

# **Annual Work Plan for State Forests**

2025-2026

Reviewed and Approved By:

**State Forester** 

Date:

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# **OUR MISSION:**

To promote and apply management for the sustainable use and protection of Ohio's private and public forest lands.

# **OUR VISION:**

The Ohio Division of Forestry envisions healthy, diverse forests valued for the life-sustaining benefits they provide to all Ohioans.

#### Introduction

The "Annual Work Plan" is the document that describes activities that are proposed to implement the goals and objectives of DOF's ten-year (2021-2031) forest management plan.

This Annual Work Plan for 2025-2026 will be publicly available via our website and will complement our annual open houses which will be held in early September of 2025. Annual work plans are intended to be read and commented on by stakeholders, experts, and interested citizens.

The Division of Forestry uses these comments to evaluate the social and environmental impact of forest management. All feedback received from our annual work plan will be considered by DOF management. The Chief of the Division of Forestry gives final approval to the annual work plan after consideration of all comments and issues.

This document represents a transparent effort to share a summary of planned activities on Ohio's state forests for 2025-26 and obtain public input regarding these activities.

Open houses will occur on the below dates and times. Comments will be accepted until October 5, 2025 to be considered for the final work plan. Formal comments can be submitted electronically by following the QR code below. For specific questions, it is recommended you contact the local forest manager or email the Division of Forestry at: <a href="mailto:dnr-stateforestworkplancomments@dnr.ohio.gov">dnr-stateforestworkplancomments@dnr.ohio.gov</a>

Athens District Headquarters Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 360 E. State St., Athens 45701

Chillicothe District Headquarters Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 345 Allen Ave., Chillicothe 45601

Northern District, Findlay Headquarters Thursday, September 4, 2025, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 952 Lima Ave., Findlay, OH 45840



#### 2025-2026 Planned Activities

#### 1. Land Management Planned Activities

This table contains a list of timber harvests that have been inventoried, assessed, and prescribed for treatment. Their objectives are consistent with the goals and objectives of the 10-year forest management plan. Maps for each harvest are shown in Appendix A.

|              | Harvests available to be marked in FY26, not previously reviewed |              |           |                                  |                         |             |           |                           |                      |  |
|--------------|--|--------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| State Forest | Compartment(s)   | Vol. Bd. Ft. | Total Ac. | Singletree or<br>Group Selection | Clearcuts /<br>Openings | Shelterwood | Deferment | Thinning /<br>Improvement | County/Twp           |  |
| Blue Rock    | A-9  | 641,136      | 59        |                                  | 13                      |             | 29        | 13                        | Muskingum/Salt Creek |  |
| Blue Rock    | A-15   | 60,000       | 12        |                                  | 12                      |             |           |                           | Muskingum/Blue Rock  |  |
| Brush Creek  | A-34/38  | 216,400      | 46        |                                  | 15                      |             |           | 31                        | Adams/Franklin       |  |
| Dean         | A-20/21  | 369,054      | 92        |                                  |                         |             | 14        | 78                        | Lawrence/Decatur     |  |
| Hocking      | B-9  | 886,848      | 62        |                                  |                         |             | 62        |                           | Hocking/Benton       |  |
| Hocking      | C-2  | 467,000      | 22        |                                  | 22                      |             |           |                           | Hocking/Laurel       |  |
| Hocking      | C-6  | 430,000      | 30        |                                  | 30                      |             |           |                           | Hocking/Laurel       |  |
| Hocking      | C-6  | 425,000      | 21        |                                  | 21                      |             |           |                           | Hocking/Laurel       |  |
| Hocking      | D-8  | 137,527      | 15        |                                  | 15                      |             |           |                           | Hocking/Benton       |  |
| Mohican      | A-8  | 628,571      | 40        |                                  |                         |             |           | 40                        | Ashland/Hanover      |  |
| Perry        | A-5  | 222,344      | 20        |                                  |                         |             | 20        |                           | Perry/Clayton        |  |
| Perry        | A-9  | 101,402      | 13        |                                  |                         |             | 13        |                           | Perry/Clayton        |  |
| Pike         | B-1  | 390,000      | 25        |                                  |                         |             | 25        |                           | Pike/Benton          |  |
| Pike         | C-22   | 792,000      | 72        |                                  |                         |             | 47        | 25                        | Pike/Mifflin         |  |
| Pike         | A-7/8  | 961,809      | 77        |                                  | 9                       |             | 23        | 45                        | Pike/Perry           |  |
| Pike         | APV South  | 134,400      | 54        |                                  | 6                       |             |           | 48                        | Pike/Mifflin         |  |
| Scioto Trail | C-1/2  | 300,000      | 96        |                                  |                         |             |           | 96                        | Ross/Franklin        |  |
| Shade River  | A-5  | 165,000      | 22        |                                  | 6                       |             | 16        |                           | Meigs/Olive          |  |
| Shawnee      | A-13   | 240,000      | 24        |                                  |                         |             | 24        |                           | Scioto/Nile          |  |
| Shawnee      | C-10/11  | 400,000      | 70        |                                  |                         |             | 70        |                           | Scioto/Nile          |  |
| Shawnee      | C-8/10, A-14   | 164,000      | 27        |                                  | 27                      |             |           |                           | Scioto/Nile          |  |
| Shawnee      | D-59   | 260,500      | 81        | 46                               |                         |             |           | 35                        | Adams/Green          |  |
| Shawnee      | D-47   | 300,000      | 72        |                                  | 9                       |             |           | 63                        | Adams/Green          |  |
| Shawnee      | E-2  | 300,000      | 31        |                                  | 17                      |             | 14        |                           | Adams/Jefferson      |  |
| Shawnee      | F-35   | 199,800      | 32        |                                  | 10                      |             |           | 22                        | Scioto/Union         |  |
| Shawnee      | G-20   | 210,000      | 16        |                                  | 16                      |             |           |                           | Scioto/Nile          |  |
| Shawnee      | G-28   | 150,000      | 35        |                                  |                         |             | 22        | 13                        | Scioto/Nile          |  |
| Shawnee      | G-29   | 520,000      | 72        | 26                               |                         |             | 48        |                           | Scioto/Nile          |  |
| Tar Hollow   | B-9/12   | 355,000      | 46        |                                  | 4                       |             | 42        |                           | Vinton/Eagle         |  |
| Tar Hollow   | C-1  | 275,000      | 35        |                                  | 8                       |             | 27        |                           | Ross/Harrison        |  |
| Tar Hollow   | C-17   | 98,000       | 34        |                                  |                         |             |           | 34                        | Ross/Harrison        |  |
| Tar Hollow   | E-2  | 97,500       | 13        |                                  |                         |             | 13        |                           | Ross/Colerain        |  |
| Tar Hollow   | E-3  | 112,000      | 14        |                                  |                         |             | 32        |                           | Ross/Colerain        |  |
| Zaleski      | C-3/11   | 315,000      | 89        |                                  |                         |             |           | 89                        | Vinton/Brown         |  |

This table contains a list of precommercial projects that have been identified and proposed for treatment. Their objectives are consistent with the goals and objectives of the 10-year forest management plan. Maps for each treatment are shown in Appendix D.

\*\*Given the importance of treating forest health threats, new projects not listed here may be identified and treated throughout the year as they are discovered\*\*

| Identified areas for treatment in FY26, not previously reviewed |                  |           |                  |                     |                         |                              |                      |                             |  |
|---|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| State Forest  | Compartment(s)   | Total Ac. | Invasive<br>Spp. | Midstory<br>Removal | Crop<br>Tree<br>Release | Hemlock<br>Woolly<br>Adelgid | Grapevine<br>Removal | County/Twp                  |  |
| Blue Rock   | A-9              | 103       | 72               | 31                  | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Muskingum/Salt Creek        |  |
| Blue Rock   | A-15             | 49        | 36               | 5                   | 8                       | 0                            | 0                    | Muskingum/Blue Rock         |  |
| Brush Creek   | A-32/34/35/37/38 | 247       | 247              | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Adams/Franklin              |  |
| Brush Creek   | C-26/27          | 106       | 106              | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Scioto/Morgan               |  |
| Dean  | A-20             | 76        | 76               | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Lawrence/Elizabeth          |  |
| Hocking   | D-8              | 74        | 74               | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Hocking/Benton              |  |
| Mohican   | B-3/4            | 326       | 309              | 17                  | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Ashland/Hanover             |  |
| Perry   | A-3/5            | 381       | 381              | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Perry/Clayton               |  |
| Pike  | APV South        | 212       | 212              | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Pike/Mifflin                |  |
| Pike  | B-1              | 151       | 0                | 151                 | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Pike/Benton                 |  |
| Pike  | C-22             | 22        | 0                | 22                  | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Pike/Perry                  |  |
| Shade River   | A-5              | 75        | 10               | 36                  | 29                      | 0                            | 0                    | Meigs/Olive                 |  |
| Shawnee   | E-1              | 74        | 74               | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Adams/Jefferson             |  |
| Shawnee   | A-13, C-8        | 32        | 32               | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Scioto/Nile                 |  |
| Shawnee   | D-33/59          | 240       | 134              | 106                 | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Adams/Green                 |  |
| Shawnee   | G-29             | 11        | 11               | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Scioto/Nile                 |  |
| Tar Hollow  | C-1/8/9/10       | 164       | 164              | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Ross/Harrison               |  |
| Tar Hollow  | E-2/3            | 120       | 120              | 0                   | 0                       | 0                            | 0                    | Ross/Colerain               |  |
| Tar Hollow  | B-9/11/12        | 235       | 165              | 6                   | 64                      | 0                            | 0                    | Ross/Harrison, Vinton/Eagle |  |
| Tar Hollow  | C-14/17/18       | 209       | 140              | 54                  | 15                      | 0                            | 0                    | Ross/Harrison               |  |

This table contains a list of forest areas that will be zoned according to our management zoning policy. New land acquisitions may be funded in whole or in part by grants, donations, or state funds. The proposed zoning is based on the attributes of the forest. Maps for each area are attached in Appendix B.

| State Forest | Acres | Proposed Zone | Comments                             |
|--------------|-------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Perry        | 8     | 3A            | Re-zoning of an area near the forest |
|              |       |               | boundary as a no-riding zone         |

#### 2. Fire Management Planned Activities

This table contains a list of planned prescribed fires for the upcoming year. The objectives of these prescribed fires meet the objectives of our 10-year management plan to promote oak/hickory regeneration. Maps for each prescribed fire are attached in Appendix C.

| <b>State Forest</b> | Activity | Type         | Acres | Name                    |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Blue Rock           | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 60    | Airstrip                |
| Hocking             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 33    | Honor Camp              |
| Hocking             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 56    | Long Hollow             |
| Hocking             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 12    | Hockman Rd. Shelterwood |
| Mohican             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 61    | Whistler                |
| Pike                | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 70    | Greenbriar              |
| Pike                | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 34    | Palmer Mountain         |
| Pike                | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 143   | Alderman Cemetery       |
| Scioto Trail        | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 198   | Cutoff                  |
| Shade River         | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 156   | Boston Hollow           |
| Shawnee             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 270   | Pheasant Hollow South   |
| Shawnee             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 146   | Long Hollow             |
| Shawnee             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 221   | Snake Hollow            |
| Tar Hollow          | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 327   | Clark Hollow            |
| Zaleski             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 198   | Friends Trail           |
| Zaleski             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 143   | Wolfpen                 |
| Zaleski             | RX Fire  | Regeneration | 98    | King Hollow Trail       |

#### 3. Recreation Management Planned Activities

The list below contains proposed recreation expansions, major changes, or new policies. This list does not include normal operational activities such as trail maintenance, trail inspections, signage, drainage, or hazard tree removals, which are considered routine management duties.

