



North Shenandoah Mountain Restoration and Management Project

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

The USDA Forest Service, the public, communities, and partners are working together to identify forest restoration and management opportunities on the 100,000-acre North Shenandoah Mountain Restoration and Management Project in Rockingham County, Virginia and Pendleton County, West Virginia. Working together over the next two years, we will identify activities to improve watershed conditions, vegetation conditions, wildlife and fisheries habitats, and recreation uses to implement over the next ten years. Restoration and management opportunities will complement efforts on adjacent lands and will address vegetation, habitat, and watershed conditions that transcend landowner boundaries.

Upcoming Events

Three workings group meetings will be held at the North River Ranger District Forest Service Office in Harrisonburg, VA:

Recreation and Trails – Wed. July 13 from 1pm-4pm at the North River Ranger District Office

Aquatic, Riparian and Watershed Resources – Thurs. July 14 from 9am-12pm

Wildlife Habitat and Forest Health – Thurs. July 14 from 1pm-4pm

If you plan to attend one or more of these working group meetings, RSVP Karen Overcash, kovercash@fs.fed.us

Potential Discussion items in each working group

Recreation and Trails	Developed recreation: West Side Shooting Range, Camp Run Campground, Blue Hole Day Use Area ♦ Trails and dispersed camping ♦ Road access ♦ Volunteer partnerships
Aquatic, Riparian and Watershed Resources	♦ Water quality ♦ Aquatic passage ♦ Habitat for brook trout, wood turtle, and other riparian species ♦ Road access
Wildlife Habitat and Forest Health	Ecosystem restoration through use of timber management and fire ♦ Wildlife habitat creation, enhancement or maintenance ♦ Hemlock woolly adelgid treatment ♦ Nonnative invasive plants ♦ Road access

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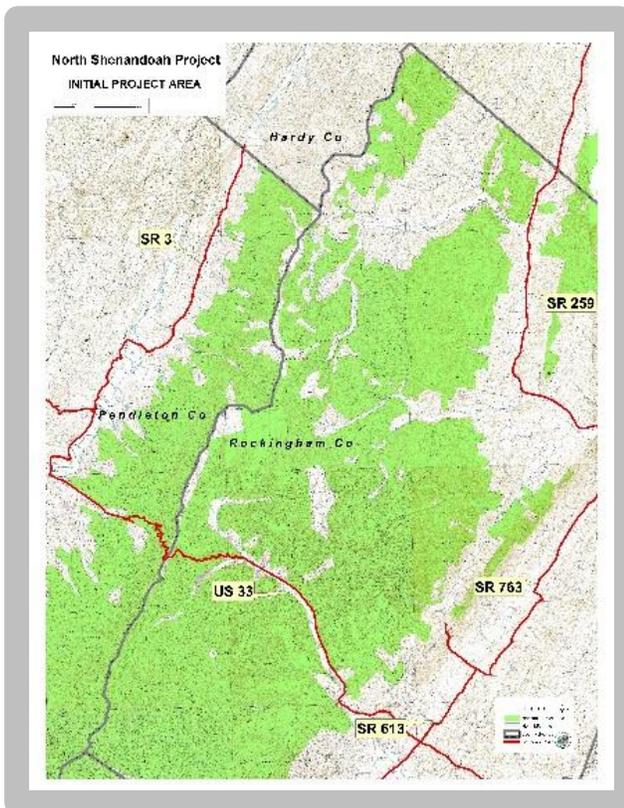
Where Are We Now?

This spring we held two public meetings and a public filed trip providing an overview of the project. Behind the scenes, Forest Service specialists and partners are working to assess current conditions on-the-ground within the project area.

Over the next three months, working groups will meet to discuss the details of resource issues, concerns and opportunities and will develop ideas for potential activities. Working in more narrowly focused groups will allow us to concentrate on specific topics or issues in greater detail. The working groups do not replace our scheduled public meetings where the public can discuss the project and provide comments.



USFS Forester Kevin Kyle describes conditions on the ground during a public field trip



Next Steps:

After meeting to discuss topic issues at a technical level, working groups will provide information on their findings during public meetings periodically throughout the summer. Anyone unable to attend the working group meetings can provide input during public meetings.

For maps and more information about the North Shenandoah Mountain Restoration and Management Project visit www.fs.usda.gov/gwj

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