

**BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
LIAISON PANEL MEETING SUMMARY
AUGUST 3, 2006
DOUBLE SPRINGS, ALABAMA**

Liaison Panel Member Attendees

Additional Attendees

Forest Service Attendees

Meeting Agenda

The objectives for this meeting is: (1) discuss in more detail the options in forest/woodland restoration, habitat improvements, and improving forest health the Grindstone/Mill Watersheds, Inman Watershed, and Rockhouse/Hoghouse Watersheds, (2) hear an update from the Timber/Thinning Working Group, and (3) hear an update from Alabama A&M University research.

6:00	Welcome	Glen Gaines Bankhead, USFS
6:15	Forest Health and Restoration Accomplishments	Glen Gaines
6:35	Timber/Thinning Working Group Report	Vince Meleski Mike Henshaw Randy Feltman Dave Boreland
6:50	Southern Research Station Research Update	Stacy Clark SRS, USFS
7:15	Alabama A&M Research - Human Dimensions	Neva Brown Alabama A&M
7:30	Upper Brushy Stewardship Project	Allison Cochran Bankhead, USFS
7:50	Southern Pine Beetle Report	Charlie Mackaravitz Bankhead, USFS
8:15	Watershed Forest Health and Restoration Planning FY2007 Proposals and Decisions FY2007 Inventory	Stephanie Love Bankhead, USFS
8:30	Other Business	Glen Gaines

8:45

Closeout and Schedule Next Meeting

Glen Gaines

Timber/Thinning Working Group Report

Alabama A&M Research Update - Timber Harvest Methods Research

Watershed Forest Health and Restoration Planning

The Next Step in Restoring Native Forests and Woodlands Watershed Prescriptions

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Inman watershed proposed activities

Thinning (DFC Shortleaf Woodlands)	– 682 ac
Thinning (dfc oak/ hickory forest)	– 204 AC
Restoration cut (plant shortleaf)	– 50 ac
Prescribed burning (3 units)	– 2378 ac
Upland wildlife habitat imp.	– est. 8 -10 AC
Mid-story removal treatments	– 162 AC
Watershed improvement work	– est. 4 to 5 AC
Canyon designation	– 100 to 150 ac

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Mil I / Grindstone Creek Watershed Proposed Activities

- Thinning (dfc shortleaf woodlands) – 230* acres
- Thinning (dfc oak/ hickory forest) – 136 acres
- Patch cuts and plant shortleaf – 107 acres
- Patch cuts with natural reg. hdwd. – 10 acres
- Prescribed burning (3 units) – 3090 acres
- Upl and wil dl if e habitat improvement – 19 acres
- Mid-story treatments – 219 acres
- Non-native, invasive species control – 17 acres
- Canyon designation

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Rockhouse/ Hoghouse Watersheds Proposed Activities

- Thinning (DFC Longleaf Woodlands) – 1034 ac
- Thinning (dfc oak woodlands) – 37 ac
- Thinning (dfc oak/ hickory forests) – 348 ac
- Spb/ Patch cuts & plant to longleaf – 60 ac
- Hurricane Rita II restoration – 88 acres
- Spb and natural hardwood reg. – 24 acres
- Prescribed burning (6 units) – 3222 acres
- Mid-story treatments – 687 acres
- Non-native, invasive plant control – 10 acres
- Upl and wil dl if e habitat imp. – 28 acres

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