| State Forest      | Type          | Activity | Description                           |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| All state forests | Bridle Trails | Seasonal | Seasonal closure of bridle trails for |
| except Maumee     |               | Closure  | maintenance and sustainability        |
|                   |               |          | beginning December 1, 2025 to March   |
|                   |               |          | 30, 2026.                             |

| Mohican & APV       | Mountain    | Allowing     | Division of Forestry will align with        |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| Areas (Pike, Perry, | bike & APV  | Class 1      | Division of Parks and Watercraft policy     |
| Richland, and       | trails      | Electric     | in allowing Class 1 electric bicycles on    |
| Maumee)             |             | Bicycles     | the mountain bike trails at Mohican as      |
|                     |             | -            | well as the APV trails at Pike, Perry,      |
|                     |             |              | Richland Furnace, and Maumee state          |
|                     |             |              | forests. Scioto Trail bridle/mountain       |
|                     |             |              | bike trails will NOT permit class 1         |
|                     |             |              | electric bicycles; however traditional      |
|                     |             |              | mountain bikes will continue to be          |
|                     |             |              | allowed on designated trails.               |
| Scioto Trail        | Mountain    | Disallowing  | No electric bicycles of any class will be   |
|                     | bike trails | Class 1      | allowed on trails at Scioto Trail State     |
|                     |             | Electric     | Forest due to the co-location of existing   |
|                     |             | Bicycles     | mountain bike trails with bridle trails.    |
|                     |             |              | Non-motorized bikes will be permitted       |
|                     |             |              | according to existing policy.               |
| Richland Furnace    | APV Area    | New trail    | Review land base to explore                 |
|                     |             | construction | opportunities to add trails to the existing |
|                     |             |              | trail system. Possibly crossing Loop Rd.    |
|                     |             |              | and into the parcels south of Loop Rd.      |

**4. Forest Operations Planned Activities**The list below contains notable capital improvements, new facilities, or closures of existing facilities. This list does not contain routine facility maintenance.

| State Forest                | Type           | Description   | Status      |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---|-------------|
| Brush Creek                 | Infrastructure | Continue rehabilitation of the left and right Tener Roads at the top of Coffee Hollow Road. Re-grading, culvert work, stump removal, and new aggregate.   | In Progress |
| Chillicothe District Office | Building       | Continue renovation project. Including: brick tuck-pointing, red stone masonry work, installation of building perimeter drains, catch basins, re-grading of yard, installation of windows and refurbish stained glass, new HVAC system, attic cleanup, and asbestos mitigation. | In Progress |
| Dean                        | Building       | Installation of a new pole building garage  | Planning    |
| Dean                        | Building       | Re-roof and stain existing shelter house in APV parking lot   | Planning    |

| Dean, Pike,<br>Richland, Scioto<br>Trail, Shawnee | Infrastructure/<br>operations | Crew logging. Salvage storm damage and hazard trees along roadways and trails.   | Planning    |
|---|-------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Gifford   | Habitat<br>Restoration        | Stream and wetland restoration project. Construction to occur Fall 2025.   | In progress |
| Maumee  | Habitat<br>Restoration        | Blue Creek Aquatic Habitat<br>Restoration as part of Great Lakes<br>Restoration Initiative (GLRI) is nearly<br>complete. Invasive plant treatment is<br>proposed for Fall 2025. Informational<br>signage is being developed. | In Progress |
| Scioto Trail                                      | Infrastructure                | Repairing North Ridge and Lake Rd. potholes and other issues; re-surfacing with new pavement. ODOT Cooperative project.  | In Progress |
| Scioto Trail                                      | Infrastructure                | Installation of new ODNR Law Enforcement evidence compound. Fenced-in area will be located behind maintenance facility.  | Planning    |
| Shawnee   | Infrastructure                | Replace bridge stringers and decking on a bridge in Deadman Hollow, Forest Rd. 2.  | Planning    |
| Shawnee   | Infrastructure                | Refacing two bridge abutments and concrete wingwalls on Rd 1 and Rd 6 Bridges. ODOT Cooperative project.   | In Progress |
| Shawnee   | Infrastructure                | Replacing two bridges on Forest Rd. 1 and Forest Rd. 6   | In Progress |
| Tar Hollow  | Infrastructure                | Replacing culverts on Forest Rd. 13, 11, 12, and 2. ODOT Cooperative project.  | Planning    |
| Zaleski   | Infrastructure                | Install bridge at the Hope Furnace parking lot of the backpack trail. The bridge will connect the trail to the parking lot and hikers will no longer need to walk along the road.  | Planning    |

#### 5. Monitoring Planned Activities

| <b>Monitoring Type</b> | Location              | Acres   | Description                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Annual Certification   | Various State Forests | 205,000 | Annual surveillance audit of    |
| Audit                  |                       |         | state forest management will    |
|                        |                       |         | occur in October 2025 to verify |

|  |                       |       | conformance to the Forest Stewardship Council® and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® standards.   |
|--|-----------------------|-------|--|
| Forest Inventory                         | Various state forests | 7,681 | 34 cruise projects are scheduled on 14 state forests. These projects will inventory forest stands with the intent to monitor and evaluate forest conditions and generate forest management prescriptions, as appropriate. For more information on forest inventory and prescriptions, see the Division's 10-year Forest Management Plan. |
| High Conservation<br>Value Forest (HCVF) | Mohican-Memorial      | 3,132 | HCVF monitoring will be completed on 12 areas in 1 state forest.   |
| Post-Rx Fire                             | Various               | TBD   | Post-prescribed fire monitoring will be conducted to assess adequate regeneration and fire response.   |

#### 6. Other Notable Projects

**Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation** —West Blue Rock is the first forest where reclamation work is scheduled to be completed. ODNR Division of Mineral Resource Management (MRM) is working on determining the preliminary work zone limits. About 125 acres of land will be reclaimed by the project. Plans will include repairing the highwalls to a safer and more natural topography. Archeological reviews and permits are being done by MRM. Field work is projected to begin within the next 18 months.

**Buckeye State Tree Nursery** – During the first year of operation, much work has been completed. A 60'x80' production building with an assembly line for seed planting was put in place. Ten 30' x 144' hoophouses were purchased and constructed for seedlings growing in containers. Earthen pads were constructed for the production house, hoophouses, and the future propagation building. Over 30 tree and shrub species were collected from ecoregions in the state. Seed was collected, cleaned and stored for cold stratification in a cooler. In the spring, more than 500,000 seeds were planted in pots and containers. For the upcoming year, the intent is to collect more seeds from additional ecoregions of the state. A propagation building and gutter-to-gutter style greenhouse are planned for construction. Electric and irrigation systems will be completed to increase efficiency. The nursery employs five permanent staff with a varying number of seasonal staff throughout the year. AmeriCorps volunteers helped with much of the work that was completed in 2024-25.

Camping Reservation System – In May 2025, the Division of Forestry launched a Camping Reservation System for Park-and-Pack campsites at Mohican-Memorial State Forest and for Horse Campground campsites at Hocking State Forest. This new system allows users to reserve campsites up to 90 days in advance and implements a digital permitting process. All users at included campsites will be required to have a permit issued by the system beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The campsites located in Fernwood, Harrison, Shawnee, Tar Hollow, Vinton Furnace, and Zaleski state forests will continue to operate under the first come, first served system. Access to the reservation system is available to the public at forestry.ohiodnr.gov.

# **Notable Accomplishments from 2024-2025**

The following is a summary of land management accomplishments from the previous year. These completed silvicultural treatments are intended to further the goals of our 10-year management plan to promote oak/hickory and native hardwood regeneration.

7. Land Management Completed Activities

|                    | Prescribed | Invasive<br>Plant | Other         | Thinning/ | Clearcut   | Clearcut   |           | Shelterwood<br>First | Shelterwood   | Group    | Total |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|----------|-------|
| State Forest       | Fire       | Treatments        | Precommercial | Selection | < 10 acres | > 10 acres | Deferment | Removal              | Final Removal | Openings | Acres |
| Beaver Creek       |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Blue Rock          | 162        |                   |               |           | 46         |            |           |                      |               |          | 208   |
| Brush Creek        |            |                   |               | _86       |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 86    |
| Dean               |            |                   |               |           | 2          |            |           |                      |               |          | 2     |
| Fernwood           |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Gifford            |            | 49                |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 49    |
| Harrison           |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Hocking            |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Maumee             |            | 34                |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 34    |
| Mohican-Memorial   |            | 9                 |               | 41        |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 50    |
| Perry              |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Pike               |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Richland Furnace   |            |                   |               | 15        |            |            | 11        |                      |               |          | 26    |
| Scioto Trail       |            | 130               |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 130   |
| Shade River        |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Shawnee            | 9          | 106               | 161           | 130       | 24         |            | 260       |                      |               |          | 690   |
| Sunfish Creek      |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Tar Hollow         |            |                   |               |           | 9          |            | 44        | 105                  |               |          | 158   |
| Vinton Furnace     |            |                   |               | 263       | 18         |            |           | 60                   |               | 32       | 373   |
| Willow Grove       |            |                   |               |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 0     |
| Yellow Creek       | 62         |                   | 5             |           |            |            |           |                      |               |          | 67    |
| Zaleski            | 343        | 707               |               | 64        | 24         | 26         | 21        | 9                    |               | 12       | 1,206 |
| <b>Total Acres</b> | 576        | 1,035             | 166           | 599       | 123        | 26         | 336       | 174                  | 0             | 44       | 3,079 |

#### 8. Completed Tree Plantings – Spring 2025

| State Forest   | Species   | Number | Acres |
|----------------|---|--------|-------|
| Blue Rock      | American chestnut   | 800    | 6     |
| Maumee         | Bur oak, swamp white oak, black oak, white oak, silky dogwood, black cherry, yellow-poplar, swamp chestnut oak, black walnut                | 2,950  | 7.5   |
| Shawnee        | American chestnut   | 200    | 2     |
| Vinton Furnace | White oak, shortleaf pine, northern red oak, southern red oak, pecan, persimmon, sugarberry, water oak, Shumard oak, loblolly pine          | 10,000 | 283   |
| Willow Grove   | Bur oak, swamp white oak, swamp chestnut oak, Shumard oak, northern red oak, black oak, shagbark hickory, sycamore, black cherry, persimmon | 11,500 | 16    |
| Zaleski        | American chestnut   | 700    | 4     |
| Zaleski        | Shortleaf pine, white oak, northern red oak   | 400    | 3     |

#### 9. Recreation Management Completed Activities

| State Forest | Type                  | Activity    | Description  |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| Blue Rock    | Bridle Trail          | Maintenance | Cleared bridle trails of downed trees and re-graded trails as needed |
| Brush Creek  | Bridle Trail          | Maintenance | Repainted trail markings on all trails                               |
| Fernwood     | Hidden Hollow<br>Camp | Maintenance | Painted latrine  |
| Fernwood     | Hidden Hollow<br>Camp | Maintenance | Improved parking pads  |
| Fernwood     | Hidden Hollow<br>Camp | Maintenance | Added trees within camp  |
| Fernwood     | Hiking Trail          | Maintenance | Installed new culvert  |
| Fernwood     | Pistol Range          | Maintenance | Repaired damage; graded  |
| Harrison     | Blue Bridle<br>Trail  | Maintenance | Improved trail east of Bell Rd.                                      |
| Harrison     | Trailriders<br>Camp   | Maintenance | Improved parking pads  |
| Hocking      | Big Springs<br>Trail  | Improvement | Two bridges replaced   |
| Hocking      | Bridle Trail          | Maintenance | Mowed overgrown areas on multiple horse trails                       |
| Hocking      | Buckeye Trail         | Improvement | Bridge replaced between Cedar Falls and Fire Tower                   |

| Hocking      | Horse Camp                         | Maintenance               | Replaced some tie line posts and graded entire camp  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Perry        | APV Area                           | Maintenance               | Regraded trails, hardened with stone on parts of designated trails   |
| Perry        | Bridle Trail                       | Maintenance               | Cleared bridle trails of downed trees and regraded trails as needed  |
| Pike         | APV Area                           | Maintenance               | Graded service road used as part of trail system, along with access for emergency response vehicles  |
| Pike         | Bridle Trail                       | Maintenance               | Mowed thick areas of vegetation along trails that can be accessed with a tractor   |
| Pike         | APV Area                           | Maintenance               | Repainted trail markings on all trails   |
| Pike         | APV Area                           | Maintenance               | Added gravel to parking lot area   |
| Shawnee      | Bridle Trails                      | Maintenance               | Cleared horse trails of overgrown vegetation and downed trees  |
| Shawnee      | Backpack Trail                     | Maintenance               | Cleared hiking trails of overgrown vegetation and downed trees   |
| Scioto Trail | Bridle,<br>Mountain Bike<br>Trails | Improvement               | Established new parking area along<br>Airport Road to access trail system  |
| Tar Hollow   | Bridle Trail                       | Maintenance               | Cleared bridle trails of downed trees and regrade trails were needed   |
| Zaleski      | Backpack Trail                     | Maintenance               | Mowed and trimmed thick areas on entirety of trail system  |
| Zaleski      | Bridle Trail                       | Maintenance               | Mowed thick areas on entirety of trail system  |
| Zaleski      | Horse Camp                         | Improvement               | Rebuilt horse camp restroom, installed new parking blocks  |
| Zaleski      | Wildlife Food<br>Plot              | Establishment of new plot | Completed NWTF grant to convert<br>3-acre old clay mine field site into a<br>warm season grass and forb habitat<br>for the benefit of wild turkey and<br>pollinators |

