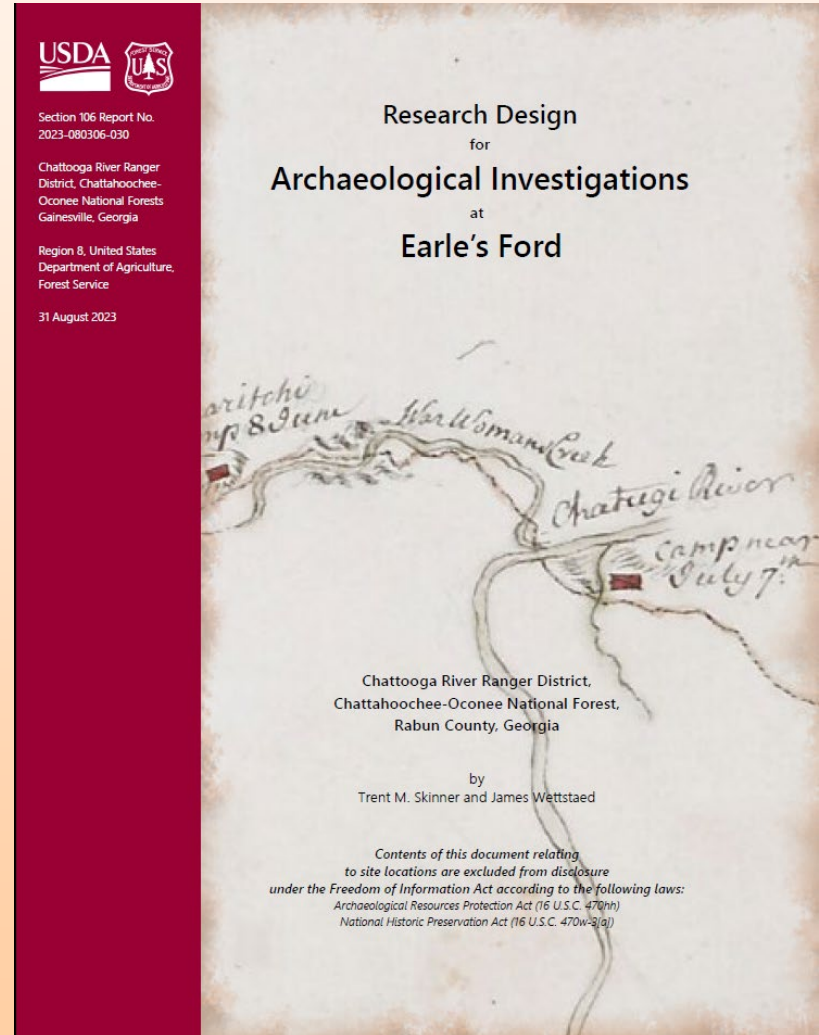


# Passport In Time (PIT) Project at Earl's Ford

Passport In Time is a volunteer program that offers opportunities for the public to assist Forest Service Heritage professionals with archaeological and historical research and management on National Forest System lands.

