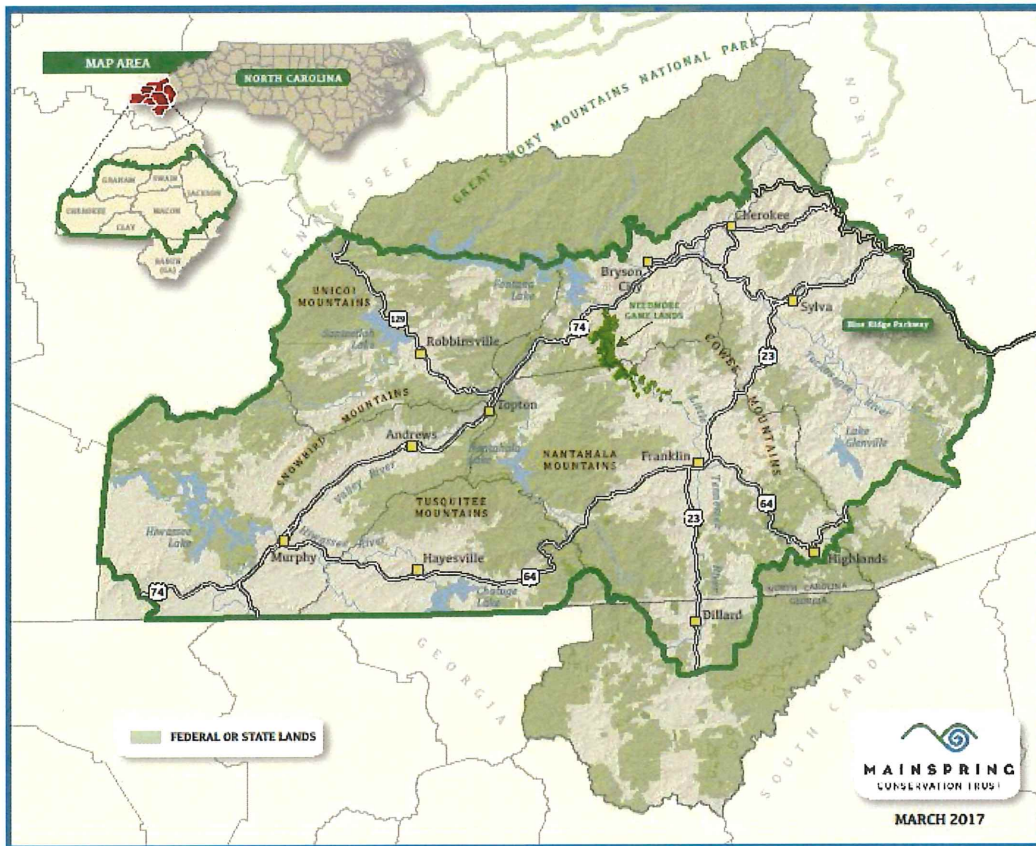




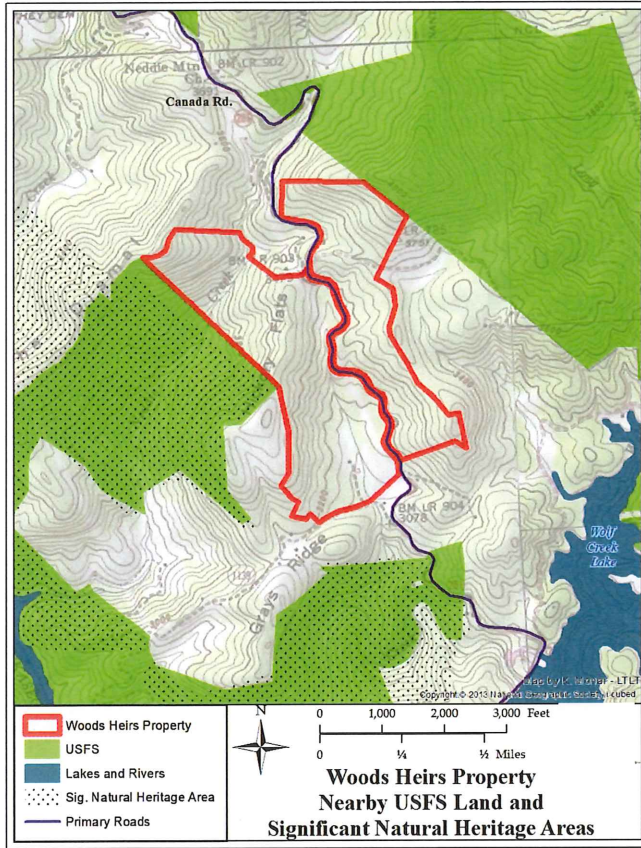
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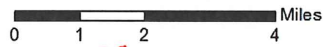
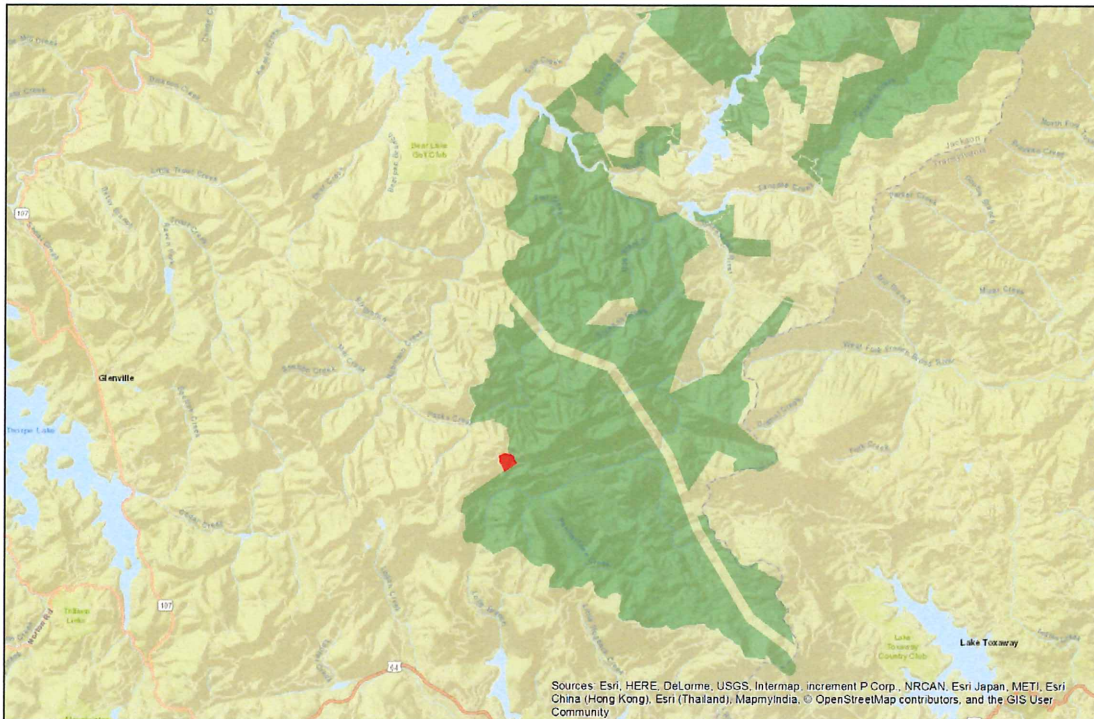
**Celebrating** | as Stewards of the  
**20 Years** | Southern Blue Ridge