#### **10. Forest Operations Completed Activities**

The list below contains notable capital improvements, new facilities, or closures of existing facilities. This list does not contain routine facility maintenance.

| State Forest | Type | Description |
|--------------|------|-------------|
|--------------|------|-------------|

| Brush Creek  | Infrastructure | Removed hazard trees and started road rehabilitation along left and right Tener Roads at the top of Coffee Hollow Road. |
|--------------|----------------|---|
| Dean         | Infrastructure | Resurfaced all gravel roads with new aggregate.   |
| Dean, Brush  | Infrastructure | Collected over 400 abandoned tires along forest roads   |
| Creek, Pike, |                | within the Chillicothe District. Staff transported tires to   |
| and Shawnee  |                | Scioto Trail to be disposed of through an Ohio EPA tire   |
|              |                | disposal program.   |
| Dean, Brush  | Logging /      | Completed crew logging projects: Regeneration harvest at  |
| Creek, Pike, | Infrastructure | Dean and storm salvage work at Brush Creek. Pike and  |
| and Shawnee  |                | Shawnee salvaged storm damaged timber from roadsides and service roads.   |
| Pike         | Infrastructure | Demolition and removal of old residence adjacent to APV Area parking lot  |
| Scioto Trail | Infrastructure | Re-graded roads, cleared ditches and culverts, spread new gravel on several forest roads.                               |
| Scioto Trail | Infrastructure | Replaced water line sections near pump house due to leaks   |
| Shawnee      | Building       | Installation of new equipment storage pole building   |
| Shawnee      | Infrastructure | New wooden bridge decking on Odle Creek (SF 14), SCI-SF14-001   |
| Tar Hollow   | Infrastructure | Stream bank stabilization beside roads and culvert replacement  |
| Vinton       | Infrastructure | Repaired, graded and placed stone on Oreton Tower Road  |
| Furnace      |                |   |

# 11. Monitoring (HCVF monitoring, etc.) Completed Activities

| <b>Monitoring Type</b> | Location         | Acres    | Description                             |
|------------------------|------------------|----------|---|
| Annual                 | Fernwood,        | 205,000+ | Third-party auditors found that DOF's   |
| Certification Audit    | Harrison, Willow |          | management of state forest was again in |
|                        | Grove, Yellow    |          | conformance to the standards of the     |
|                        | Creek, & Sunfish |          | Forest Stewardship Council® and the     |
|                        | Creek            |          | Sustainable Forestry Initiative®. This  |
|                        |                  |          | audit was completed in October of       |
|                        |                  |          | 2024.                                   |
|                        |                  |          |   |
|                        |                  |          | Ohio's State Forests are the only dual- |
|                        |                  |          | certified forests in the state and have |
|                        |                  |          | been certified as "Well-Managed"        |
|                        |                  |          | since 2010.                             |
| High Conservation      | Hocking,         | 12,234   | Eighteen HCVF areas were monitored      |
| Value Forest           | Shawnee,         |          | in 3 state forests with their general   |
|                        | Mohican-         |          | condition documented and any observed   |
|                        | Memorial         |          | threats to high-conservation values     |
|                        |                  |          | noted.                                  |

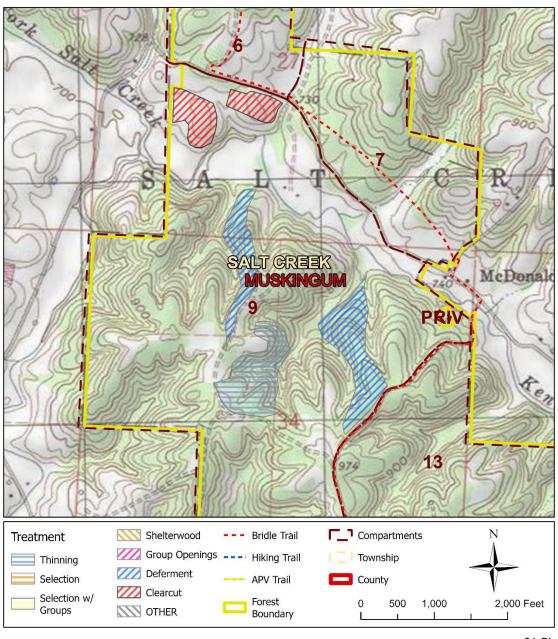
#### 12. Evaluation of Social Impacts.

Open houses were held September 10-12, 2024 to answer questions and receive comments related to the 2024-2025 Annual Work Plan. Comments were received and considered by Division management and incorporated into the Annual Work Plan as appropriate. The 2024-2025 Annual Work Plan was approved on October 21, 2024.

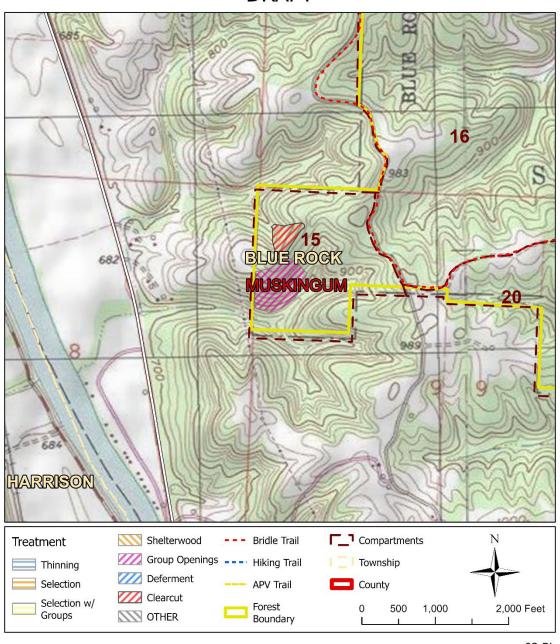


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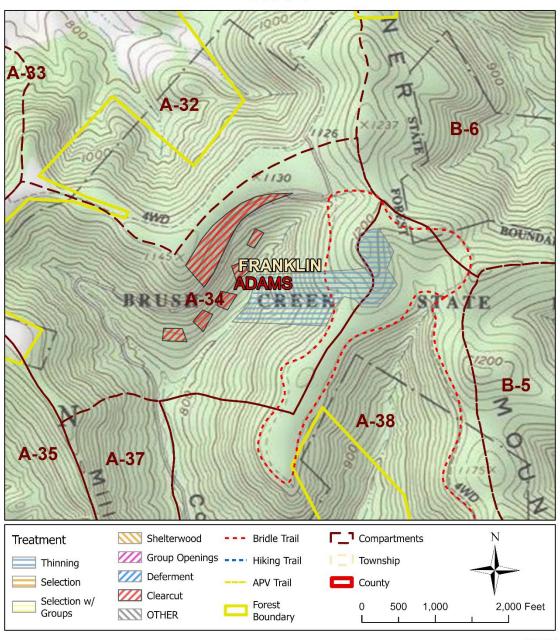
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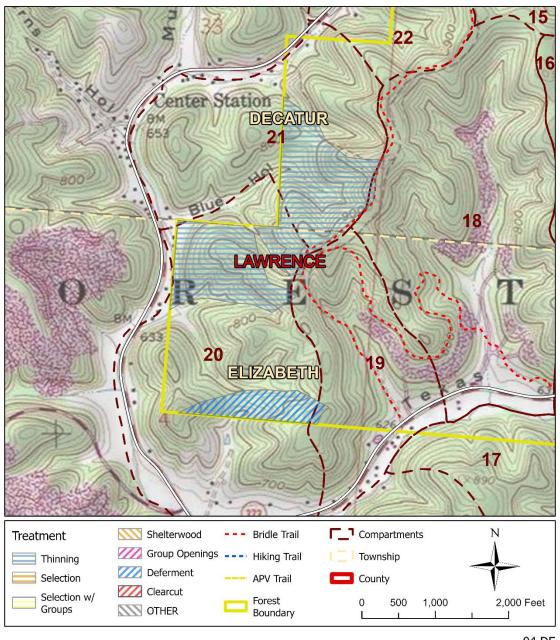
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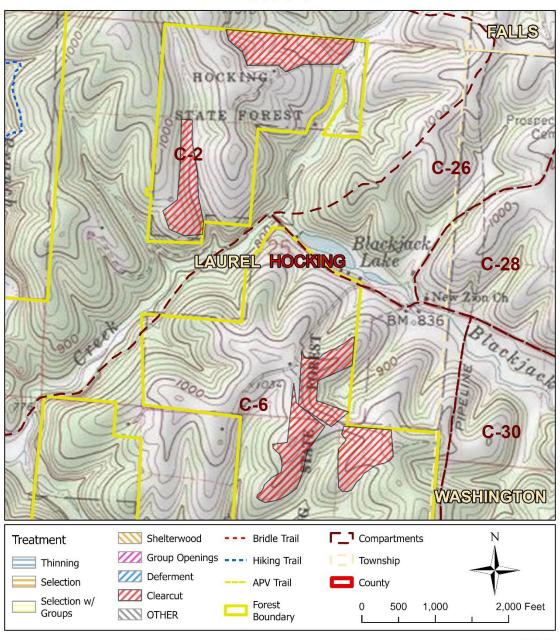
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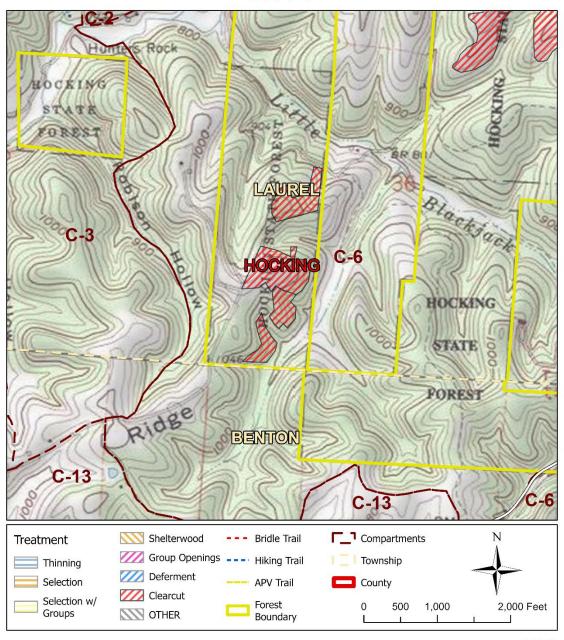


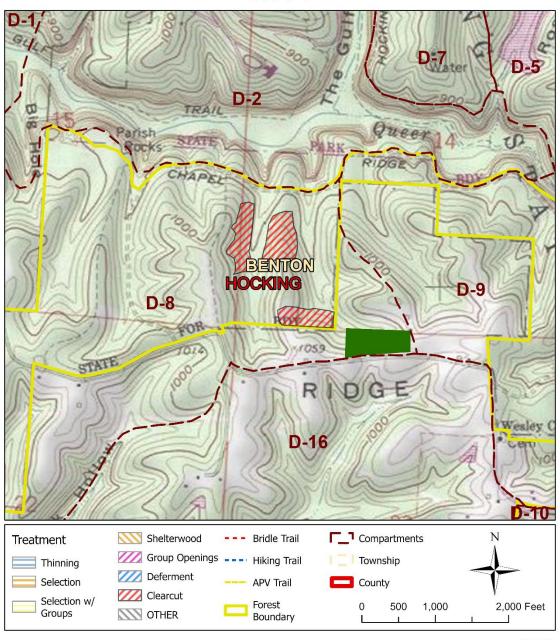
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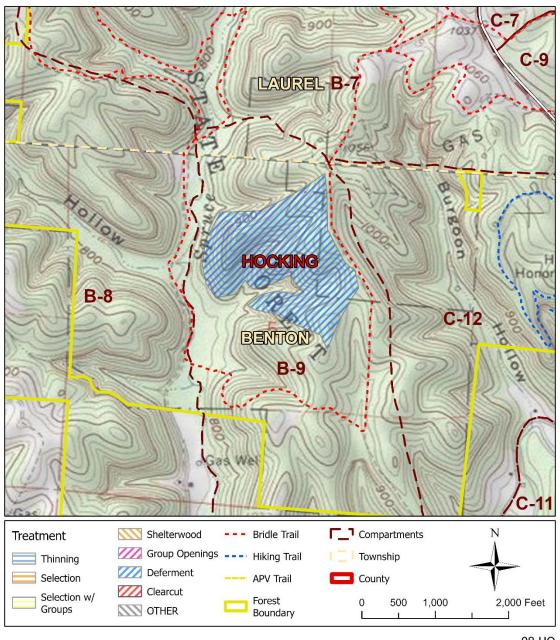


