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Sorry I had to leave early and miss the wrap up. One thing I wanted to point out that surfaced today was the lingering misunderstanding of what management means. I don't know if that will change with some. By in large everyone around the table is on board with implementing a mgt strategy that sustainably improves habitat conditions, restores composition, damaged stands, and diversity, and creates resiliency. But, not all. I profoundly appreciated Matt's comments and leadership the USFS is providing in this process. I believe with some very minor tweaks your MA distribution is pretty close, especially in the Unicoi Mountains. (Maybe it was because it was the last one but, it just struck me as an area that had good things for everyone There was one thing I don't remember getting identified in Unicoi GA though, it was the Table Mtn pine/Pitch Pine/Shortleaf fire adapted/dependent ecosystems on the eastern slopes in the vicinity of the Ash Cove area Josh identified. .) It was interesting to me that the similarity of the discussion of habitats and mgt emphasis of the low elevations of Fontana lake GA and the low elevations of the Eastern Escarpment GA were almost identical in the two small groups I participated in.

One more suggestion, if you want the reader to focus on the descriptions and goals of a GA, please streamline the current layers and display the wildlife layer on the flagship map (same comments as last week). :)

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