

## Blackwater Project Development: What people value about the watershed from our first meeting on 10/18/2016

### Values by location (10/18/2016)

#### All

I would like to request an effort to identify historic county roads and public passages. Upon identification, SFWDA would like the opportunity to plan responsible street legal, vehicular based recreation by adding routes to the existing Daniel Boone Backcountry Byway.

I would like to strongly encourage prioritizing non-motorized recreation and trails including hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking, dispersed camping and other active forms of recreation that do little long term damage to the environment if managed well.

#### Cliffline

Broke Leg Falls (county park) - safety

Cliffline as natural property boundaries

Cliffline in Blackwater is isolated, pretty much stayed the same

Clifflines need inventory and signed

Concerns about OHV use/horses around clifflines and proceeding to private land

How to prioritize where to survey (collaborators)

Kellacy Falls-Like to see FS pick it up

Private land timber sale right up to cliff

Rock climbers finding new routes, user made trails, plant surveys not done (not a big issue yet but get ahead)

Safety (bolts)

SAR capacity, 1st responders, etc.

State clearing roads along cliff and putting trees in creek

Tourism in general

#### Openland

Concern about mowing cane breaks, need to coordinate with other agencies for annual maintenance, in favor of native cane

I would like to recommend-not only for the Blackwater System but for all areas of the National Forest-that we pay particular attention to the cultivation of wild flowers and weeds (specifically milkweed *Asclepias syriaca*) for the benefit of pollinators. With respect to the ongoing crisis with the Monarch Butterfly, I think we should seed open areas as well as roadsides in the Forest with common milkweed plants.

If sowing use no-till. No till is effective in not opening the seedbed

Illegal gun discharge-Blackwater boat ramp-automatic weapon

Mow or burn to keep openland condition

Need to purchase open land for public access

No reason for food plots, increased population of deer

Not easy access through private

Not much openland in watershed

Recognize importance of beaver meadows

Use openland to establish native flora, try to make as diverse as possible, convert from non-native species

#### Riparian

Big and old forests

Carbon sequestration

Diversity

Diversity of wildlife (river otters)

Erosion control

Fishing

Fishing - better bank access

Habitat - Deer, Turkey, other birds

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Hemlocks (HWA)

Hunting

Lower impact trails

Old forest structure

Surface water protection

White oak conservation (wildlife benefits)

#### **Upland**

Access: Hikers, trail riding, no bikes

American chestnut trees

ATV access

Big and old forests

Carbon sequestration

Diversity

Diversity of wildlife

Equestrian access w/horse park (Mussel Shoals)

Firewood

Forest products/to improve stand condition/value/nut production

Habitat - Deer, Turkey, other birds

Healthy forests to help deal with other problems

Hiking/sight seeing

Hunting

New growth increases wildlife

No prescribed fire (fire free forest due to location of NFS land)

Nut producing trees

Old forest structure

Old roads developed for non-motorized access (railroad bed in Paragon)

Stand improvement in previously harvested areas

Treatments to prepare areas for large-scale event like storms to minimize damage. Proactive

Walnut trees

White oak conservation (wildlife benefits)

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#### **Water**

Annual clean-up

Concern about garbage in creeks polluting water

Concerned about water temperature in Lion's Cave and Knocking Cave Areas

Coyote concerns

Drinking water quality

Erosion- sedimentation

Farmers concerned about federal agency enacting further regulations on private lands

High concern about use of herbicides in highway and powerline maintenance

High importance on water quality

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I think it is great that you are trying to develop this area. Tony and I have recently gotten into kayaking and would love to see more areas for this type of activity.

Increased demand for WO causing increases in sediment from private harvests (BMPs not applied)

Limited mobility access needed at boat ramps, none currently present

Past mining impact concerns. Are minerals operations being monitored?

Straight pipes in watershed

Stream restoration to improve water quality

Trash in streams (Tarr Kiln)

Water quality (fecal concerns)

Work toward increasing water quality

Grand Total