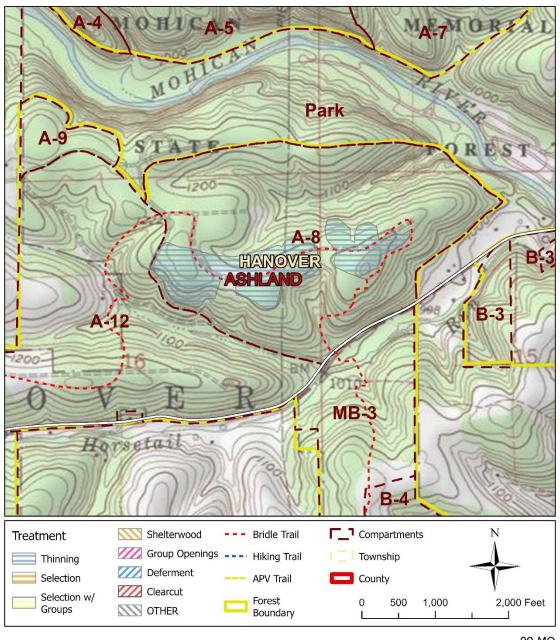
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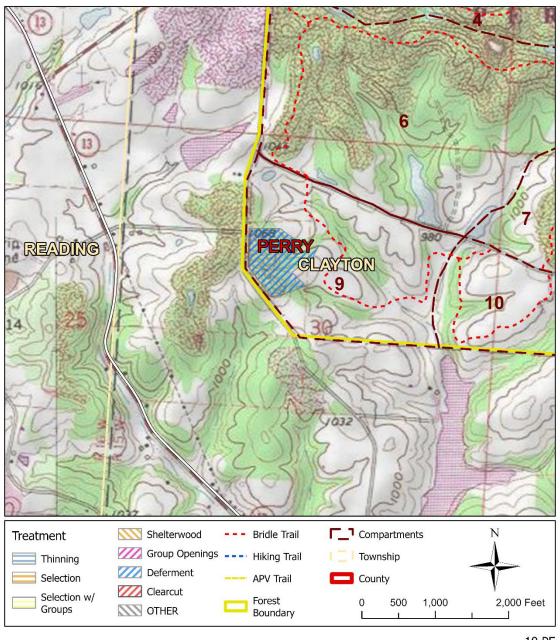




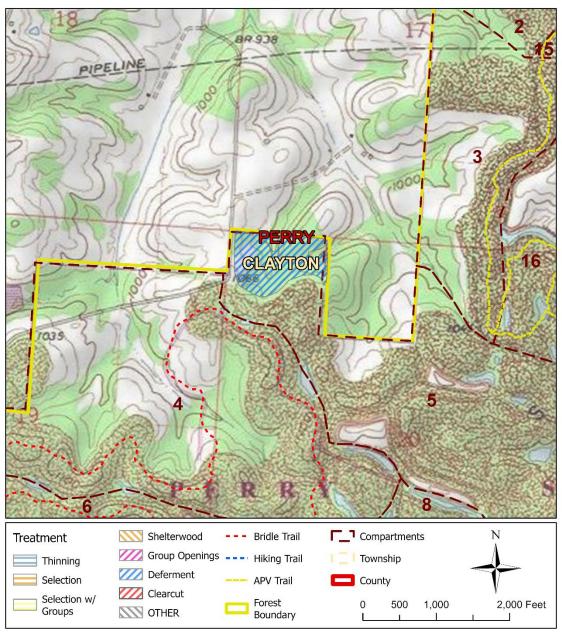




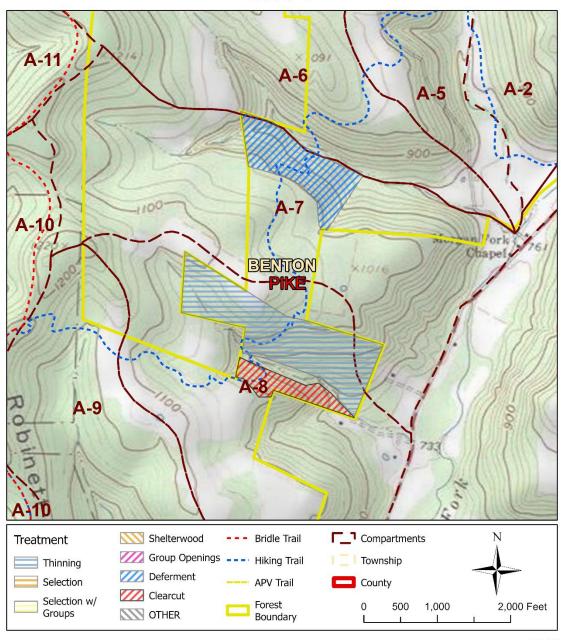
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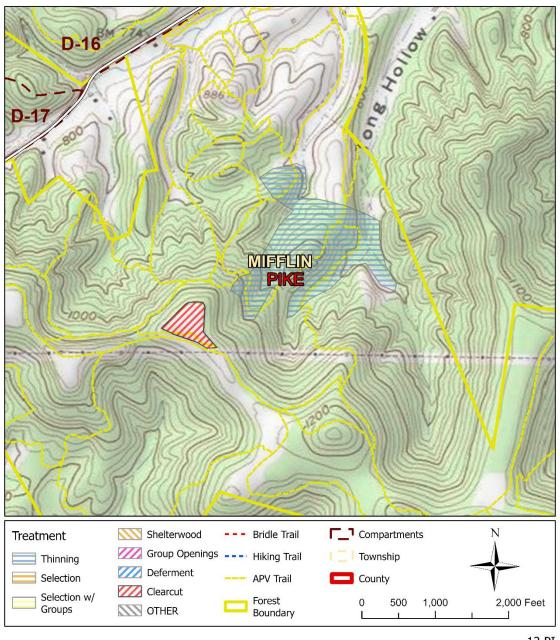


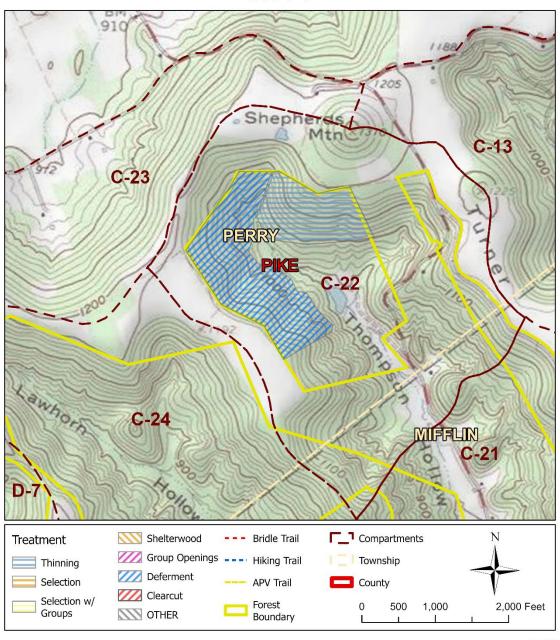
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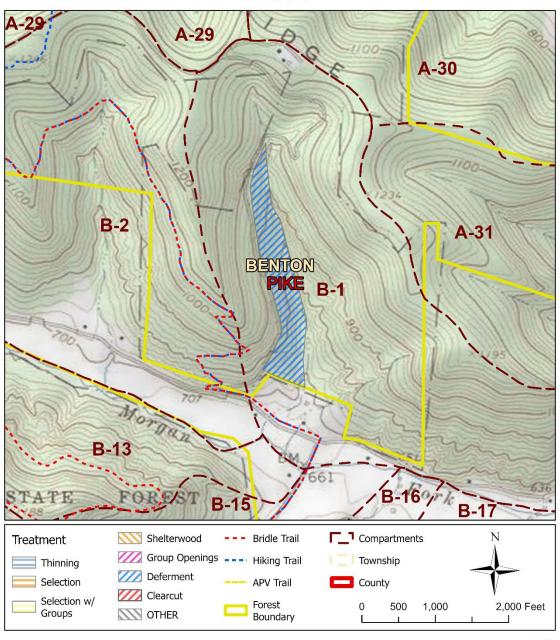


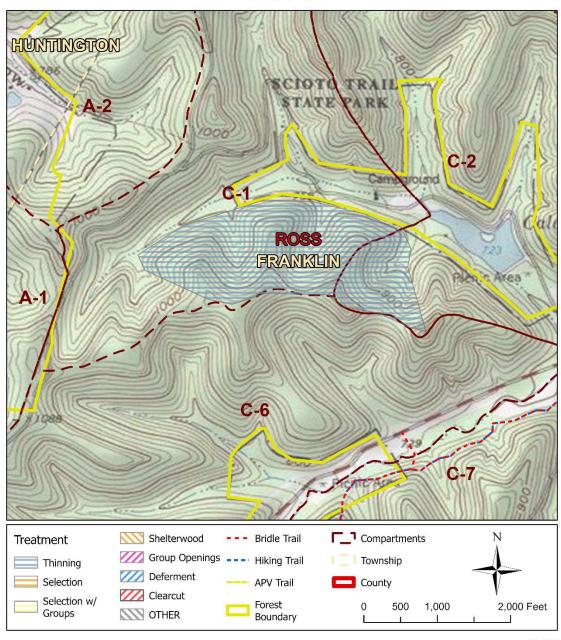
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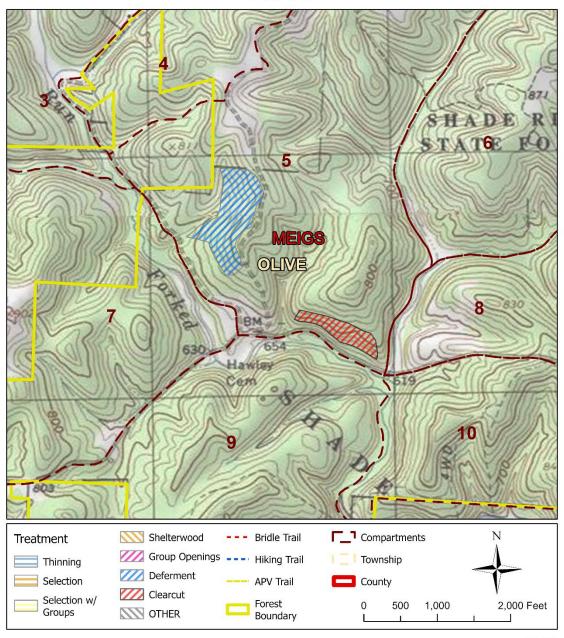




