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1	Sol Messer Mt.	33811.9	15908.9																					TN group did not think Sol Messer, Cohutta, and Lovers Leap go together
1	Cohutta	19589.2	79265.0	GA TN	Quite variable between moist and dry. Montane App. Oak hickory at tops of ridges; mesophytic in coves; good acidic coves w/ mixed hardwoods; a little N H; western side VP; highest density of chestnut sprouts in Ga. High elev beech forests.	Not a lot of major fragmentation		Lots of internal FS roads, but not highly fragmented. One of Corridor K alternatives goes through northern part, but latest doesn't because of bear reserve.	No. (Rerouted powerlines south of river, though? But being managed for native grasses.)			Outstanding--Conasauga Riv. very high biodiversity; probably cleanest water in Ga. from sedimentation standpoint. Really bad in Ocoee, draining Ducktown Copper Hill area, but improving. Proposed road decommissioning to improve streams.	1930's--mostly 70-80 yr old forest	Quite variable. At Grassy Mtn (one of highest summits on western front) has old growth--maybe one of the better patches. Fairly old hemlock forest around wilderness.	variable	Lot of Rx fire. Occasional wildfire, but nothing really big. Ice storms 1960-61, all the way up into south end of Smokies.		Lots of rare/ endemic aquatic spp. A few records of conifers, but no evidence of breeding. No GWW's (used to be on TN side, but habitat gone now). White fringeless orchid--one of 2 locations in NF in East TN. Ruth's golden aster in Ocoee Gorge. Extremely rich aquatic spp.	HWA. Wild hogs probably worst in this block. Plants mostly along old FS roads & old w/ife openings. Fescue, Ispedeza (bicolor really jumps out after fires). Interesting beaver habitat on Jacks River--completely silted in and herbaceous.	This may be most homogeneous block--acre for acre lower diversity, except N face of Grassy Mtn (potential bald restoration). Interesting beaver habitat on Jacks River--completely silted in and herbaceous.	Very large area in USFS (plan has designated some areas as good areas for old growth), and big chunk (a 50% of block in Cohutta Wildmss. Very few inholdings in Ga, but fair amt in TN. TNC Holly Creek Preserve in Ga. 150 ac.		Limestone window in "inholding area"--completely covered with invasives--Alaculsy Valley--some mitigation banks in there on river.	Suggest adding area to SW south of Old CCC Road and down to Hwy 52.
1	Lover's Leap	38942.0	15718.8	NC TN	Great TMP an dother forest types there																			Very unique--real sedimentary rock, not metasedimentary--therefore has stuff won't find elsewhere in NC; worth asking TN experts if very different from anything they have in TN
2	Payne Mt.	15275.1	6181.6	NC							Right across border from Copper Hill--legacy impact							Old record of pine snake (few locations in NC); mountain chorus frog		There is an snha and some forest communities mapped here, but county significance--mediocre quality	No known public land here			"Terra incognita"
2	Dahlonaga/ Amicalola	115820.0	41370.4	GA NC	Montane O H; some lower elev. Types--shortleaf on southern end; prob. Some southern red oak; lot of white pine (not plantation)			Ag uses; pretty significant development pressure, though subsided with economic downturn.			Huge priority for aquatic conservation--	Some white pine being cut. Rx burn, to convert to more expected community types; USFS focused particularly here on that issue. All NF 2nd and 3rd growth; some mature forest, but 20th century harvest. A lot more significant than Cohutta.				used to be gold mining here	Fish spp. In Etowah and Toccoa Rivers; near Suches, bog turtles (not clear if in block) At least 3 small whorled pogonia sites. Native brook trout (but may fade out with loss of hemlock)	Some pretty impressive kudzu stands on pvt property		Significant portion in National Recreation Area--multiple use, but a little more protected from timber use. A.T. corridor runs through it. Cultural heritage--old families with livestock		Different from Payne Mt. and other group 2 blocks; this one is more "Blue Ridge-like."	Suggest combining Rocky Mt. block with Dahlonaga	
2	Amicalola West	11344.2	4590.8	GA	Lot of pine (plantation). Some good upland hardwood along southern boundary				Big development (Big Game) nearby to West. This block may be more important as connector than block. More important land outside ecoregion connects with this block.			A lot of it has been cut a lot.	Lot of pine plantation. But not all butchered; are some good upland hw forests along lower boundary. Not a lot of high quality forest at NW end.		THE epicenter of pine beetle damage a few years ago.		Bachman's sparrow (near threatened)--kind of driven out of SBR--are hanging on in piney areas.	Some plant diversity--turkeybeard, a vine (scizandra???)sp?). This area is very transitional to Piedmont.	Dawson WMA (State Forest)					
2	Burnt/Sassafras Mt.?	13302.2	5383.2	GA			A lot of roads inside	Aerial looks like scattered housing pads/roads in middle. A lot is "vulnerable to development."			Amicalola Hw--maybe vulnerable to reservoir development???									Some nice mesic ravines w/ hemlock in Wildcat Creek tract	Big piece of land in it is in a CE--the "Mountain Trust." "Possible that some land may be former timber co land transferred to their real estate co.			
