



Southern Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network
Workshop 9
May 20-22, 2014
High Hampton Inn, Cashiers NC

Theme of Workshop 9 2014:
Managing Lands with Multiple Objectives: How Does Fire Fit In?

Tuesday, May 20

Goals of day: (1) Set the stage for the Blue Ridge Escarpment (2) Review and discuss monitoring and research results

08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:15	Welcome and Introductions	Margit Bucher, TNC NC; Beth Buchanan, USFS
09:15-9:30	FLN: SBR and National perspectives	Margit Bucher; Wendy Fulks, TNC National
09:30-10:00	Welcome and Overview of the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment Landscape	Tom Swaynham, SC DNR; Kristen Austin, TNC
10:00-10:30	Jocassee Gorges Management Area, Management Overview	Mark Hall, SC DNR
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	Creating capacity for fire management programs	Tom Dooley, TNC SC; Brian Schaffler, USFS
11:15-12:00	Bird response to fire management at Jocassee Gorges yellow pine restoration site	Dr. Drew Lanham, Clemson University
12:00-13:00	Lunch-provided	
13:00-13:30	The effects of repeated wildfire on previously long-unburned Appalachian plant communities	Dr. Don Hagan, Clemson University
13:30-14:00	Ground-dwelling wildlife response to prescribed burning in southern Appalachian upland hardwood forest	Dr. Chris Moorman, NCSU
14:00-14:30	Green salamanders and prescribed burning	Lori A. Williams, NC WRC
14:30-15:00	Break	
15:00-15:30	Prescribed fire effects: what can managers learn from SBR FLN demonstration units?	Dr. Peter Bates, Western Carolina University
15:30-16:00	Landscape-level effects of fire on Appalachian wildlife: do we know enough?	Dr. Rob Baldwin, Clemson
16:00-16:45	A moderated session to get manager feedback on fire effects research and monitoring	Dr. Thomas Waldrop, USFS SRS
16:45-17:00	Field trip logistics	Mark Hall
	Dinner on your own	



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Wednesday, May 21

Field Trip to the Jocassee Gorges Area

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources has used fire along the perimeter of South Carolina's least developed water body- Lake Jocassee. Field trip participants will board pontoon boats and have the opportunity to see some of the most remote areas in the state, where both wild and prescribed fires have occurred. SCDNR will share interesting facts about the history of the area and also describe how fire has been applied within a very unique landscape.

After a morning on the water, the field trip will proceed through the heart of Jocassee Gorges along scenic hogback ridges and culminate on Sassafras Mountain, SC's highest peak.

Lunch and transportation from the High Hampton Inn will be provided. **Additional details coming soon!**



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Thursday, May 22

Goals of Day: (1) Review lessons learned from field trip; (2) Landscape and forest planning updates; (3) Small group discussions of important issues.

08:00-08:30	<i>Breakfast snacks available</i>	
08:00-09:00	Review of field trip and lessons learned	Beth Buchanan
	Landscape & Planning Initiatives Updates	
09:00-9:15	Georgia Blue Ridge FLN landscape	Jim Wentworth, USFS; Mal Hodges, TNC
09:15-09:30	Fire Adapted Communities project	Mike Davis, USFS; Frank Riley, Chestatee/ Chattahoochee RC&D
09:30-09:45	Southern Blue Ridge	Mike Brod, USFS; Nathan Klaus, GA DNR
09:45-10:00	<i>Break</i>	
10:00-10:15	Central Escarpment: CFLR	Lisa N. Jennings, USFS
10:15-10:30	Central Escarpment: FLN	Adam Warwick, TNC
10:30-10:40	Nantahala/Balsam	Peter Bates
10:40-10:50	South Mountains	Dean Simon, NC WRC
10:50-11:00	Northern Escarpment	Marshall Ellis, NC Parks
11:00-11:30	Unaka/Great Smoky Mountains	Katherine Medlock? Greg Salansky? Rob Klein
11:30-12:00	NFs NC plan revision efforts: what feedback has been received?	Heather Luczak, USFS
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch-provided</i>	
13:00-14:30	Breakout Groups (attendees rotate through all 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SBR FLN visioning• Increasing capacity region-wide• Balancing growing season burns with concerns about federally-listed plants	Margit Bucher; Wendy Fulks Helen Mohr, USFS SRS Mike Brod; Nathan Klaus
14:30-14:40	Report out – all 3 groups	
14:40-15:00	Wrap-up and next steps for SBR FLN	Margit Bucher; Beth Buchanan
15:00	Adjourn	