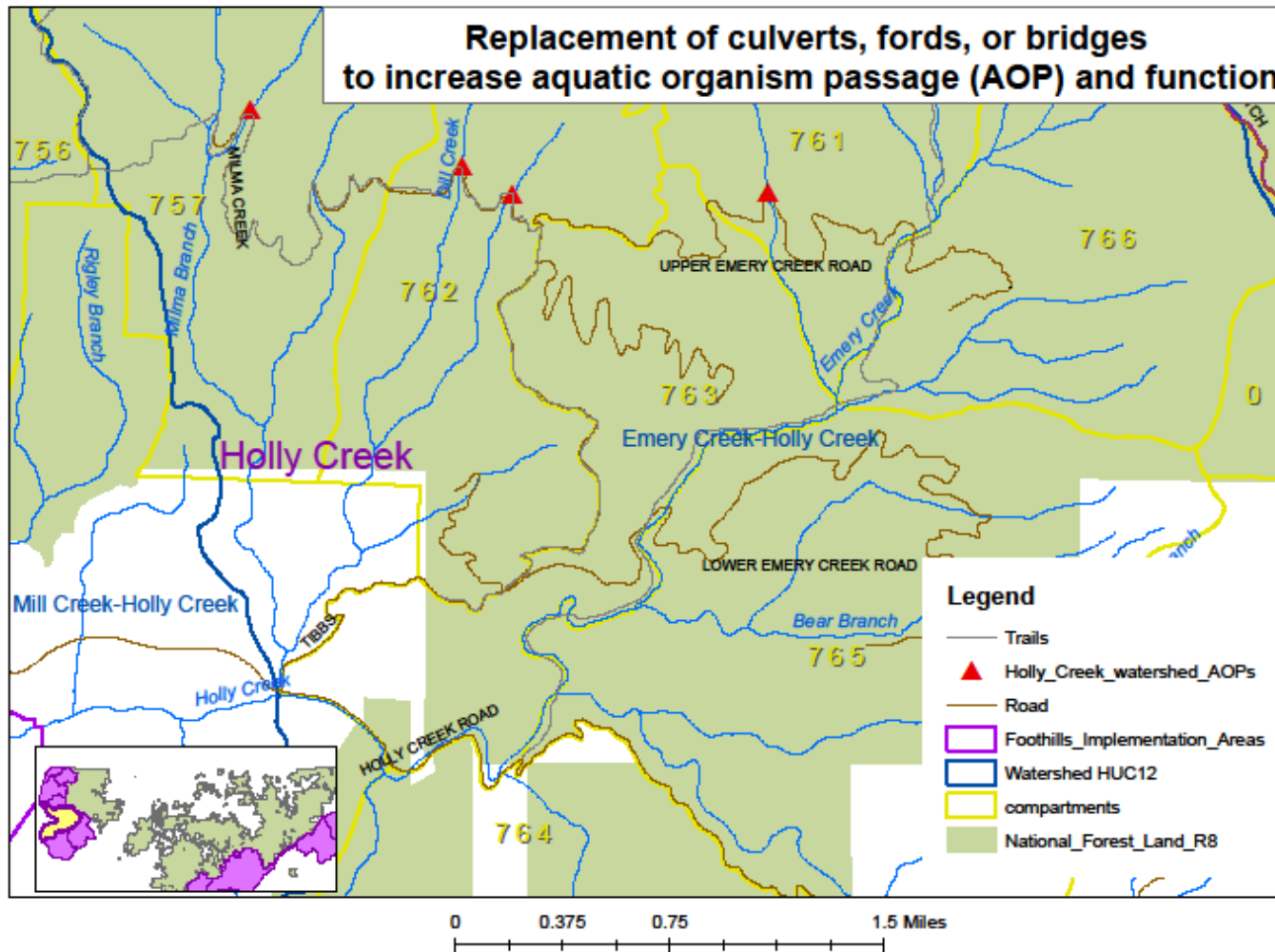
The Heritage Program Manager has already identified a select group of public volunteers for this project.

Potential field visit March 6 or 7th



# Collaborative action: Holly Creek AOP Project

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# **2024 Foothills Implementable Projects to Date**

- **Conasauga Ranger District Prescribed Burns**
- **Chattooga River Ranger District Prescribed Burns**
- **Conasauga Maintenance Level Changes and Seasonal Use Restrictions**