3	Web Mt.	26399.7	10679.1	TN														Very few EO's here			Experts said take a look at, but weren't enthused about this block	Lower elevation; experts said low potential for forest block values here, so didn't really examine.		
3	Hwassee Lake	14891.2	6026.2	TN	Low mountain pine forest	Eastern part extremely parcelized							SW side is fairly beaten up (Panther Top)			Higher quality stuff closely tied to river shores and lake shores, but compromised by bark beetle. "Forest Service: Recurrent fire in this area--one of best areas."		Indiana Bat. 2-3 rare salamander records		Has some natural communities fairly uncommon in NC; significant flood plain wetland		NEED TO ASK Ga and Tn experts if have forests similar to NC ones that are in better condition in this block.	Might want to exclude Panther Top ("fairly beaten up")	

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3	Fort Mt.	27047.9	10945.9 GA	More Pine than in Cohutta; VP dominant; CH O, Scarlet oak								Some harvest in small forests; not conversion to pine plantations. Cut and run when needed; probably high grading.	Plenty of 80-100 year old forest there (on USFS land)-avg age about 70.				"Tatum Lead" area: some rare spp. In geologic inclusion area.	Similar to Cohutta, but perhaps more because of pvt ownership. Exotic red shiner in aquatics		Much less USFS than Cohutta; Nathan would guess lots of small to medium family ownerships		Generally, group doesn't know as much about this block as Cohutta.		
3	Hiwassee	100197.3	40548.4 TN	Lot of pine; pretty nice shortleaf pine oak forest; chalk maple forest--one of only 2 places in TN			Lots of internal roads, but no major fragmenting hwy's. Railroad parallels Hiwassee River. Corridor K may go into this block near Ocoee River (southern end)	Lots of farmland, small landholdings	Some pretty big powerlines (new TVA lines) that might be fragmenters.		Lots of plant and aquatic spp in Hiwassee River corridor--part of it is musseel sanctuary.	Forest has been managed extensively	"Mediocre"				Quilwort		Interesting gorge forests.	FS (Big Frog Wilderness in southern area). Nothing else particularly unique.				
4	Mid-Chattooga	3881.0	15653.6 GA	More white pine, hemlock. Very different from Lower Chattooga--a lot less pinay (although more so that all other blocks but Lower Chattooga); lots of dry oak & hardwoods; but just don't think of it as being dominantly or even "lots of" pine.	FS ownership a little more fragmented than some others.			A lot less development than in other 2 blocks; much steeper slopes.			Better than in Sumter and Lower Chattooga.	SC side mgmt history probably pretty close to Sumter and Lower Chattooga, except less burning. Ga: typical logging history, possibly a little on the younger side like Lower Chattooga.					Smooth coneflower (fire adapted) here also; Fraser's loosestrife; mosses.	"typical"	Spray cliffs & plants on Chattooga.	Includes Wild & Scenic River.		NOTE: this includes area where NC and SC geology show one thing and GA shows something different.		