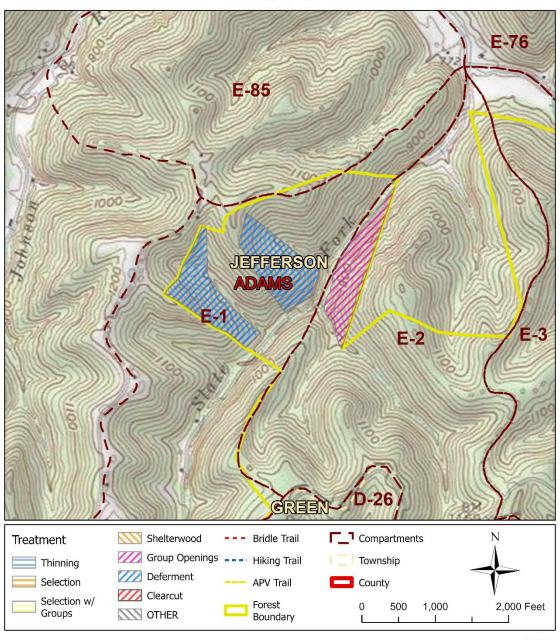


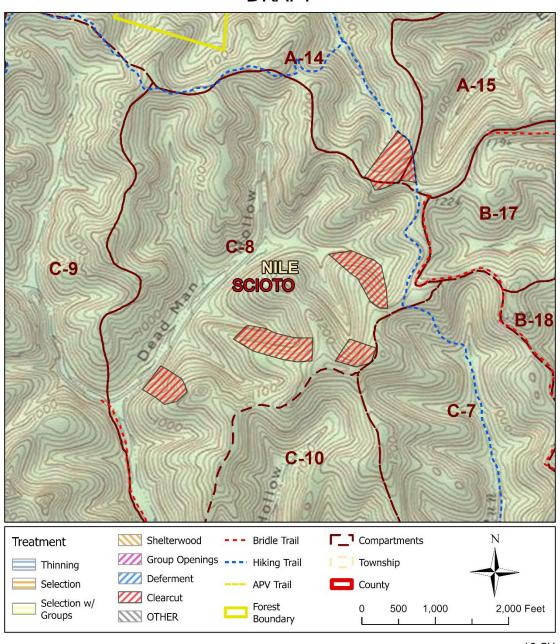


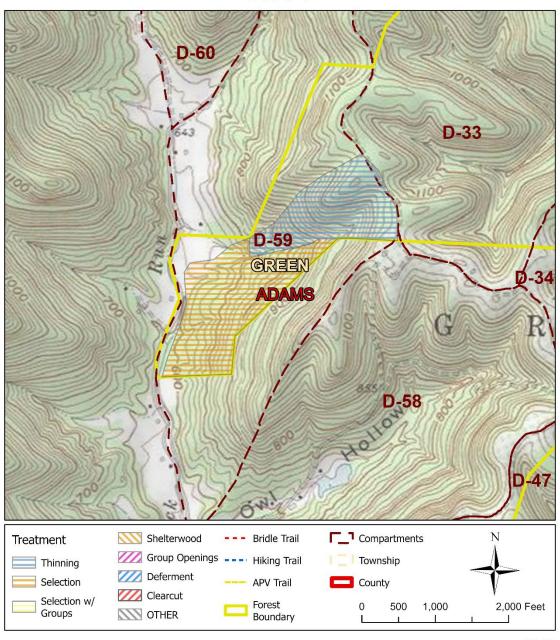
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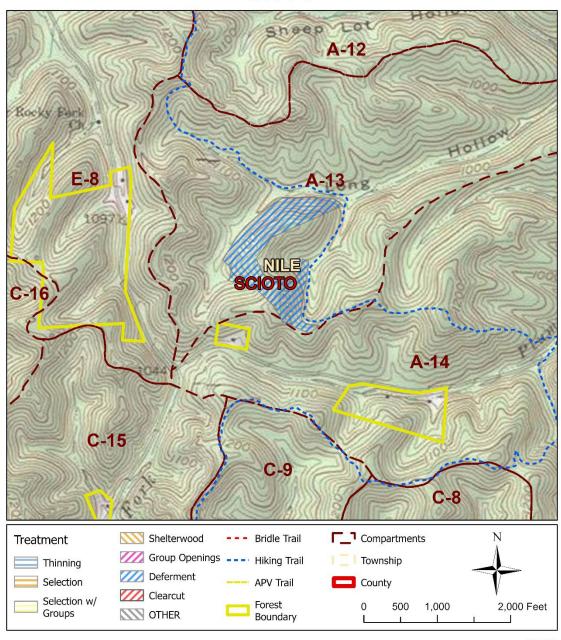


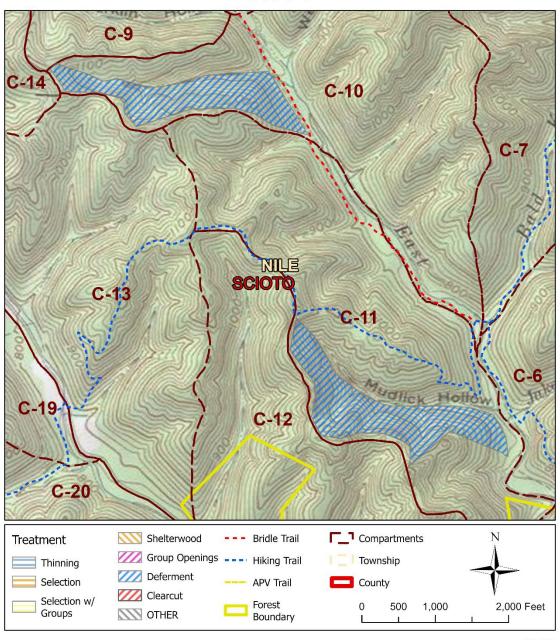
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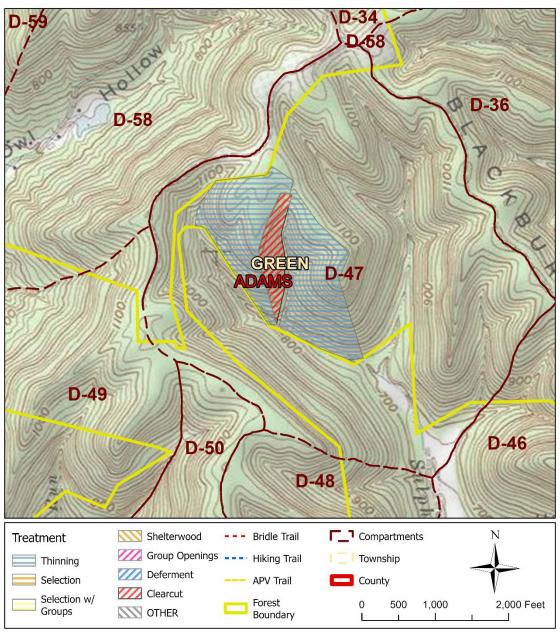


