



Southern Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network &
 Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists

Joint Workshop Agenda | May 24-27, 2022 Dillard, GA

Tuesday, May 24th Dillard House: 768 Franklin St. Dillard, GA 30537 - Conference Center on-site

Master of Ceremonies: Adam Warwick, The Nature Conservancy- North Carolina

8-930am	<i>Registration in Lobby of Dillard Conference Center Continental breakfast & Meeting in James Room</i>	
930-11am	Welcome & Overviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers & Scientists National Fire Learning Network Nantahala National Forest/Nantahala Ranger District 	Adam Warwick, The Nature Conservancy- North Carolina Helen Mohr, CAFMS & US Forest Service Emily Hohman & Laurel Kays, The Nature Conservancy Brian Browning, Nantahala RD FMO
11-1115am	<i>15-minute break</i>	
1115am-12pm	Keynote: 2016 and the Context of Fire Regimes on Appalachian Landscapes	Charles LaFon, Texas A&M University, Department of Geography
12-1pm	<i>1-hour lunch buffet in James Room – outdoor seating available</i>	
1-2pm	FLN Landscape Updates	
	Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment	Kristen Austin, TNC-SC & Helen Mohr, USFS
	Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains	Erick Brown, TNC-Georgia, Mike Davis, USFS, & Phil Delestrez, Georgia DNR
	Southern Cherokee and Great Smoky Unaka Mountains	Katherine Medlock, TNC-Southern Appalachians (Tennessee)
2-230pm	<i>30-minute break</i>	
	FLN Landscape Updates (continued)	
230-330pm	Nantahala Balsam Mountains Landscape	TBA
	South Mountains	Ryan Jacobs, NC Wildlife Resources Comm. & Sharon Bischof, NC State Parks
	Central Blue Ridge Escarpment	Juniper Odell, TNC-NC
	High Country	Jonathan Hartsell, Blue Ridge RC&D & Josh McIntyre, NC State Parks
330-4pm	Fire Adapted Communities Updates from Resource Conservation & Development Councils	Jonathan Hartsell, Blue Ridge RC&D, Jen Haas, Mountain Valleys RC&D, Frank Riley, Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D
4-415pm	Central Appalachians Fire Learning Network Update	TBA
415-430pm	Field Trip Information	Brian Browning & Chad Cook, USFS
<i>Dinner on your own (main dining room open)</i>		
8-10pm	<i>Bonfire & libations outside Conference Center, strengthening network connections</i> Rain date: Thursday	



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Wednesday, May 25th

Field Trip departs 8am from Dillard House Main Parking Area

Grab & Go Biscuits and morning beverages outside Conference Center 7:30am

Overnight attendees: please leave vehicles outside your rooms (versus by the conference center) to accommodate parking for our folks not staying at the Dillard House. Thank you!

The field trip will consist of 4 stops:

- Coweeta Hydrologic Lab Weir 31 – research and partnership with TNC, presented by Chris Oishi and TNC staff
- Pickens Nose Trailhead – Clemson delayed mortality and duff research, USFS duff and soil research, presented by Brayden Williams, Don Hagan, Joe O’Brien, Louise Loudermilk, Melanie Taylor, Mac Callahan
- Overlook – Backcountry burning program, presented by Chad Cook
- Wayah Bald – Coweeta research and USFS management of area since wildfire, presented by Pete Caldwell and Brian Browning

And we’ll travel in 4 groups, meeting for lunch together at Standing Indian Campground.

map with stops: <https://goo.gl/maps/qTV6Qa9BnHULcdJr8>

Lunch will be provided for the group at Standing Indian Campground.

*Hard hats are required for USFS personnel (bring your own) and recommended for all attendees.

Please wear hiking shoes.

Be prepared for rain and inclement weather.

Bring sunscreen and bug spray.

Bring a water bottle. At lunch, there will be an option to refill.

Dinner on your own.

We will announce a suggested meet-up place for later in the evening, for anyone interested.



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Thursday, May 26th Dillard House: 768 Franklin St. Dillard, GA 30537 - Conference Center on-site

Master of Ceremonies: Helen Mohr, USFS & CAFMS

8-830am	<i>Continental breakfast & Meeting in James Room (Conference Center)</i>	
830-930am	Overview of the 2016 Wildfires – Past, Present and Future Panel facilitated by Mike Davis, USFS Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest FMO	Brian Browning, Nantahala RD FMO, Kris Butler, GA Forestry Commission Area 2 FMO, Mike Brod, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF Fire & Natural Resources Staff Officer, Mike Bozzo, SC Forestry Commission Sr. Staff Forester
930-10am	Breeding bird response to burn severity in the Southern Appalachians	Katie Greenberg, USFS SRS
10-1030am	The Return of Fire to a Transitioning Forest: Fire effects are mediated through forest floor processes in fire excluded Southern Appalachian forests	Melanie Taylor, USFS SRS
1030-1050am	<i>20-minute break</i>	
1050-1110am	Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy Update	Gary Wood, Southeast Regional Coordinator
1110-1140am	Mountain Wave Wind Events in the Southern Appalachians and their role in the 2016 Chimney Tops II Wildfire	Marcus Williams, SRS USFS
1140am-12pm	Future fire, management, and climate in the southern Appalachians: Perspectives from a landscape modeling study	Louise Loudermilk, SRS USFS
12-1pm	<i>1-hour lunch buffet in James Room – outdoor seating available</i>	
1-2pm	Appalachians in Focus Panel facilitated by Adam Warwick, TNC	Including Bryan Kerns, Erin Calhoun & Sean Prentiss, Pulaski Club
2-230pm	Five years later: Effects of the Chimney Tops II wildfire on fuel and vegetation dynamics	Brayden Williams, Clemson University graduate student
230-250pm	<i>20-minute break</i>	
250-320pm	Demonstration of a new operational fire behavior model (QUIC-Fire) and vegetation monitoring using Terrestrial Laser Scanning	Joseph O’Brien and Louise Loudermilk, SRS USFS
320-350pm	Vegetation Response from the Chimney Tops II Wildfire	Jennifer Franklin, University of TN
350-415pm	Bears in the Chimney Tops II Wildfire	Joe Clark, UTIA adjunct professor and US Geological Survey research ecologist
<i>Dinner on your own (main dining room open)</i>		
8-10pm	<i>Backyard gathering to continue strengthening network connections (or bonfire outside Conference Center if it wasn’t held Tuesday)</i>	



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Friday, May 27th Dillard House Conference Center, 768 Franklin St. Dillard, GA 30537

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8-830am	<i>Buffet breakfast & Meeting in James Room (Conference Center)</i>	
830-930am	Fire & invasives research update	David Coyle, Clemson University Extension
930-10am	The role of prescribed fire in reducing the air quality impact of the 2016 southern Appalachian wildfires	Scott Goodrick, SRS USFS
10-1020am	<i>20-minute break</i>	
1020-1050am	Drought impacts on Forest water use in the southern Appalachians	Katie McQuillan, NC State University PhD candidate & TNC-NC NatureNet Fellow
1050-1120am	Infrastructure bill & fire science discussion	Scott Goodrick, SRS USFS Helen Mohr, SRS USFS & CAFMS
1120am- 12pm	Remaining Questions & Wrap-up	Helen Mohr, SRS USFS & CAFMS Adam Warwick, TNC-NC
<i>Lunch on your own (main dining room open)</i>		