# **2024 Foothills Implementable Projects Coming Soon**

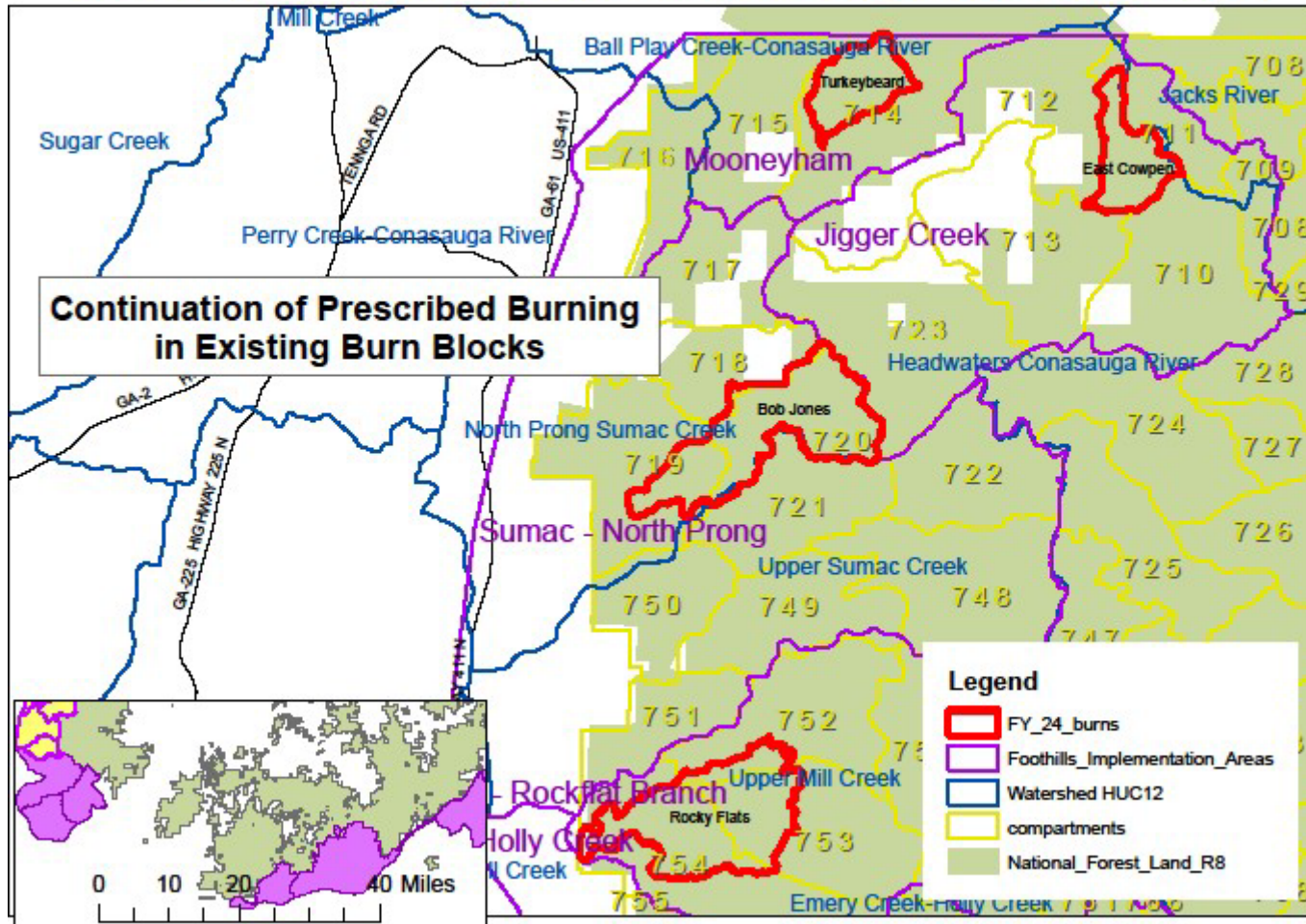
- **Blue Ridge Ranger District Prescribed Burns**

# 2024 Conasauga Prescribed Fire Burn Units

Activity Name (should correspond w/ Table 17 of EA)	Location (i.e., HUC, Compartment Stand, and or Geographic Description)	Ranger District	Final Acres and /or miles of road/trails, etc.	Anticipated year(s) implementation would begin
<b>Continuation of prescribed burning within existing blocks</b>	<u>Bob Jones Rx Burn</u> – Comp 719, 720	Conasauga	1191 acres	2024
	<u>Rocky Flats Rx Burn</u> – Comp 753, 754	Conasauga	1172 acres	2024
	<u>East Cowpen Rx Burn</u> – Comp 711	Conasauga	422 acres	2024
	<u>Turkeybeard Rx Burn</u> – Comp 714	Conasauga	435 acres	2024

