



How our maturing SBR FLN is contributing to restoration and resilience

Tuesday, May 23

0800-0900	Registration	
0900-1000	Welcome; National and local perspectives	Carmella Stirrat (TNC NC) Beth Buchanan (USFS Southern Region) Laurel Kays (FLN National Office) Nick Larson (USFS Grandfather Ranger District) Juniper Odell (TNC NC)
1000-1030	Keynote Address: Reflecting on my 17 years with the SBRFLN	Dr Peter Bates (Western Carolina University)
1030-1100	<i>Networking Break</i>	
1100-1230	Fire Science Seasonality of Fire Effects of Prescribed Fire Seasonality on Forest Structure and Bird Populations in the Southern Appalachians Fire & Red Bats Evaluating Prescribed Fire as a Tool For Blight Resistant B3F3 Hybrid American Chestnut Seedling Introduction Climate-informed forestry: A case study in the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment	Matt Vaughan (Clemson MS graduate; TNC NC) Allison Melcher (Clemson MS graduate; Georgia DNR) Ashley Epstein (UT Knoxville) Felix Stith (Appalachian State University) Greg Cooper (TNC NC)
1230-1315	<i>Lunch (provided)</i>	
1315-1400	Linking Forests to Water Why forests are important to baseflow and where should we focus efforts Using Landis modeling to quantify forest management effects on stream flows	Sara Gottlieb (TNC Southern Appalachians) Dr. Katie McQuillan (NCSU)
1400-1415	<i>Networking Break</i>	
1415-1615	Communicating Fire -with breakouts	Debbie Crane (TNC NC) Jen Bunty (CAFMS) Cara Chancellor +
1615-1630	Field Trip Logistics	Jamie Tyson (USFS Grandfather RD)
1630-1900	<i>Dinner on your own</i>	
1900-2100	<i>Social and Fireside Chat with North Carolina State Parks</i>	Andrew Slack, Jimmy Dodson, Sharon Becker (NC State Parks)



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Wednesday, May 24

0800-0830 *Breakfast (provided)*
0830 Depart for field trip
Sack lunch provided. Bring refillable water bottle.
Some walking will be required.
Return to Blue Ridge Assembly

Thursday, May 25

0800-0830 *Breakfast (provided)*

0830-0900 A-ha Moments: one thing you have learned Beth Buchanan, Jen Bunty (CAFMS)

0900-0915 Updates from Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers & Scientists Helen Mohr (CAFMS)

0915-0945 Twenty Years of the Fire & Fire Surrogate Study, Green River Game Lands Dr Don Hagan (Clemson University)

0945-1000 *Networking Break*

1000-1100 SBR FLN Landscape Expectations Accomplishments – another year of firsts Carmella Stirrat, Beth Buchanan and Landscape Leads

1100-1230 Breakout Sessions with Landscapes – stories to tell, places to go

1230-1315 *Lunch (provided)*

1315-1330 Monitoring Data from the Cherokee National Forest +

1330-1400 How do wildfire and prescribed fire effects compare? A multi-decade landscape assessment Dr Steve Norman (USFS SRS)

1400-1430 *Networking Break*

1430-1545 National/Regional Initiatives Roundtable – Impacts to Your Work in the Southern Blue Ridge Beth Buchanan, USFS
Andy Baker, Assistant Director of Fire & Aviation, USFS R8
Adam Warwick, TNC NC
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1545-1600 Wrap Up and Next Steps Carmella Stirrat & Beth Buchanan