

THE GEORGIA BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS FLN LANDSCAPE

LANDSCAPE PRIORITIES

BUILD CAPACITY FOR LARGE SCALE, CROSS COUNTRY TREATMENTS

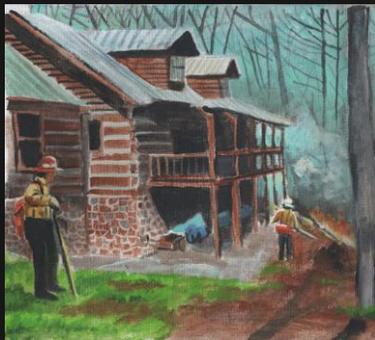
INTEGRATE SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION OF FIRE ON LANDSCAPES

INSPIRE FIRE ADAPTED HUMAN COMMUNITIES IN ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPES

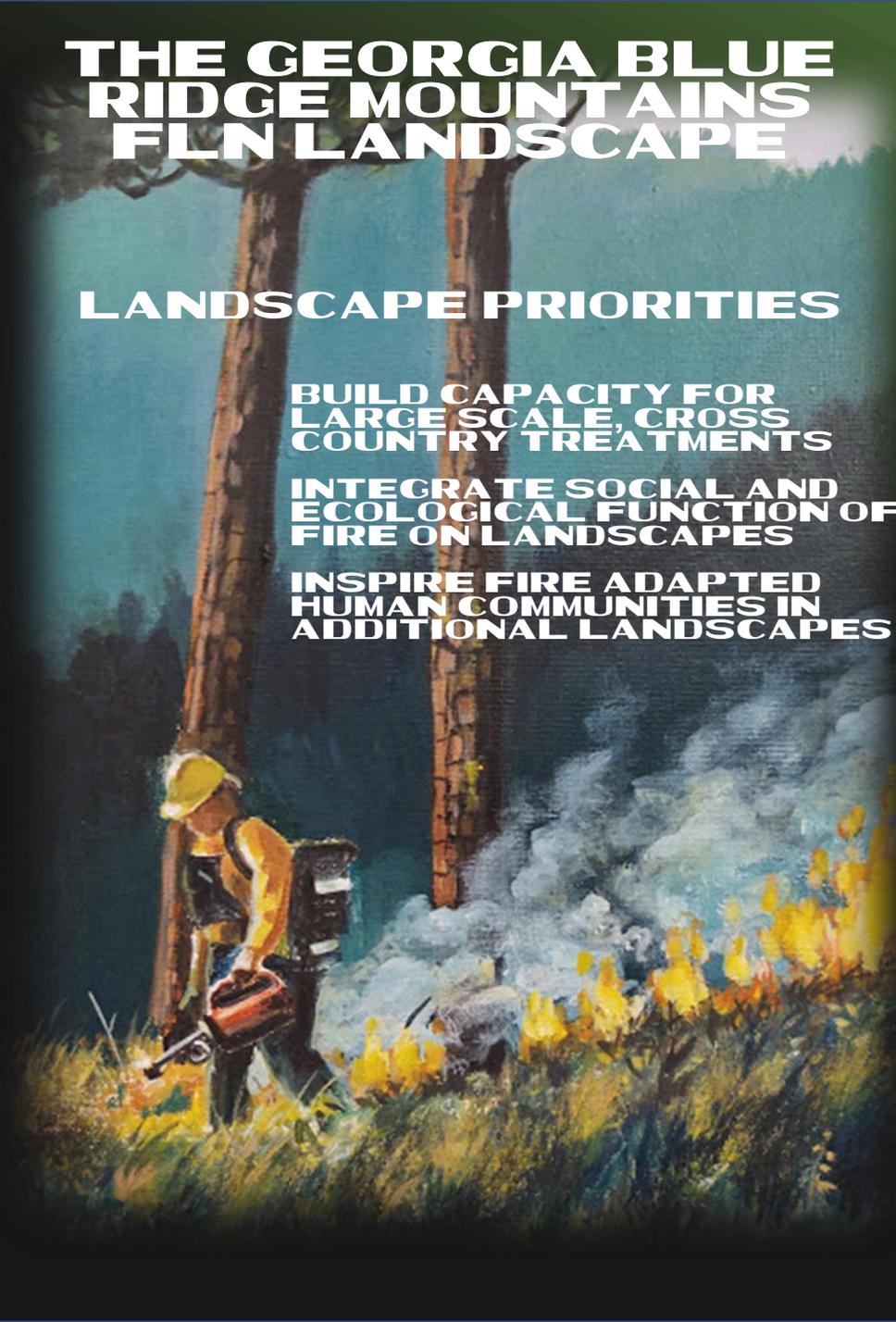
The Southern Blue Ridge Mountains FLN includes the Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains landscape in Northeast Georgia. Rugged ridges and rounded peaks range in elevation from 1600 – 4700 feet. About 80% of the area contain pine-oak forests that rely on fire to maintain healthy structure and function. Partners are proud to be involved in the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network (FAC.Net). Outreach has led to increased knowledge about the benefits of fire management and has heightened awareness of wildfire safety and risk.

Landscape Accomplishments

- ❖ Increased capacity for burning
- ❖ Workshops have brought in a broad coalition and improved social-ecological resilience
- ❖ Launched an outreach website about local fire adapted communities
- ❖ Engagement of residents through local events and community centers
- ❖ Developed interpretive signage illustrating ecological benefits of fire.



Burning to reduce fuel and conduct outreach in fire adapted communities in the Blue Ridge.



Landscape Goals

- ❖ Inspire formation of additional Fire Adapted Communities across the landscape
- ❖ Highlight accomplishments and success stories through fieldtrips and outreach events
- ❖ Continue to improve social-ecological resilience with workshops and planning meetings
- ❖ Engage and fully integrate all partners and additional stake holders to build capacity



Many species of wildlife like the peregrine falcon benefit from fire in the Blue Ridge.

Landscape Partners

- ❖ Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council
- ❖ Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists
- ❖ Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife Division and State Parks and Historic Sites
- ❖ Georgia Forest Watch
- ❖ Georgia Forestry Commission
- ❖ The Nature Conservancy-Georgia
- ❖ Towns County Firewise Coalition
- ❖ USDA Forest Service – Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
- ❖ USDA Forest Service - Athens Fire Lab
- ❖ US Army Corps of Engineers

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