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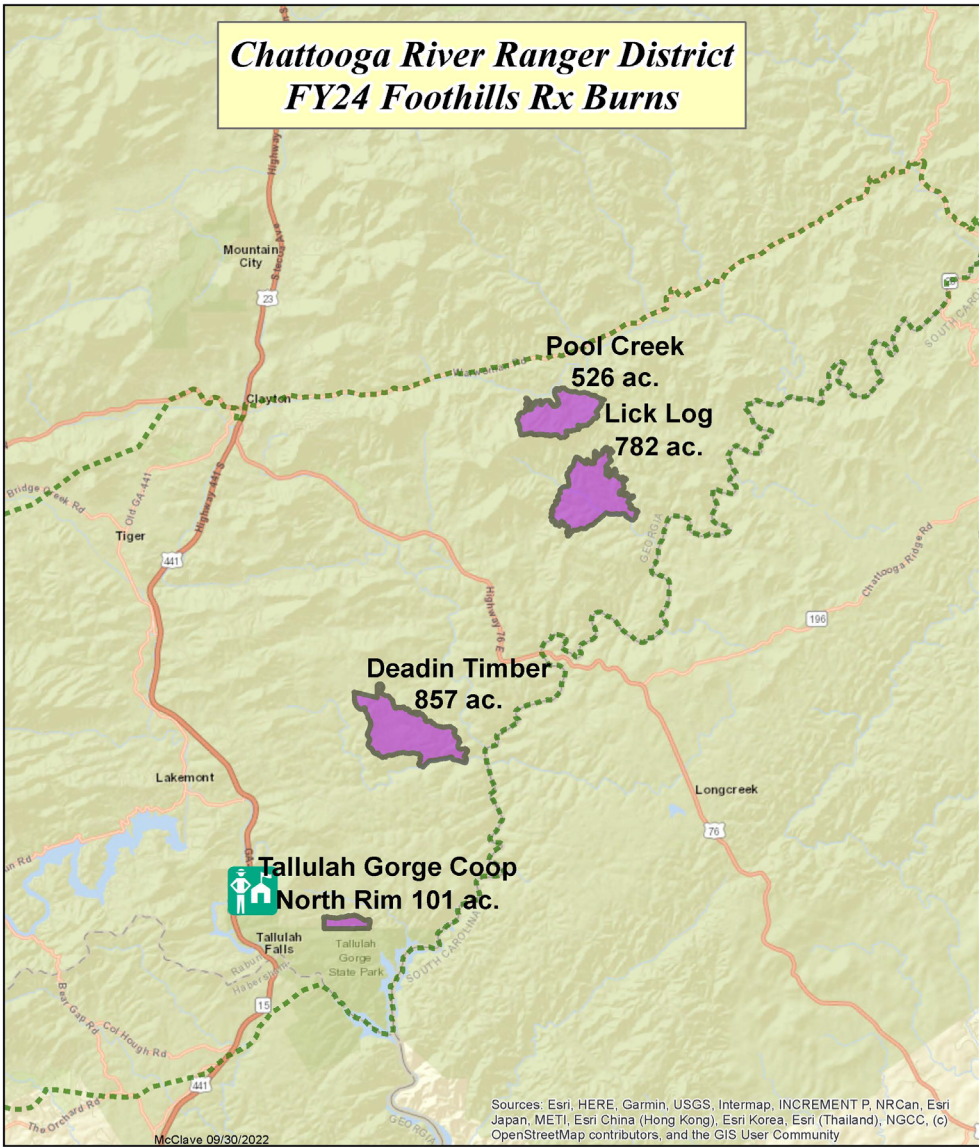
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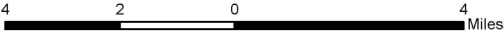
# 2024 Chattooga River Prescribed Fire Burn Units

Activity Name (should correspond w/ Table 17 of EA)	Location (i.e., HUC, Compartment Stand, and or Geographic Description)	Ranger District	Final Acres and /or miles of road/trails, etc.	Anticipated year(s) implementation would begin
<b>Continuation of prescribed burning within existing blocks</b>	<u>Deadin Timber Rx</u> Comp 62 Lower Chattooga IA	Chattooga River	910 acres	2024
	<u>Tallulah Gorge North Coop Rx</u> Comp 68 Lower Chattooga IA	Chattooga River	101 acres	2024
	<u>Lick Log Rx</u> Comp 50, 57 Warwoman – Chattooga IA	Chattooga River	782 acres	2024
	<u>Pool Creek Rx</u> Comp 46, 52 Warwoman – Chattooga IA	Chattooga River	526 acres	2024