4	Lower Chattooga	78235.5	31660.8 GA	PP, blackjack oak, TMP, shortleaf	Not as contiguous forest as some other areas.			Slightly less development than Sumter, but every paved road has houses, restaurants, etc. Tom thinks less people in this block than in Sumter.			Same as Sumter.	Very similar to Sumter.	Mixed age forest; some mature. Maybe a little younger than others. Heavily managed over last 30 yrs by USFS. But some old yellow pines too.			Lots of burning. Shortleaf, pitch pine plantations. THE most pyric block in Ga. Was hit by pine beetle, but because has so much more, more is doing well.	Type of red crossbill different in bill morphology & vocalizations, specializing in TMP	Green salamanders. Highest numbers of smooth coneflower. Persistent trillium record. May be southernmost site for Turkeybeard. Panther Creek significant botanically--southernmost pop of persistent trillium. Rare trillium on pvt land on SC side (Battle Creek). Swainson's warbler population	Invasives throughout area, probably a lot denser than other areas-- a lot being treated on USFS. State doing a fair amt of aggressive treatments in State Park. This is probably the center of the distribution of miscanthus.	Place where Table Mountain Pine and echinacea grow at same site--only place in world???? Lot of glade barren. Tallulah Gorge rock has its own suite of spp. Carolina Hemlock Bluffs. Shortleaf pine/rhododendron minus community pretty rare.	Includes part of the Wild & Scenic Area (a little)	Complex geology. Marble elevation generally		
4	Sumpter	94610.8	14127.9	Lots of open shortleaf pine forest. Hill-sides, ridgetops are dry.			A lot. Every paved road will have fields around. Very dissected areas.				Lot of septic tanks. Chauga River not so good. Fair number of cattle operations.	Lots and lots of clearcuts in 70s and 80s. No longer logging NF lands, but active clearcuts til 90s. Just thinning now.					Lots of woodlands created with prescribed burning--looks good.	Lots of interior forest breeding species.	Fire-dependent smooth coneflower--highest number colonies anywhere in world. Endemic Chauga River crawfish.	Mafic glades, rich forest with midwestern disjuncts.	"Lots of private lands." AND "Mostly US Forest Service." (???) Lots of inholdings	Inholdings mostly 50 ac or less.	Very geologically complex	
5	Fairy Stone	130028.2	52944.3 VA				Steve Croy surprised this came out as a big block: Hwy 40, 57, and 8 cut through it, SW side has lots of 45 mph roads and rural development, and there's a house in every nook and cranny. Also, large reservoir within easternmost area too.				28 segments of coldwater trout streams.													
5	Bull Mountain	#####	8823.7 VA		NOT RVWD???																			
5	Pinnacles of Dan	42549.7	17219.3 VA				Big development just went in at NE corner near Meadows of Dan				Big Bend of Dan--primary catchment and storage area for City of Danville power plant ; 34 segments of trout stream									Gorge pretty unique; the Pinnacles are pretty unique shaped mountaintop; not a lot of natural heritage work been done here.	Lot of private land			
6	Doe Mt.	19337.6	7825.6 TN	Only one comment from TN experts. Mostly pvt land.																Not public land. Large pvt tract now in bankruptcy.				

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7	Bald Mts/Rocky Fork	37470.9	39445.1	TN	"Excellent dying Car Hem"; N H; Old growth TMP/PP woodland at Horse Hitch Gap (148 ac.)	"Super intact"--nearly 40,000 acres intact. This is arguably one of the least fragmented areas in TN.		Lots of roadless area. Inholding w/in 10K acre Rocky Fork Tract could permit 18 mile loop road					Rocky Fork is one of the most productive freestone trout streams in Southern Apps.	10K ac R Fork tract been logged repeatedly. Parts were logged just before selling to TCF.					Genetically distinct Yohnahlassee salamander in R Fork tract. Lots of turkeybeard in Rocky Fork; peregrine falcon	Problem in areas becoming established.	Lots of cliffs; outlying wetlands, seeps. At least one cave. High elev. Rocky summits.	Lots of USFS; much wilderness. Inholding within 10K ac Rocky Fork tract.		Suggest not ranking this block against Snake and Holsten--should be ranked on its own, and high priority.	
7	Holsten Mt.	58984.2	23870.1	TN	Very similar to The Snake, but shortleaf pine on west edge near Holsten Lake; a lot more P O H on west side.	Two inventoried roadless areas--Flint Mill and Beaverdam Creek.		Lots of roads in northern part. Suggest 421 might split this block into two, like The Snake.	Not much. Houses closer to lake and along northern boundary, and along periphery going up drainages. Radar installation at southern end.	Powerline across southern end. Potential interest in developing wind north of Elk Mills; Fork Mtn just south of Mtn. City (private land) (David Ray; not sure that is in THIS block)			FS has actively managed some places a lot; others too steep and remote.	Runs the gamut; some stands 150 yrs old, others being actively harvested by FS.		Lot of arson ("understatement") Radar installation at southern end. Pretty good Rx fire program here. Quarry at south end???		Jamey Donaldson (expert at meeting) says he saw a min lion here in 1996.		Very steep slopes and hung drainages on western side--135+ acres (Josh Kelly). Sinkholes as move into limestone areas-- [patch up in extreme North corner-Rockhouse Run.] Caves. Little Stony Creek drainage--spray cliffs. Starting some bog restoration.	FS land. Nothing in particular that jumps out.		Ranking: Snake has better connectivity than Holsten--main corridor of Apps.	Suggest 421 might split this block into two, like The Snake.	