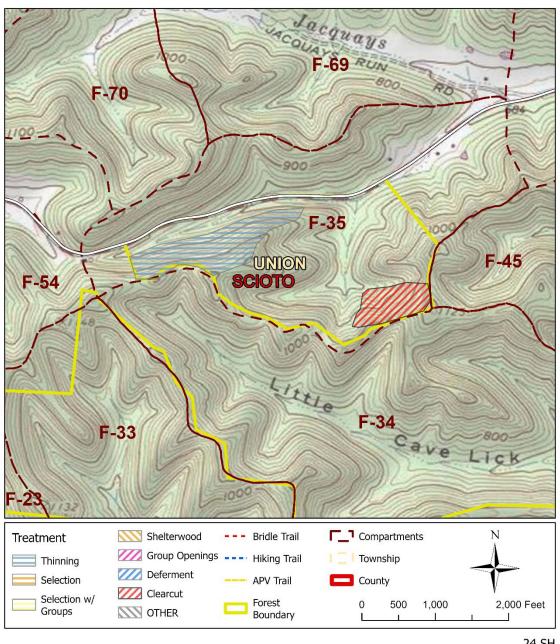


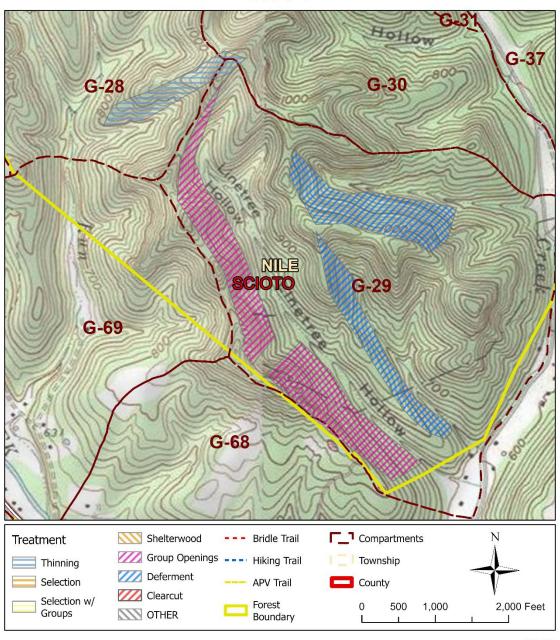


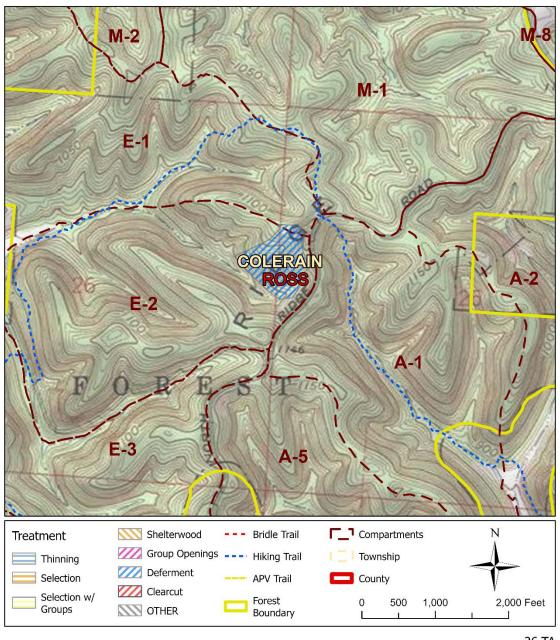


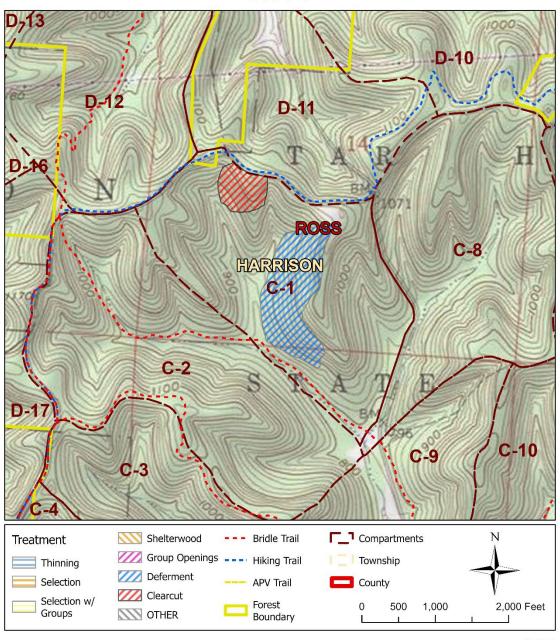


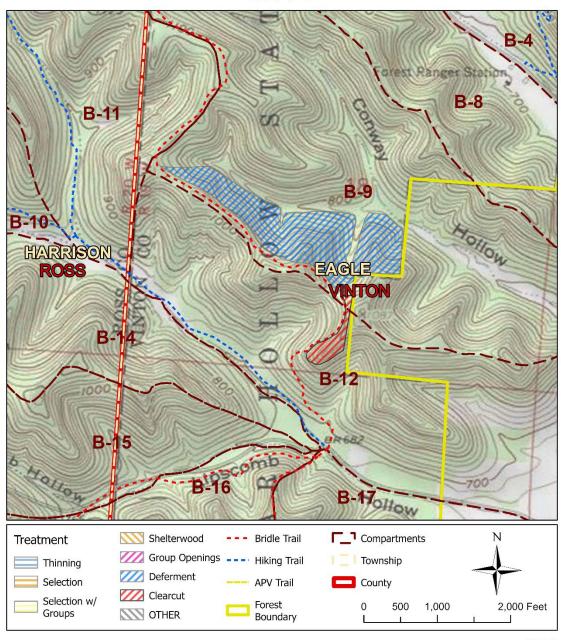


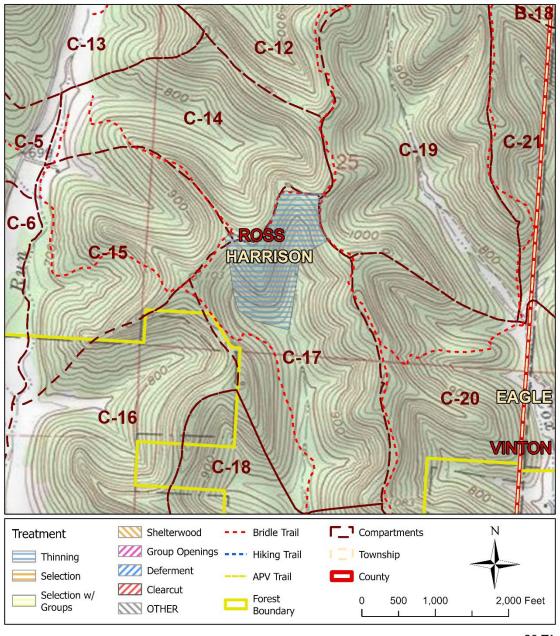


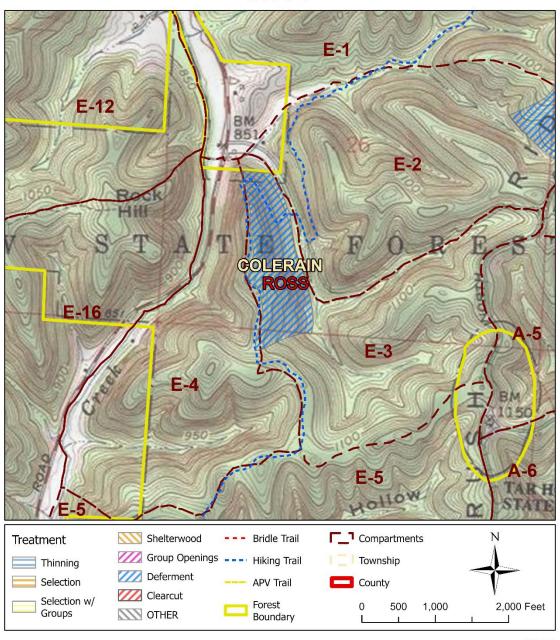


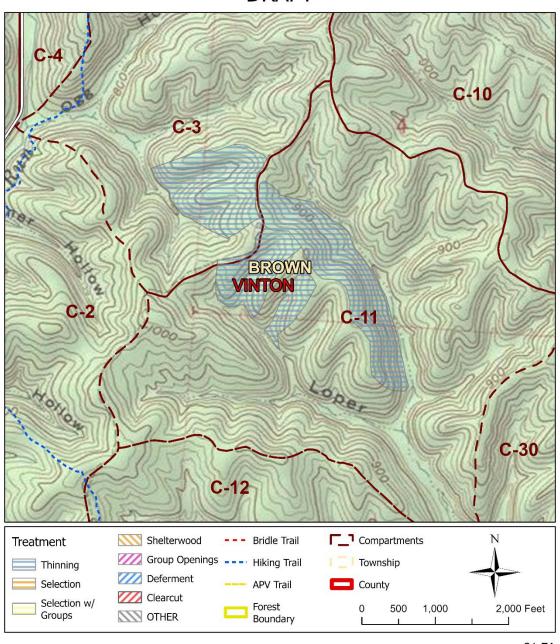








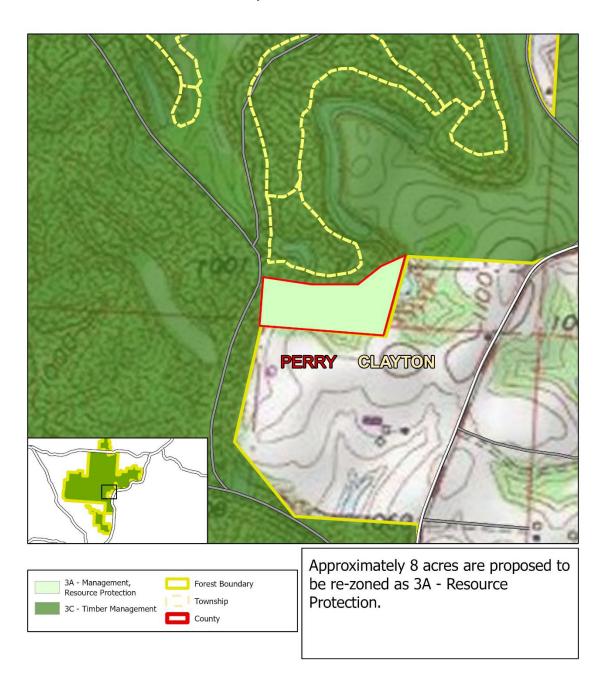




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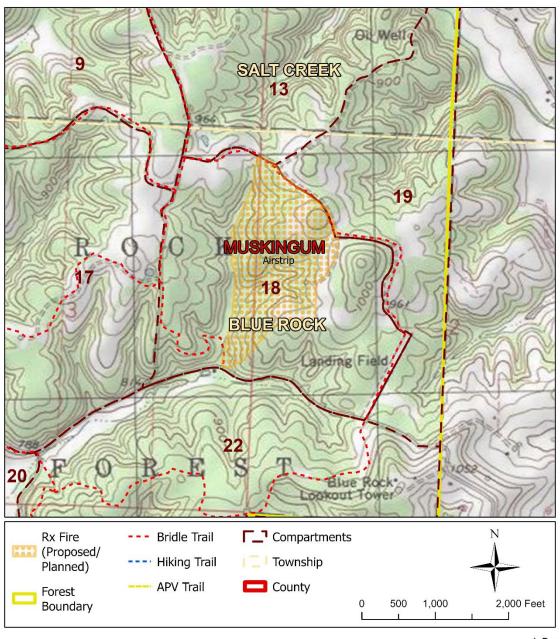
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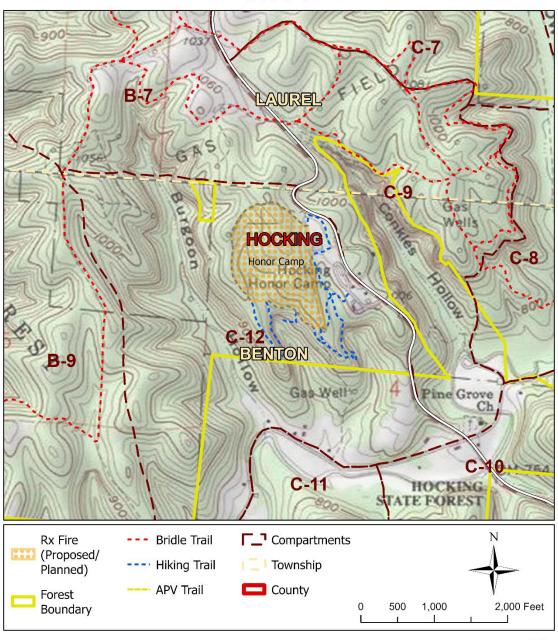


