

OBJECTIVE

- Reduce basal area in pine plantations that are between the ages of 15 to 55 years old to 55-70 square feet per acre. These stands were either missed in the EIS or were to young at the time the EIS was signed.
- Desired Future Conditions for the proposed pine plantations is hardwood forest or hardwood woodlands. All proposed plantations are in area 1.
- Where present, retain an overstory which primarily consists of dominant and co-dominant hardwoods

PURPOSE

- Restore native systems to improve function and resiliency
- o Improve fire regimes and condition classes
- o Improve wildlife habitat
- ${\color{blue} \circ}$ Improve growth and vigor of the stand

CATEGORY 6

• "Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities that do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than one mile of low standard road construction: (ii) Thinning or brush control to improve growth or to reduce fire hazard including the opening of an existing road to a dense timber stand: ..."



