7	The Snake	55846.4	22602.2	TN	Lots of mixed mesophytic--cove hardwoods, N H; rich forests. On top of ridge: montane oak rich (or basic O H)--unusual, b/c O H forest w/ rich herb layer. "Stunted Amer. Chestnut forest". Very significant and south end community on 110 ac--prob. St. record CarHem tree on ridge. TMP/PP.	Remnant "roadless" area (5K acres) on northern end (was 12K--reduced, but still has few roads). "Pretty high chance of restoration (to more mixed age) on north end and south end b/c of roadless areas, and pretty good in middle too."		US 421--might want to consider that a fragmenter cutting this into 2 blocks (N and S)	Powerline cut across Iron Mtn at northern end of boundary.	Development (ag and residential) coming in from valleys; development areas on certain parts around it. Just outside block is Wright Forest. 50 acres of old growth white pine/poplar/ white oak--what historically Shady Valley would have been like--no other type like it. Attempted development on Cross Mtn where this block links with Holsten Mtn--significant wetland comity there.	Good; old iron mining, but so old, not a problem now.	Limited logging in Northern end; moderate logging in middle; Low/moderate logging in southern end.	A few scattered, small O G areas; most logged though; eastern slope logged more.	Old logging; iron mining (but not really an issue); couple of "pretty good" wildfires; little bit of Rx fire at south end.	Carolina parakeet; roundleaf sundew ravens.	FS "looked at road densities for watershed--pretty good surrogate for potential spread of invasives" (Mark Pietsang). Someone was trying to stock wild hogs here, and getting to be more and more of them (wildlife officers trying to eradicate).	rare birch nat. community. Boulderfield forest plentiful. Lot of trills going into Beaverdam Crk at north end--cliffs, small gorges, connect into larger Beaverdam Creek gorge; lot of exposed, moist rock areas--unique community at northern end. Entire ridgetop shagbark hickory community. Some nice rich seeps, springheads, Seepage cliffs (G2). Lindy Camp Bog (swamp forest-bog complex)--100 ac.	FS Wilderness at very southern end. TNC Dickey preserve. Camp Ahstidee (spelling?)	Ranking: Snake has better connectivity than Holsten--main corridor of Apps.	US 421--might want to consider that a fragmenter cutting this into 2 blocks (N and S)					
8	Max Patch	36262.2	14677.2	NC																			Very similar geology with Hurricane.	Suggest should be lumped with Hurricane & Harmon Den--only dirt roads separating them.	
9	Harmon Den	37554.6	15197.9	TN	R C; Hemlock forest				"Potential development" at Boomer on on eastern side may fragment.				Gulf tract "hammered--horrible"	Some old growth in area. (2000 ac O G patch on NC side). Trail Fork pretty good condition.	In lower elevations, have had some major fires in TN (fire suppressed on NC side).		GWV's near picnic area; woodrat along river gorge.	Kudzu really bad along river and major road corridors.	Only known Yellow Wood forest (Jamey D.). Unusual forests that Josh K. thinks are "native white pine cove forests." Some interesting streams and associated seeps and wetlands. River frontages "pretty neat"--pockets of wildflower types.	Includes Martha Sundquist State Forest.	Note: best wildlife corridor over I-40 exists bt Smokys East and Harmon Den. Harmon Den has Max Patch granite; seems not similar to Joyce Kilmer and West Smokies.	Suggest should be lumped with Max Patch & Hurricane--only dirt roads separating them.			
9	Cove Mt. WMA	13899.9	5503.7	TN																			Has limestone. TN experts: small block, Ober Gatlinburg--don't spend much time on this block, doesn't make intuitive sense.		