#### **Appendix C: Prescribed Fire Maps**

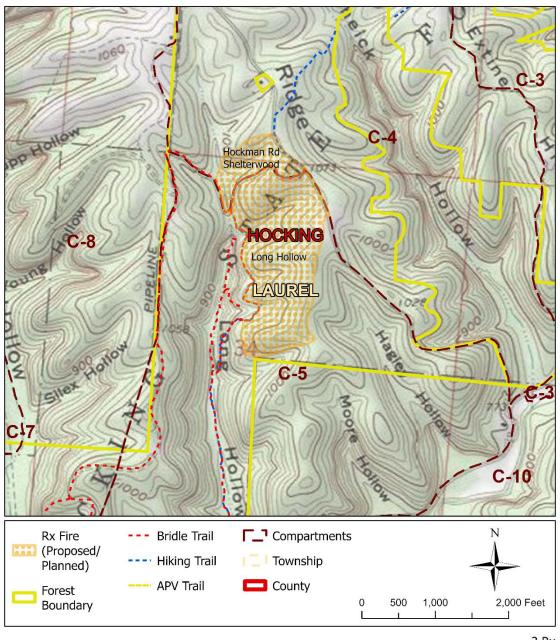
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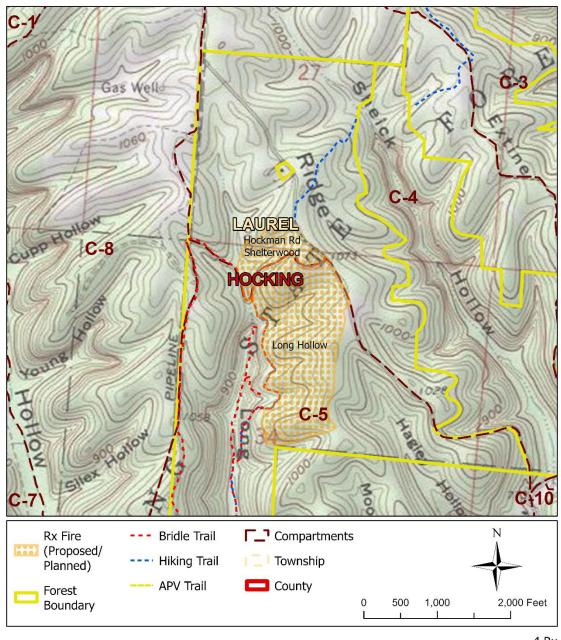
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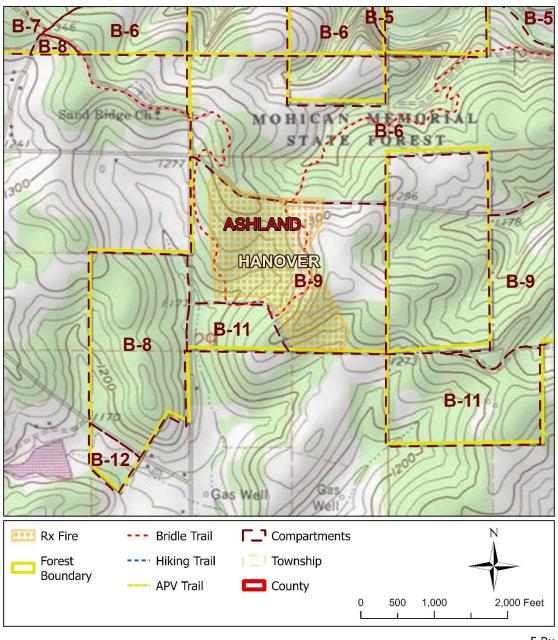
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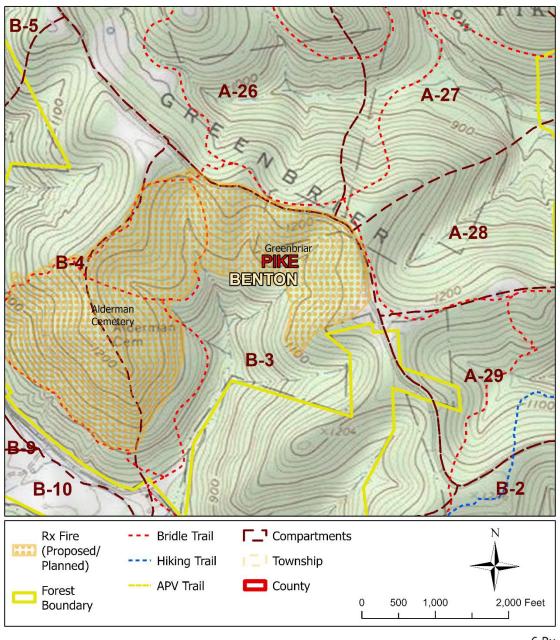
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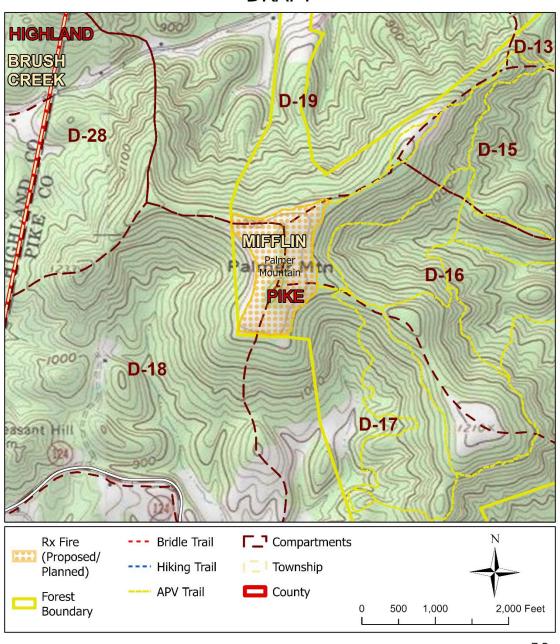
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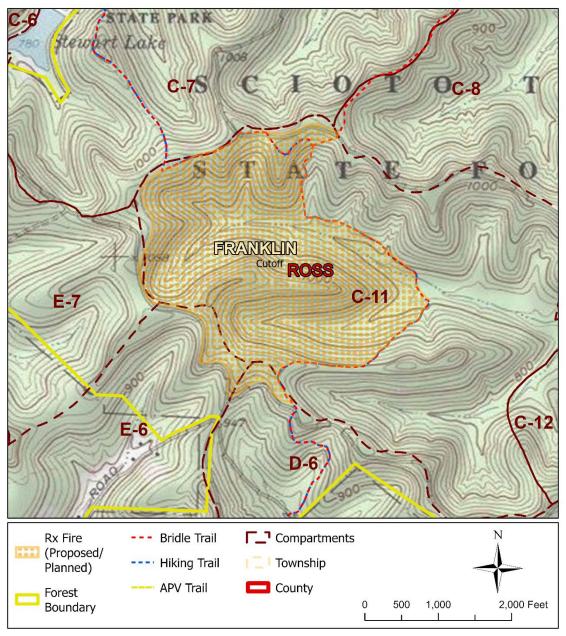
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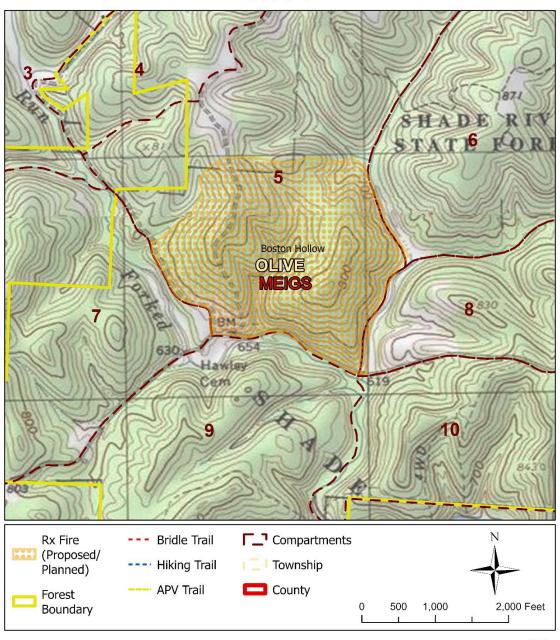
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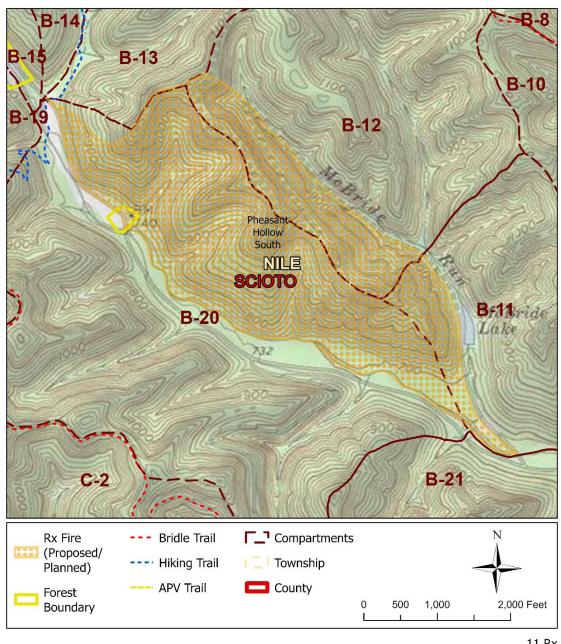
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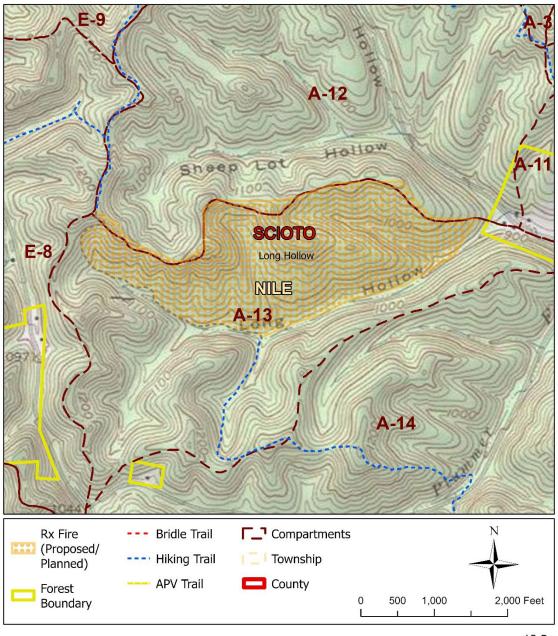
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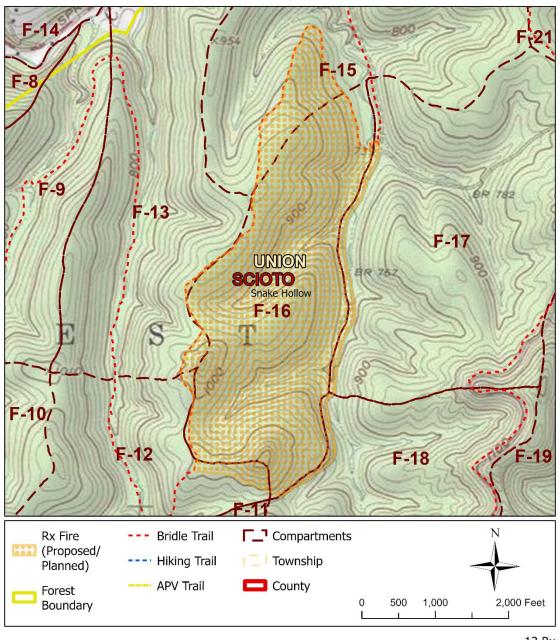
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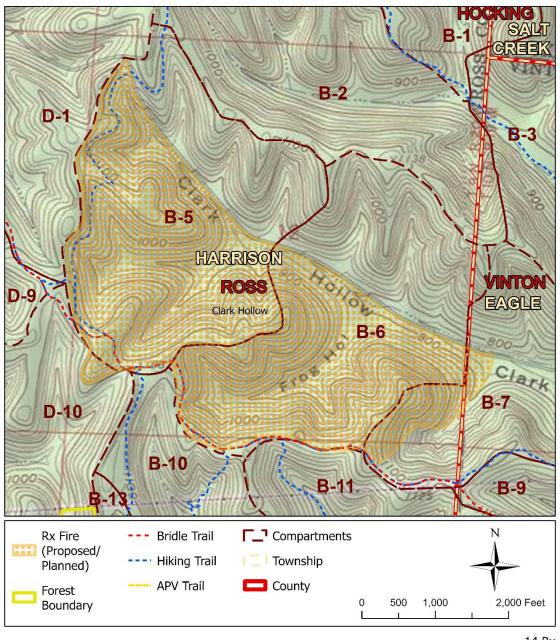
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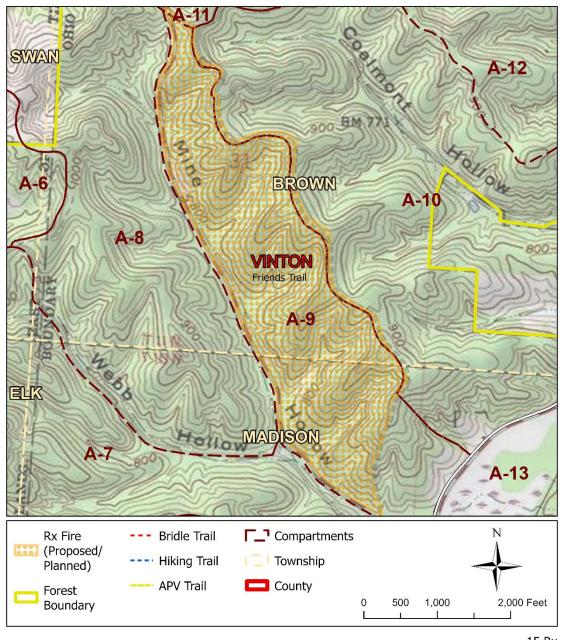
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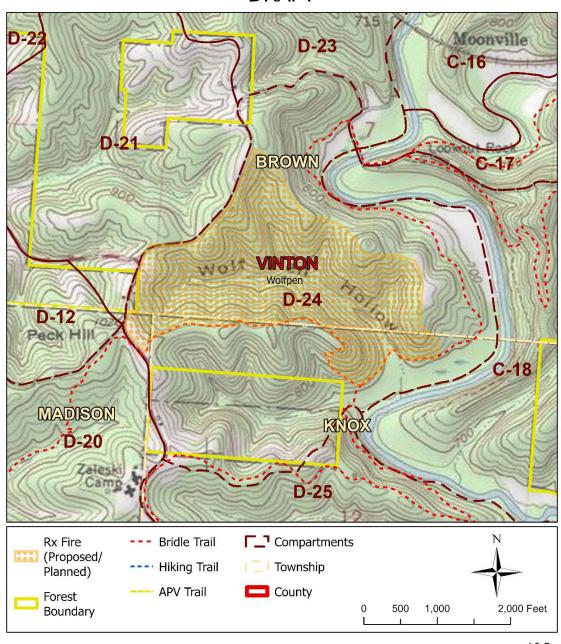
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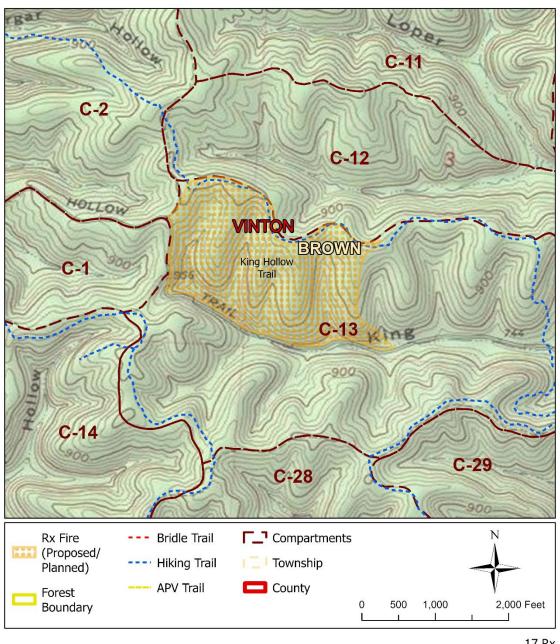
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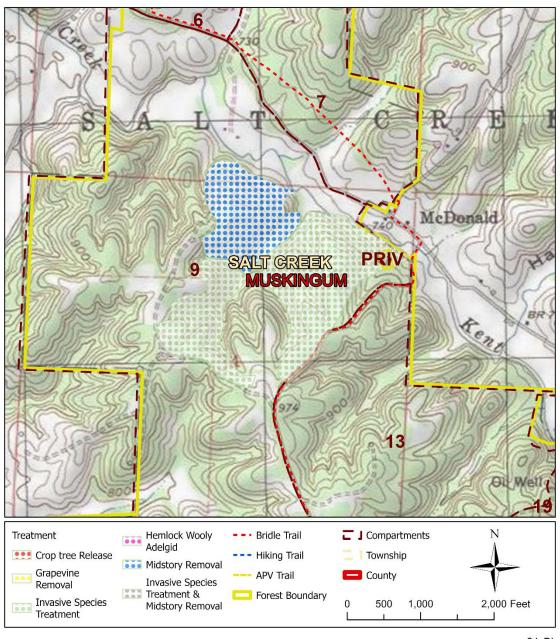