# Chattooga River Ranger District FY24 Foothills Rx Burns



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



**Burn Units**  
**Foothills Boundary**

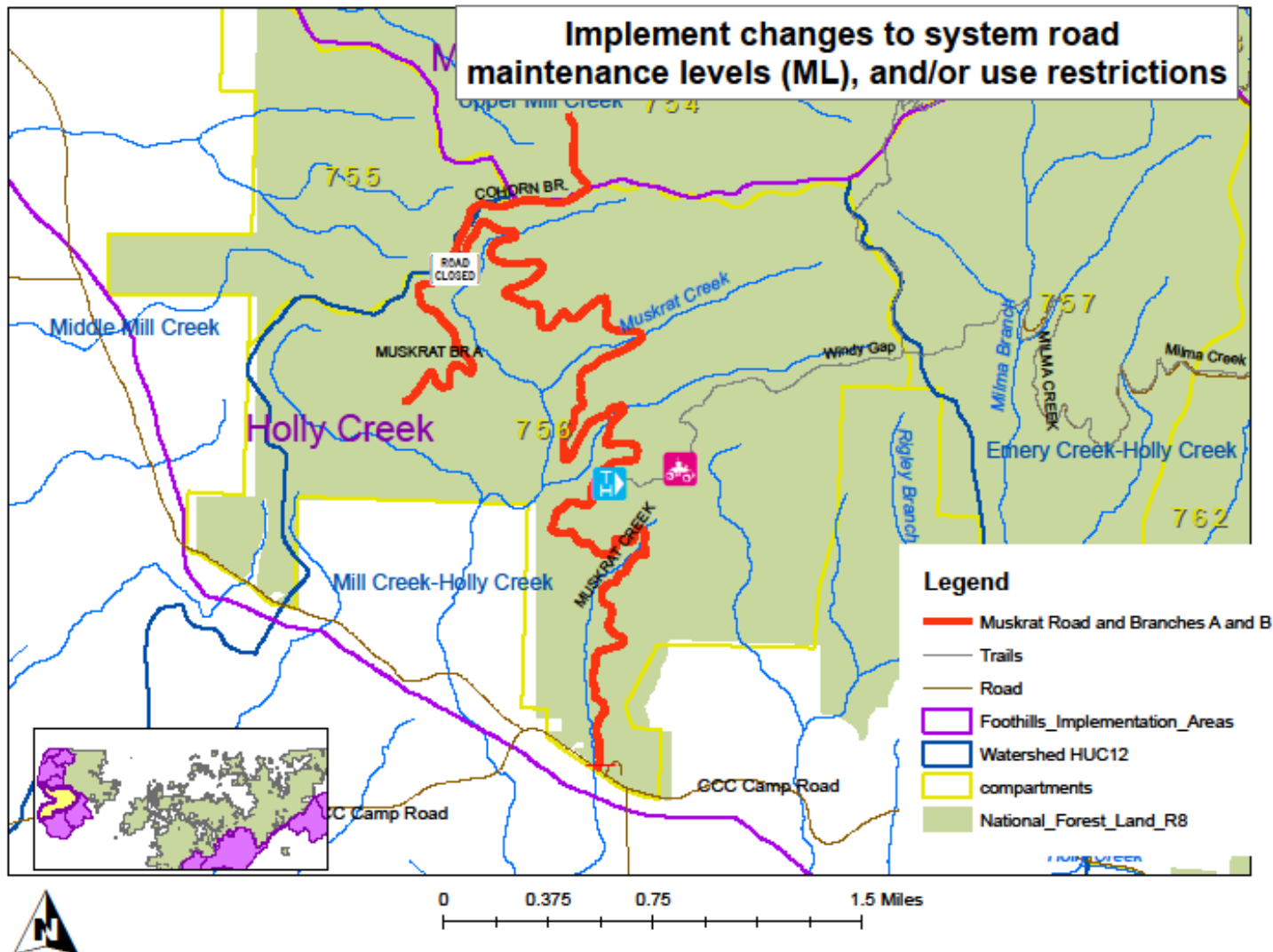
# 2024 Conasauga Road Maintenance Level Changes and Seasonal Use Restrictions

<b>Activity Name (should correspond w/ Table 17 of EA)</b>	<b>Location (i.e., HUC, Compartment Stand, and or Geographic Description)</b>	<b>Draft Acres and/or miles of road/trails, etc.</b>	<b>Final Acres and /or miles of road/trails, etc.</b>	<b>Anticipated year implementation would begin</b>
<b>Implement changes to system road ML and/or use restrictions</b>	FSR 218 – Muskrat Creek Road	6.3 miles		2024
	FSR 218A – Muskrat Creek Br A	0.9 mile		2024
	FSR 218B – Cohorn Branch	1 mile		2024