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9	Joyce Kilmer/Unicoi Mts./Slick Rock	378946.5	153313.7	TN, NC	Wide variety: spruce fir (G1); shortleaf pine; HERO; one of best N H (rich type) on Cherokee NF.									A little bit higher quality on North side of 143; TN side south of road really high quality too. Some old growth shortleaf pine, and quality habitat (some germinated in 1600's).		Southern pine beetle kill pretty dramatic throughout, but some good shortleaf pine on N-S ridges. Needs to be MORE fire here than there has been.	High densities of migratory forest interior birds	Many rare spp and natural communities. Some of the highest populations of rock gnome lichen; Indiana bats; GWW's; sawwhet owl; northern flying squirrel; ash leaf golden banner; Allegheny Mountain Golden Banner	Wild hogs a problem; invasive plants a problem	hemlock/ silverbell (G2); dolomite exposures and white oak sink-one of the more impressive calcareous limestone forests seen (Josh Kelly). Fire dependent Red Knots Post Oak-Virginia Pine Woodland (w/ one fed endangered species & one st sp of concern). Bog.	Lot of FS (big wilderness)			Probably tied for highest rainfall (at highest elevations) in eastern U.S.	Josh suggests splitting along Hwy 143. Group agreed. (See comment to this cell). Josh also recommends extending boundary all way to Hiwassee River at SW boundary--road there is minimal.
9	Yellow Creek	40893.6	16464.1	NC	Really high quality Rich Cove forest on north sides.	Potential for core much better north of Yellow Creek.		Yellow Creek Rd in middle--lots of ag use, "hell of a lot" of invasives.						Forest condition along A.T. corridor great; some north slopes fantastic, very productive.		Rx. fire at LTLT CE and USFS land.		GWW's; lots of Ceruleans; lots of whippoorwills along 128. Largest pop. of glade spurge in WNC (toward A.T. off Yellow Mtn. Gap). Swainson's warblers.		More FS land south of Yellow Creek, but forest more intact on North side. There are roads and an inholding at southern end.			Suggested possible split by Yellow Gap Road; road upgraded to west of powerline.		
9	Cheoah	38876.3	16056.4	NC				Roadless area of approx. 7-8,000 ac.						Cheoah Bald has at least 3000 ac of "old growth" on it			GWW's, Ceruleans, several rare salamanders		lots of snha's			"Keeper!" Corridor K may carve off northern portion near Stecoah, tunnel through Stecoah Mtn.	Might want to cut out Stecoah area.		
9	Fires Creek	60413.3	24448.4	NC										Huge blocks of roadless and mature forest in this block				Biggest pop. Of So. App. Liverwort (confirm--this block??)		Bog at edge with Chunky Gal (in this block, or left out of both?)			"Fires Creek is different"--metasedimentary		
9	Brasstown Bald	23804.7	9512.0	GA	N H; boulderfield forest; dwarf red oak at top.									Mostly mature. Probably not logged as heavily. Very steep, hard to get to.			Sicklefin redhorse in Brasstown Creek (hw just in block) Licens more common in NC/TN. Three toothed cinquefoil. Uncommon for Ga; breeding rose breasted grosbeaks, veerys, winter wrens, ravens, Swainson's warblers; good suite of Canada warblers. Fringed gentian at Track Rock. App. cottontail, red sq.		"Lots of nice plant life at northern end." Rock outcrops with rare plants. Fen-like wetland.	Big chunk is USFS Brasstown Wilderness area.		Wouldn't expect to be grouped with Rich Mtn. because ultramafic serpentine olivine rining it! LOOK CLOSELY AT STRANGE GEOLOGIC FEATURE!!			
