

## Proposed Priority Watersheds

**Desired Condition:** Conduct watershed analysis annually as funding permits. Priority is given to watersheds listed as priority watersheds. As part of the analysis, surveys will be conducted to identify sources of impairment from National Forest lands and appropriate treatments will be developed.

Land management plan decisions must identify watershed (s) that are a priority for maintenance or restoration (36 CFR 219.7(f)(1)). The following is a list of proposed priority watersheds that the Forest Service is looking for feedback on. All of the watersheds listed below were identified as ‘Functioning at Risk’ in the Watershed Condition Framework.

District	6 <sup>th</sup> Level Watershed	Focus Area/Streams	Restoration Needs
<b>Appalachian</b>	060101060305 Cold Springs Creek- Pigeon River	Cold Springs - Hurricane Creek	roads, public recreation, Functioning at Risk
	060101051202 Spring Creek	Spring Creek	diversity of habitats and stand structure, aquatic habitat, Functioning at Risk
	060101050801 Dillingham Creek	Dillingham - Big Ivy area	roads and trails that need work and that cross streams, horse and mtn. bike activity, dispersed use camping, Functioning at Risk
	060101050803 Upper Ivy Creek	Upper Ivy Creek - Big Ivy area	roads and trails that need work and that cross streams, horse and mtn. bike activity, dispersed use camping, Functioning at Risk
<b>Cheoah</b>	060102040107 Yellow Creek-Cheoah River	Cheoah River Watershed/Yellow Creek Lower	Functioning at Risk
	060102020407 Upper Fontana Lake- Little Tennessee River, 060102020505 Lower Fontana Lake- Little Tennessee River	Fontana - Fontana Lake Little Tennessee River	Functioning at Risk
	060102040105 Santeetlah Creek	Santeetlah Creek	brook trout, hellbenders, bats, northern flying squirrels, spruce restoration, Functioning at Risk
	<b>Grandfather</b>	030501010502 Upper Wilson Creek 030501010504 Lower Wilson Creek	Upper Wilson Creek & Lower Wilson Creek
030501010501 Upper Johns River 030501010505 Middle Johns River 030501010506 Lower Johns River		Middle Johns River & Upper John’s River	problem with NNIS; RX burning, brook floater and mussel restoration, Functioning at Risk
030501010303 Lake James-Catawba River		Lake James/Catawba River	fire adapted communities, Functioning at Risk
<b>Nantahala</b>		060102020406 Alarka Creek	Alarka Creek – Alarka Laurel
	060102030105 Caney Fork 060102030107 Wayehutta Creek- Tuckasegee River	All Roy Taylor: Wayehutta/Caney Fork/Moses Creek – all; in the northern Roy Taylor.	Wolf Creek and Caney Fork are the top priority, Functioning at Risk

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	060102030101 Wolf Creek-Tuckasegee River		Little Canada watersheds: Wolf Creek-Tuckasegee River/headwaters of Scott Creek.	
	060102030104\Cedar Cliff Lake-Tuckasegee River		Cedar Cliff Lake Tuckasegee	
	060102020201 Upper Cullasaja River 060102020203 Lower Cullasaja River	Upper and Lower Cullasaja		NNIS removal and in Cliffside, Functioning at Risk
<b>Pisgah</b>	060101050202 Davidson River	Davidson River		Functioning at Risk
	060101050705 Bent Creek-French Broad River	Bent Creek-French Broad River		Functioning at Risk
	060101050402 South Fork Mills River	South Fork Mills River		municipal watershed, Functioning at Risk
	060101050104 Catheys Creek	Catheys Creek		municipal watershed, Functioning at Risk
	060101050101 North Fork French Broad River	North Fork French Broad River		Functioning at Risk
<b>Tusquitee</b>	060200020903 Shuler Creek	Shulers Creek		shortleaf pine restoration, Functioning at Risk
	060102020301 Buck Creek	Buck Creek		brook trout, serpentine, dispersed campsites, rock-hound area, removal of dam at Park Gap – suitable elk habitat, NNIS, Functioning at Risk
	060200020202 Fires Creek	Fires Creek		dispersed recreation, watershed work, non-native invasives – suitable elk habitat, Functioning at Risk