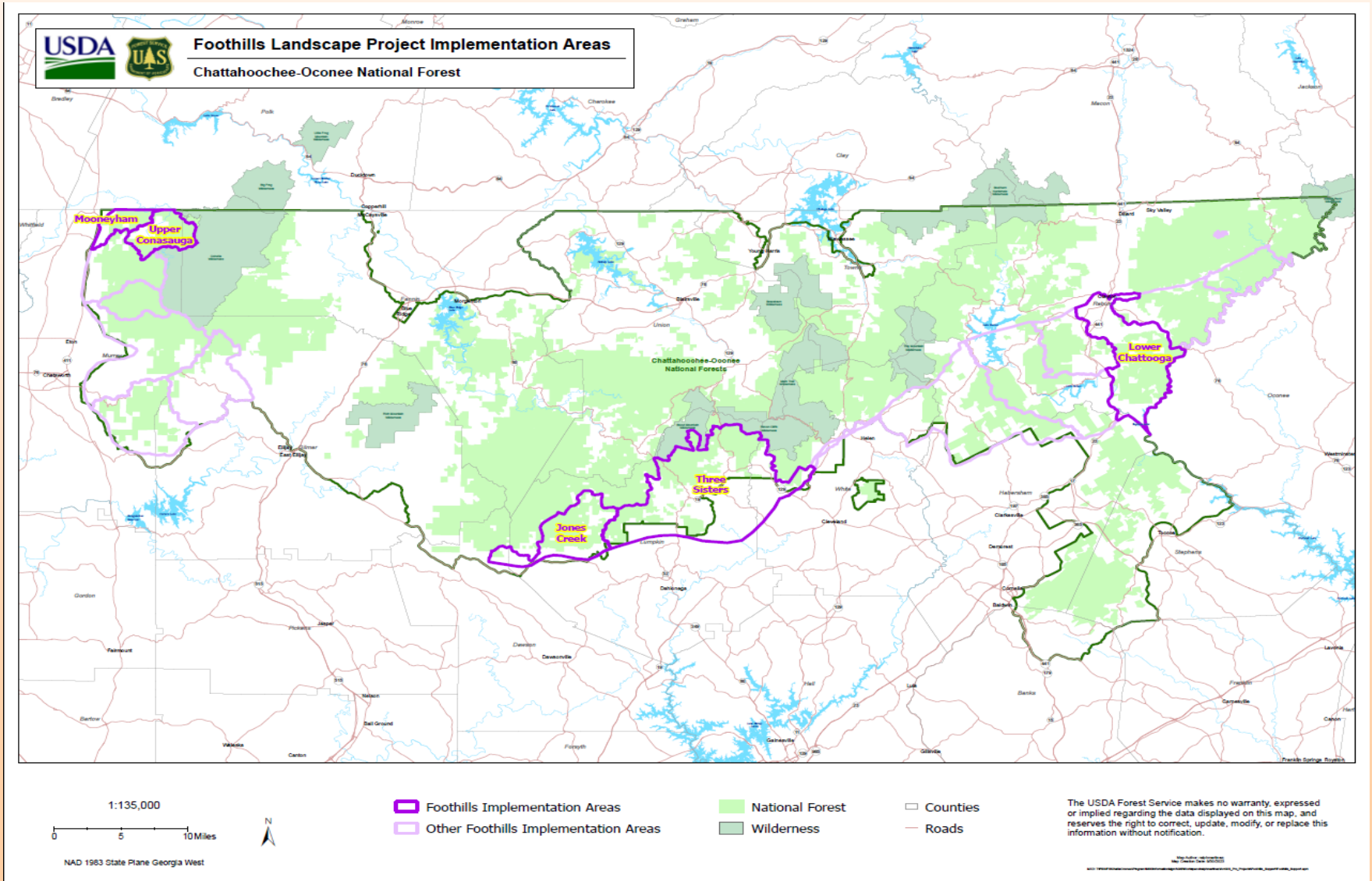


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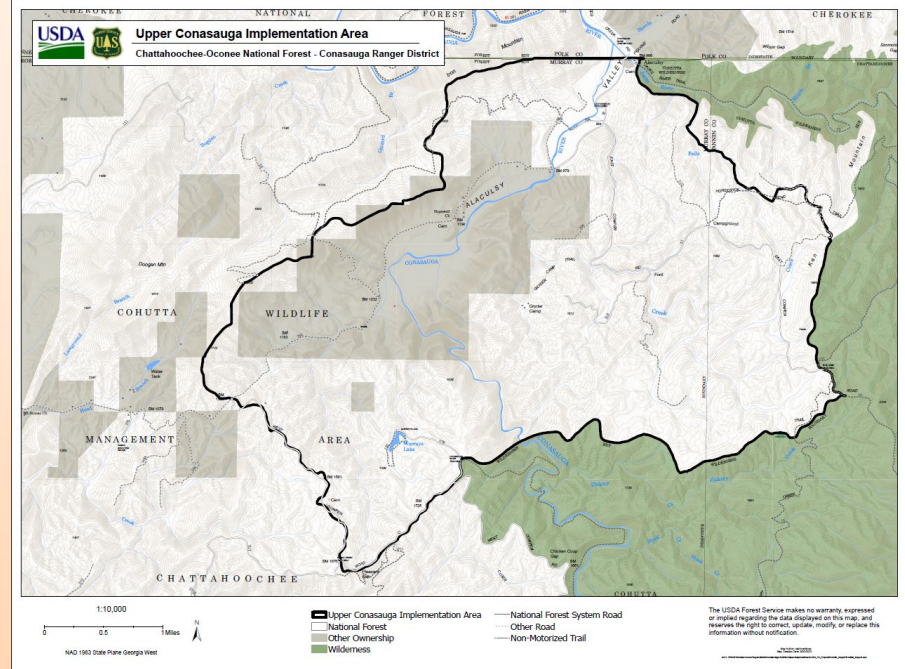
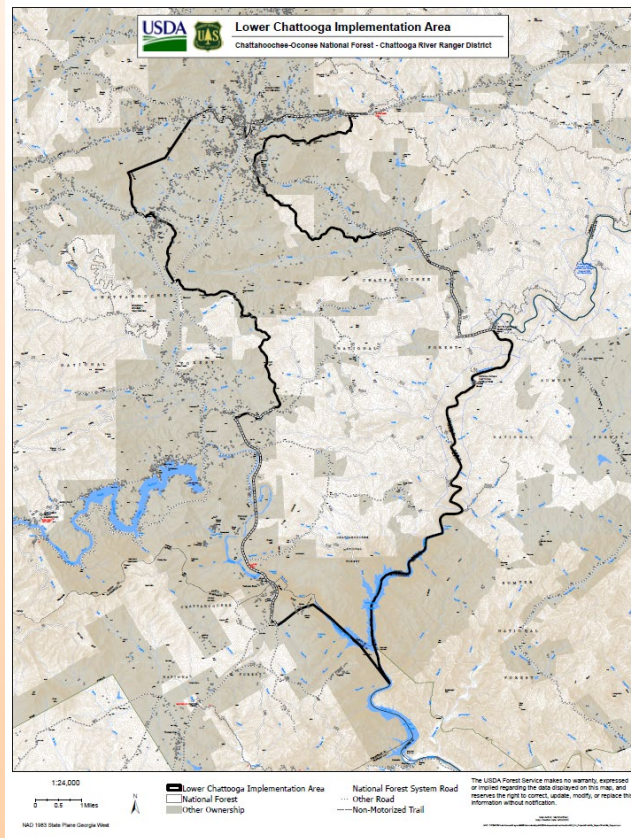
# Future Implementation Areas



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## CRD- Upper Conasauga IA

## CRRD- Lower Chattooga IA Conasauga IA



- District interdisciplinary team held a kick-off meeting in November.
- District has completed vegetation field work for the IA.

- District interdisciplinary team kick-off meeting being planned for first quarter of 2023 Calander year.
- Completed inventory of approximately 4,750 acres of the implementation area.
- Designed a timber cruise to complete common stand exams in a further 2,700 acres.
- The district has plans to bring on additional compacity utilizing detailed positions. This will allow for increased efforts within the Foothills Landscape. These positions will begin at the end of January.