9	Rich Mt.	29728.2	12030.6	GA	Cove type forests; Ashes and basswoods on ridges--high rainfall boulderfield forest with Yellow birch								Was logged pretty heavily in 1950s--pretty widespread throughout block. Took a lot of white oak. Some areas escaped.				disjunct plants (heraculum maximum, and a trillium that needs to be named)	One of Ga.'s higher wild hog populations. Small arms of kudzu. Microstegeum along interior roads, but not terrible.		Very rich soils (amphibolite/schist?)	USFS. Rich Mtn Wilderness takes up much of FS lands, and part outside is low-intensity mgmt, so not much mgmt in block. Mtn Conservation Trust has CE next to Wilderness.		Very distinct block for Ga. in its vegetation; high rainfall		
9	Great Smokys West	340182.5	137667.0	TN, NC																				NC expts argue should be combined with GS East; TN experts noted difference	
10	Nantahala	68271.3	6726.4	NC										Huge blocks of roadless and mature forest in this block											
11	Great Smokys East	254787.9	103100.9	NC, TN	Biggest expanse of S F in east									Largest expanse of O G forest in So. Apps. (60K ac +)					Herbaceous spp in seeps on ridge near Charlie's Bunion					NC expts argue should be combined with GS West; TN experts noted difference	
11	Qualla	15483.5	6257.8	NC	Includes S F, N H, Cove													N. Flying Squirrel						Mike Schafale: Parkway should not divide--combine with Flott B	

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11	Little Tennessee	74489.7	30132.8	NC								Whiteoak Creek is good aquatic quality. This block also may be important to WQ in Little T, highest ranking biodiv. river in WNC.													Suggest lumping with Chunky Gal, Nantahala, and Fires Creek. Southern boundary at Wayah Road, not very big road and pretty forested.	
11	Rabun Bald	48823.7	20162.9	GA NC	TMP at elevations 3200-4000 ridgetops. Lot of wetter, more mesic forest; HERO/ silverbell.	Pretty contiguous.		Mostly gravel roads.					Nothing out of the ordinary.			Some pretty big Rx fire for TMP. Several burns destroyed good stands, but TMP didn't come back.	Green salamander. Lots of EO's. Raven hotspot. Northern sawwhets in winter. Swainson's warbler.	'the usual'	N. facing cliff on Rabun Bald--very interesting plants & lichens. Hill Ridge mountain bog--pitcher plants, swamp pink.	Mostly USFS; no wilderness. Pretty contiguous.						
11	Plot Balsams	48204	19635.5	NC	S F etc.												N. Flying Squirrel, G1 stuff, endangered spp.									
11	Black Mts.	71337.8	28869.4	NC	All the way up to Spruce Fir	Has 116K ac or more of primary forest in this block																			Concern that too much metasedimentary showing up on geology map. ALSO, may have the greatest elevation range of all blocks	
12	Nolichucky	33877.0	13709.6	NC TN	Somewhat of a stronghold for Hemlock forests; eastern red cedar. TN group: Car Hem; lot of pine types; some TMP. Lot of white pine in upland forest where hasn't burned	Beyond RR, pretty good on little fragmentation.		Railroad is biggest internal fragmenter.			Town of Erwin to North, but otherwise pretty good landscape integrity.	Mine waste might be affecting mainstem river.	Lots of unlogged forest in certain part (acidic cove)	Some old growth on No Business Knob, Laurel Ridge area, and Temple Hill, Jones Branch.		Big stand replacement fires on TN and NC sides--caused by RR. Went straight up mtn. Lots of Southern Pine Beetle kill on lower slopes, esp. north of Nolichucky River.		Conduit along railroad going along river/gorge through middle of block. Jap. Knotweed affecting Va. spirea. Purple loosestrife on south end.	Gorge is very rugged--could build outward from it. Lot of neat rock outcrops, boulderfields. Scree habitat on south side of Nolichucky--air blows through at 54 degrees year round. Spray cliffs in some of the coves.	NF, Unaka Springs inholding--whitewater center. "Ephraim Place" inholding--5 landowners there, Lost Cove inholding in NC--FS may be trying to acquire.		TN group expressed puzzlement why grouped with Forge Mt. Group 12 blocks are so different. TN experts wouldn't want to prioritize against each other. What makes the two "top" is very different.				
12	Forge Mt./Rogers Ridge	37112.3	15018.8	TN, VA, NC	Good amount of N H; TMP/PPP--intermixed w/ other types, but some fairly large patches; O H; Northern red oak.				Some houses along main ridge on TN/NC line			Pretty good.		"Pretty good quality" N H forest just south of limestone area at Va. state line		Xmas tree farms along NC/TN border	High overall regional biodiversity		Whetstone Branch, 1692 ac: a combination of base rich floodplains, mesic to xeric slopes, rock outcrops, and grassy balds. Limestone window.	NF (almost all in "backcountry" in Forest Mgmt Plan); Lost Forest special mgmt area in NF in VA; one very large private tract (couple thousand acres); NC WRC (Pond Mtn)				Limestone in part of this block--Whetstone Branch on Va. line and up north; rich calcareous cove/forest--pretty unique. About 1200 ac.		
