

ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL DESIRED CONDITIONS RECEIVED AT THE OCTOBER 24TH, 2005 MEETING

1. Lands should be acquired and consolidated to increase ecological integrity, provide ecosystem services, mitigate habitat fragmentation, and provide refuges and corridors for native wildlife.
2. Don't divest or exchange UNF lands that are riparian on PeeDee, Little River, or Uwharrie River, Barnes Creek/Poison Fork or other lands that contain federal or state trust resources.
3. Environmental Education Priority: Joint visitor center with Town of Troy on Troy's dedicated land at Hwy 24/27 and Prison Camp Rd. (below current ranger station. "Partnership")
4. Lands #2: Land base is consolidated.....management, only after lands under consideration for divestiture are reviewed for presence of sensitive natural resources.
5. Suitable habitat for RC should be identified prior to beginning restoration activities.
6. Wildlife #5: Supported forest-wide, but "near private developments to reduce fire danger" needs to be delimited forest-wide (subject to narrow case-by-case determinations)
7. All across Forest: USFS support and fund research on presettlement vegetation in the Uwharrie National Forest. Define historic fire compartments and determine historic fire frequency based on aspect.
8. There needs to be desired future conditions for existing Wilderness. Examples:
9. Wilderness will be expanded and prioritized for adjacent land purchase units
10. No new roads will be constructed on FS lands adjacent to wilderness.
11. Open roads and closed (decommissioned & obliterated) roads are determined and executed on the basis of a current and regularly updated forest-wide roads analysis.
12. Unclassified legacy roads are recontoured and restored to forested condition.
13. Keep the gates at recreation trail on Hwy 24---27 parking area & at Woodrun Hunt Camp open for longer periods during the year. I would like to be able to drive past Woodrun Hunt Camp more often than is allowed. With a virtual year-round closure of these gates, the Woodrun block is being managed as defacto Wilderness, rather than a true multiple-use, ready-access area for drivers.

14. Hire Uwharrie NF biologist just for Uwharrie District.

Possible monitoring items:

1. Add to #1: Measure turbidity in all monitored rivers, creeks, compare to baselines and establish impacts and recommendations.
2. Incorporate and make sure monitoring of sensitive species (Schweinitz sunflower) is implemented.

COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT

1. It is not clear when & how additional analyses/information will be brought into the Forest Plan revision process (e.g. sustainability analysis). Participants are being asked to trust that this will happen, but specifics are needed for participant “buy-in.”
2. Too obscure dates and too many different meeting places.
3. Wildlife #4: The full diversity of native species must be maintained in balance with their habitat, but their habitat must be maintained in levels consistent with appropriated balance identified in the ecological sustainability analysis based on presettlement conditions and long term natural variability.
4. Vegetation #4: (Re) establishing Schweinitz sunflower habitat in the forest is an important desired condition – but there is minimal value in creating such habitat in historically unsuitable areas at the expense of habitat for other native ecosystems. Language similar to that for “Vegetation #3” is needed for this section instead of “abundant across the forest” to reflect that this objective is appropriated in suitable sites and conditions.
5. Vegetation #1: Without an ecological sustainability analysis it is too soon to identify management direction for a “large fraction” of the forest. The conditions described in Veg #1 regarding glades and Piedmont prairies may be appropriated for defined areas or longleaf pine ecosystems but not for a “large fraction” of the forest.
6. Wildlife #1: More appropriate wording would direct management towards maintaining “the full” diversity of ecosystems and species native to the Piedmont. “High” diversity invites management for disturbance-based ecosystems without regard to their natural or appropriate levels on the forest.