Foothills Landscape Collaboration Update

Beep! Beep! 
We are coming up on the next bus stop! This is the perfect time for you to jump on the bus and join us on this awesome Foothills Landscape collaborative roadtrip. During our second workshop we will:

- narrow the focus of the project by determining the greatest needs for restoration using the information harvested from Workshop I
- turn the identified needs into specific, practical, reasonable and measurable goal statements
- frame what the Collaborative Community will recommend in Workshops III and IV

Foothills Landscape Workshop II
March 28: 9:00am - 3:00 pm and/or March 29: 5:00 - 8:00pm
North Hall Community Center
4175 Nopone Road, Gainesville, GA 30506

***Do us a favor and REGISTER HERE so we know how many to plan for***

Because we value and respect your time, we have structured the workshops so that the two days build upon one another but are independent. So if you attend one and not the other, your contribution will be meaningful and add value to the project. This also gives the option of attending the workshop during the day or evening (or both), depending on your work/life schedules. The workshop will include a mix of presentations and discussion sessions. It's best to come for the whole time if you can...it's not really designed as a drop-in event, but anyone is welcome at any time.

Calling All Cooks
Blue Ridge Beef is sponsoring lunch for you during this workshop! They have generously offered to supply the hamburgers and hot dogs.
This is your chance to show off your culinary capabilities by sharing your best side dish or dessert to round out an amazing meal. Or, (if you are anything like me) it's a great time to share the area's best store-bought side dishes or desserts.

**Learning and Sharing**

Visit www.tinyurl.com/FoothillsLandscape to keep up the conversations online. This [online forum](http://www.tinyurl.com/FoothillsLandscape) is the place to continue discussions, start new ones, post ideas and add comments on the restoration goals, treatment locations, and methods of treatment. The forum has been refreshed to build upon our recent conversations during Workshop I. You can still find last fall's [Community Conversations](http://www.tinyurl.com/FoothillsLandscape) here.

You can see where we have been on the project website at www.tinyurl.com/FoothillsLandscapeCollaborate. There you will find a summary of the first workshop, frequently asked questions, and maps of the project area. AND...the first section of the [draft Restoration Plan](http://www.tinyurl.com/FoothillsLandscape) that we have been working on together was posted on the website today for your review.

**Foothills Science Symposium**

The Forest Service Southern Research Station is hosting a science symposium to introduce the collaborative community to some of the science being used to guide the Foothills Landscape project. The topics include cultural uses of the landscape, pine restoration, old-growth forests, watershed health, and using fire on the landscape.

Mark your calendars for May 4, 2017, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Sautee Nacoochee Center - 283 Highway 255 North, Sautee Nacoochee, Georgia 30571.

Please, share this update with others who care about the forest and encourage them to sign up to get on the bus and receive emails on this collaborative effort. And as always, if you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of my Forest Service colleagues.

Thank you for working together with us to do the right work in the right places for the right reasons. I am so excited about the road ahead!

-Angie

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