13a	Globe	35588.1	14402.4	NC			Hwy 90--possibly not barrier at last 5 miles; if not, combine with Adams Mt./Johns?	FS is scoping DOT desire to improve Globe Road; will there be move to widen?																		Wanted combine with Adams Mt./Johns River after much mixed debate, but not forget there is interesting stuff independently in Globe "subblock"
13a	Adams Mt./John's River	19189.3	7765.6	NC		"Plenty of core potential"		"Bwn Mtn Beach Rd Should not divide this block from Grandfather bk" (canopy cover, low traffic vol. over time)							"Has some good forests in it."											Wanted to combine with Grandfather--Brown Mtn Beach Road has canopy cover and low volume generally
13a	Linville Gorge	#####	29400.6	NC		Excellent/good																			"should be in a class all by itself"	
13b	South Mt. Connector	11286.6	4559.0	NC															Contains State Signif srha			Might contain private BK ac Hickory Nut Mtn Tract.				

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14a	Poor Mountain	45303.1	18353.8	VA	Scarlet Oak, CH O, TMP, PP, VP, acidic cove at north side at lower elevations			Some light development along interior roads.	NW side contains most recent city water supply reservoir; 15 tower wind energy project proposed for center of block; existing big communications tower on top of Poor Mtn. in NE part of block (and lots of TV & radio towers on ridge north of it). "Being developed slowly but surely." But not as developed in middle because soils so poor, so steep. Development (cabins) more around edges & small roads that dead-end.		Pretty important for connectivity b/w SBR and Ridge and Valley--Fl. Lewis Mtn. WMA is just across the interstate, just to the north.	Bottom Creek is one of main tribs to Roanoke River. pH in 6.9 to 9.5 calls range in impaired section of Bottom Creek (up to TNC boundary)	Maybe "back in the day" for charcoal; but so poor productivity, quality, lot of it probably not harvested. Its been a long time since anyone tried to make a buck there.			Southern slopes have burned with some regularity--3-4 fires over last few years. Lots of disturbance from tree fall on steep slopes (e.g., NW facing steep area by Roanoke River. Trees deformed at top of ridge because of wind. Three yrs ago, area was heavily defoliated by Gypsy moths.	Barred owls, wood thrush (???)	Piratebush; orange fin madtom; log perch	Alanthus problem--only one can think of (because of poor soils). Has replaced a lot of HWA-killed hemlock.	Central App. Shale barren in this block. At transition b/w SBR and Ridge and Valley--metasedimentary rock--that side of the SBR is where you get them. Right on border; more typically a ridge and valley comtry type.	Bottom Creek Gorge Preserve inside this--pretty big, toward southern end 2700 ac of protected land (TNC and DCR); plus also the city watershed at north end (not extremely large)			Booming bear population; lots of calls from residences around block regarding bear problems. Limestone at bottom of mountain. Poor vs Macks: Poor may be more threatened (Boy Scout camp in Mack's probably safe for now); but Poor may be more important as a connector to Ridge and Valley than for own sake.)	
14b	Macks Mountain	42006.6	16999.1	VA	Like Poor Mtn, low site indices. Lot of CH O, scarlet oak, black oak, mixed with PP, TMP, VP. Very little rich; more acidic cove		lot of old roads are more like trails now.		Large 765kv transmission line across it (same as one going over Poor Mtn.) But trees exist where goes over ravines. Wind facility being contemplated along area near transmission line.		Native brook trout stream above lake at Camp Powhatan. Camp has most of Macks Creek watershed. Some lead and e coli impairment in river at southern end.	A lot of timber cut in late 1900s for charcoal. A lot of it has "recovered," or is fairly resilient.	Fairly "mature"; early 1900s cut for charcoal. Some tid logging in 1960s, but pretty limited.			Iron mining in past at middle to north end of western side. Reclamation done and closed. Big ice storm 1993 or so; Hurricane Hugo 1989. Lots of blowdowns, but not as much as along BR escarpment.	Piratebush	Hasn't been hit by gypsy moth as much; was included in "slow the spread" pheromone trap applications. Hemlocks dying but not dead yet. Block has all the typical exotic invasives. Garlic mustard not bad	Really nice shale barrens, sizeable.	About 28K of the 42K acres under "protection" (includes large Boy Scout Camp near under CE) Also Camp Ottari.	Single private tract in NE corner over 10K acres???	Lot of shale, metasedimentary rock. Not much of more typical metamorphic rock like granite or schist. Poor vs Macks: Poor may be more threatened (Boy Scout camp in Mack's probably safe for now); but Poor may be more important as a connector to Ridge and Valley than for own sake.)	Steve Croy: should adjust boundary to avoid mine area		
14c	Unicoi	50028.1	23483.6	GA	Scarlet Oak, PP on ridge eastern edge of Tray Mtn--hill can understorey. Similar forest types as in others in this group, but some higher elevations. Huge sugar maple/basswood cove with tons of yellow wood at Swallow Crk			Mostly around edges--related to tourism around Helen, a little related to Lake Burton development on east side.			Hw of the Hwassee--hellbenders, brook trout in upper fw, rare crayfish.					Pretty active mgmt east side near Lake Burton--Rx burning, getting back woodlands. NOTE: huge tornado decimated parts of Lake Burton shores on April 27, 2011--check on impacts in this block to east.	High enough elevations to support ravens regularly there. Might be small whorled pogonia in block near border--not sure if in or out.		Unique scarlett oak/rhodod slick at top of Tray Mtn.; boulderfield forest	Tray Mtn Wilderness goes through middle; other parts are mostly generally roadless--de facto wilderness, will probably see little management. Kelly Ridge.		May want to check western boundary--not exclude FS ownership there.			
