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Jay,

Thank you for taking the time to follow up. It's good to hear that Bill and Jason were involved with this planning effort. I really do appreciate that the revised plan identifies objectives and desired outcomes for enhancing and restoring natural resources. Further, that USFS staff recognize that managing and improving our natural resources is essential to supporting and enhancing multiple ecotones within the forest. With that said, I believe the plan should identify not only goals, objectives and expectations but also implementable projects. Identifying specific projects ensures that stakeholders have aligned interest and that value will be demonstrated to constituents.

It sounds like staff have taken positive steps to identify projects. Do you have any additional information on the potential restoration areas that you can share?

I would encourage the USFS to engage the private sector via this planning effort and discuss projects. We (Wildlands) have designed over 296,600 LF of stream restoration and 148 acres of wetland restoration and have recent experience in the coastal plain of both South and North Carolina. We are willing to share our experience and/or support as needed to benefit the plan and forest. Thanks again for taking the time to follow up.

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Subject: Objectives to restore hydrologic function in the FM plan

Daniel,

At the public meeting this Tuesday you asked a good question about the objectives to restore hydrologic function. Thomas Scott worked on the plan as the aquatic biologist on the plan. He also has a background in hydrology. I asked him the same question. I remembered him thinking through the objective pretty methodically and that he had a basis for these numbers, but I couldn't recall the details.

Thomas said that the numbers were a result of conversations that he had with our retired Forest hydrologist and our Forest soil scientist talking about existing conditions on the Marion and how some of our successes on

the piedmont might translate to the Marion. Thomas also spent some time validating possible areas for restoration.

Hope this answers your question.