**NC Needmore Game Lands on the Little Tennessee River  
5,000+ acres in Macon and Swain Counties**





-  Hipp Property
-  USFS\_Jackson

**Hipp / Panthertown**  
**Jackson County**



**FRIENDS OF PANTHERTOWN**

March 2017

JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING MEETING

## MISSION

***Friends of Panthertown Mission: work in partnership with the US Forest Service to conserve Panthertown Valley while improving the quality of the experience of recreational opportunities in this outstanding natural resource.***

- Maintain 30 miles of **official** trails in Panthertown Valley through open work days, Adopt-a-Trail, partnership work days, and volunteer efforts.
- Provide education to members, recreational users, and interested groups about Panthertown Valley; Leave No Trace Program; and area geography, flora and fauna.
- Fundraise to support our activities.

## EVOLUTION

- 2003 Panthertown Trail Project Planning by USFS
- 2005 Jackson-Macon County Alliance works with volunteers to establish relationship with USFS – Friends of Panthertown
- 2007 J-MCA hires coordinator for Friends of Panthertown and formalizes USFS volunteer agreement
- 2011 Friends of Panthertown recognized as an independent 501(c)(3) organization



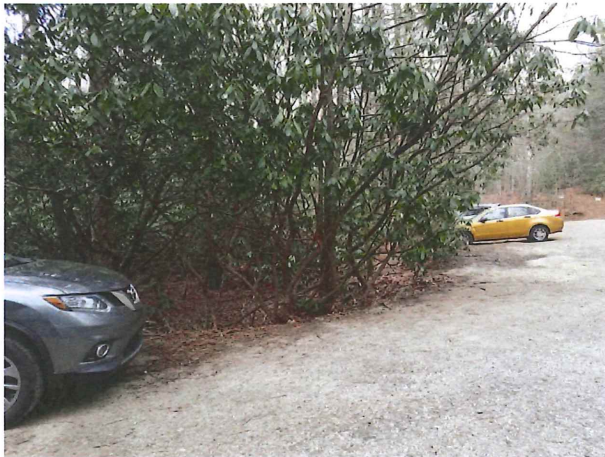
SALT ROCK ENTRANCE TO  
PANTHERTOWN VALLEY



PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO  
ENTRANCE



PANTHERTOWN VALLEY SALT ROCK  
ENTRANCE ACCESS ROAD



## SALT ROCK PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- Phase I – During Mainspring Ownership – Initial Parking Prep
  - Clear Flat Land in Acquisition Property Near Gate
  - Grade Area
  - Grade Access Road Near Entrance
  - Evaluate Education Area and Install if Appropriate Location Identified
- Phase II – After Transfer to USFS
  - Apply for RTP Grant with USFS
  - Finish Grading for Parking Lot
  - Gravel Parking Area
  - Finish Improvements to Access Road

## **BUDGET FOR ACQUISITION**

APRIL 21, 2017 CLOSING DATE

- **Purchase Price - \$191,000 (appraised FMV)**
- **Transaction Costs - \$ 4,000 (survey, legal, title insurance)**  
**\$195,000**

### **Partners:**

**Mainspring and FPT staff and volunteer time and travel**

**94 donations to date = \$50,186**

**Matching donation = \$50,186**

**Balance to close = \$94,628**