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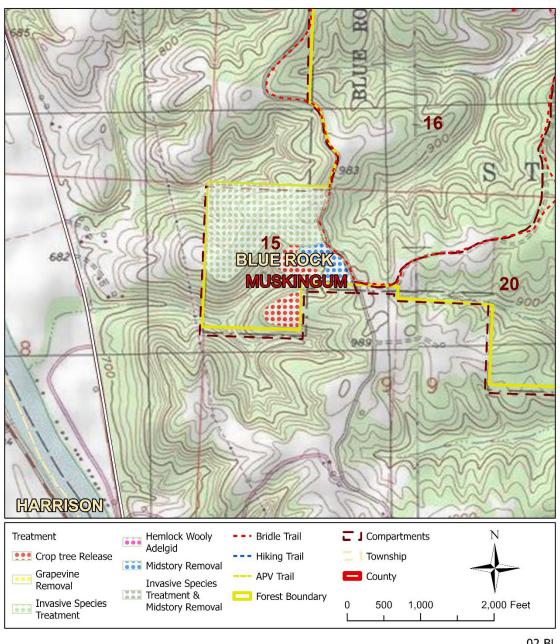


#### **Appendix D: Precommercial Project Maps**

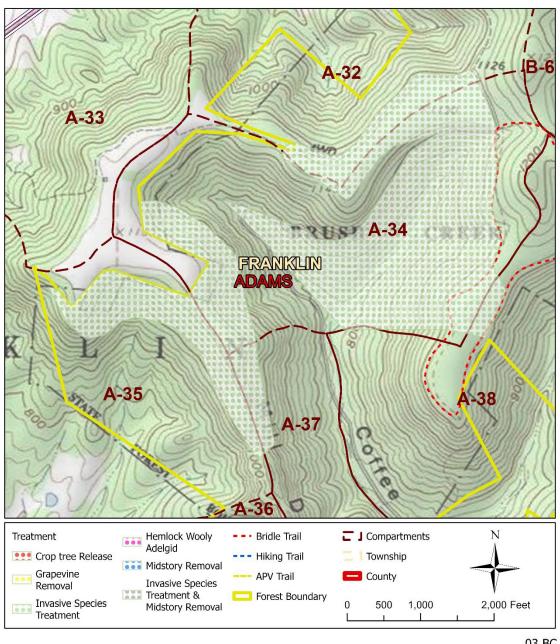
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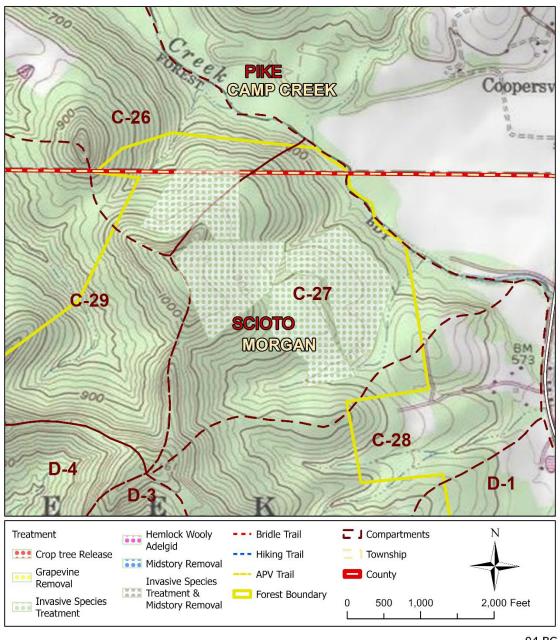
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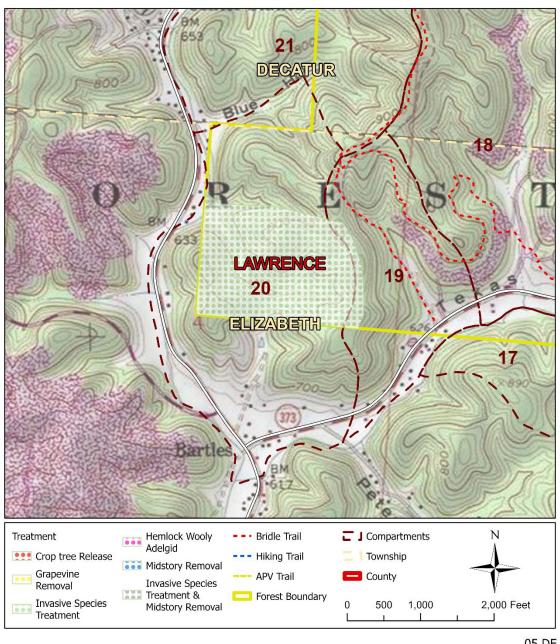
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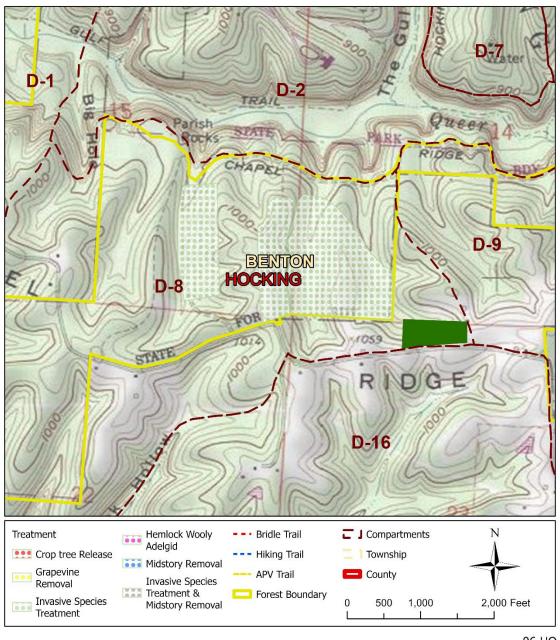
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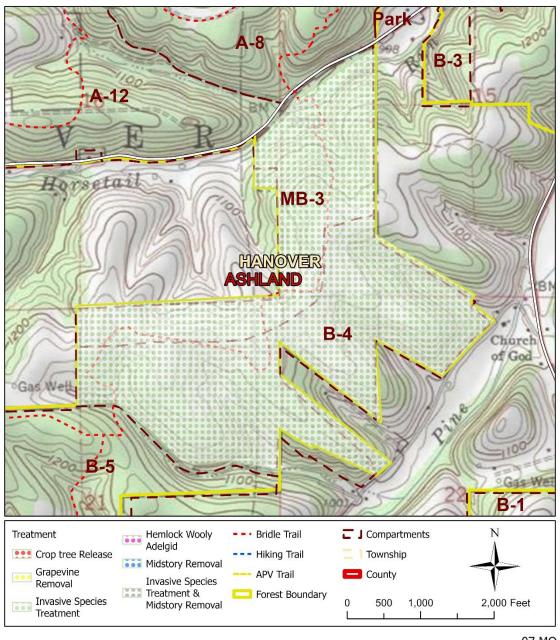
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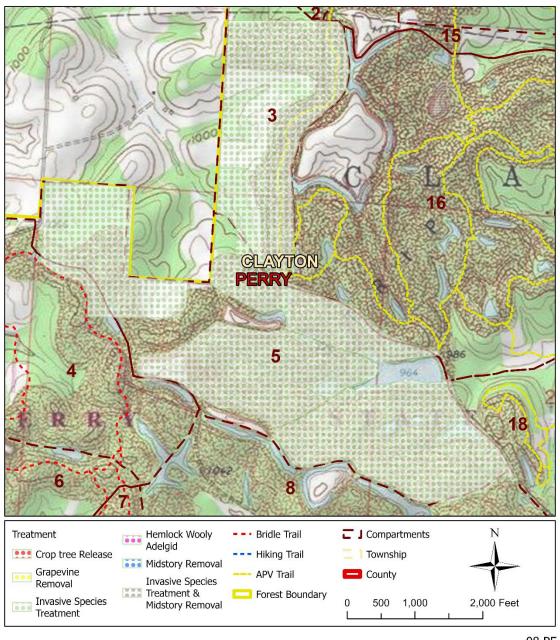
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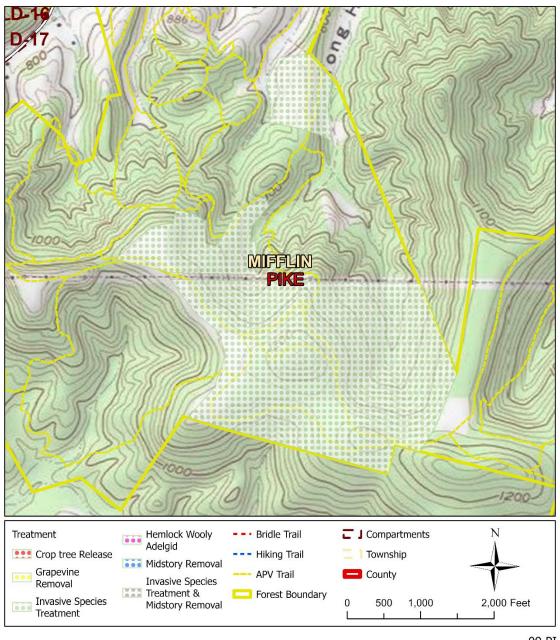
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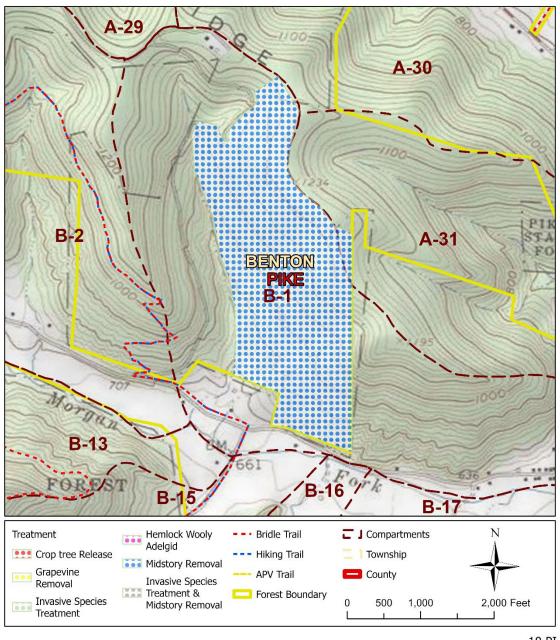
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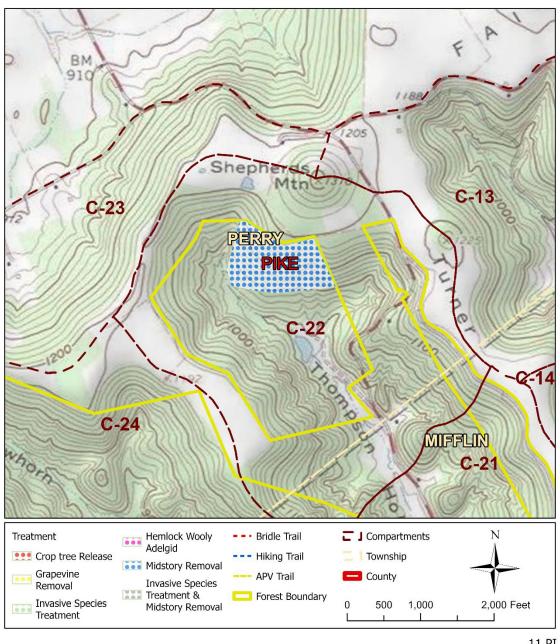
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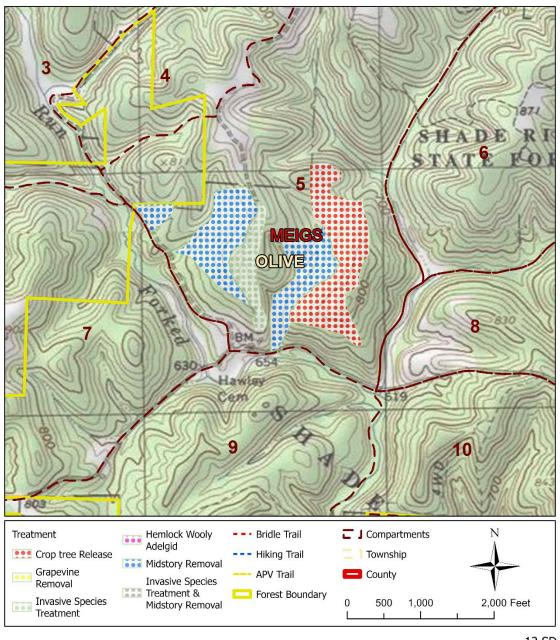
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