14c	Horsetrough Mt.	31071.9	12898.1	GA							Hw of the Chattahoochee	Same logging history (as Raven Cliffs).	Pretty similar to other areas.			Some recent timber harvest and Rx burning there; but lots of recreational use.			Similar to Raven Cliffs, but not as many outcrops; some boulderfield-like communities, but not yellow birch dominated.	Almost entirely NF. Mark Trail wilderness is a big chunk on west side.					
14c	Raven Cliffs Wilderness	27077.3	10957.8	GA	drier oak types on ridges; white pine a lot on more mesic sites; hemlock on creek bottoms. Not the pine types of Blood Mtn. Red cedar, ash, CH O (are these there in the area south of Cow Rock?). Some N aspect coves rich, but not sure they would stand out.						Hw of the Chattahoochee; Notably River on the N side.	Less recent harvest than Rich Mtn.	All pretty similar--70-90 year old forest; nothing different from most of the area.		Doesn't have the disturbance history of Blood Mtn.	Nothing remarkable in birds here.	Lots of Bittersweet, like Blood Mtn.	Basic glades, rock outcrops (gneissic basic rock, hornblende) going south from Cow Rock--doesn't have the rare elements might expect in those.	Wilderness area covers fair amount; other FS land has A.T.; heavy rec & scenic areas--multiple use, but fairly low intensity. Some addl areas on northern end proposed for wilderness study.		Generally good boundaries, but suggest should look at southern boundary where cut off some USFS ownership.				
14c	Blood Mt.	20006.3	8177.2	GA	Mostly Oak. A few signif stands of TMP (both ridgetops and down below)--significant restoration need. Stunted dwarf trees--woodland, fractured canopy. A lot less outstanding coves w/ big trees than Dunegan Ridge.							Was heavily cut over, except really steep areas.	Best block containing early successional habitat.		Long history of arson on N side of Hwy 60 (have created some interesting woodlands/native grass habitats. 5-6K acre fire came up Blood Mtn on S side from Hwy 60--created good ecol. Conditions.	One of two known populations of cerulean warblers in Ga.; highest bird diversity b/c of fire history. salsidopsis tridentate; other EO's.	Oriental bittersweet concentrations in wilderness up toward Blood Mtn. Have been treating. But spread a lot along A.T.	Best example of high elev. Rock summit in Ga. Noncalcareous outcrops.	About half block in Blood Mtn Wilderness. More recreation areas than anything. Chestate WMA. Probably one of top 5 recreation areas in forest.						

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15a	Honeycut Mt./ Humpback Mt.	1530.1	6446.7	NC	Richer O-H along ridge that not in other 15's, but mostly similar	Excellent	Will 221 be widened?								Really nice OG block right along 221 at N end					Includes Linville Caverns, only karst cave in WNC			"quite different" from other 15 group blocks		
15a	Little Switzerland	3037.8	12224.6	NC	O woodlands (Woods Mtn.); great POH; richer O-H; Carhem (dead?); RC & C Hdwd	Excellent	226 forms one boundary-main road up escarpment; being widened in places	226A is within block; frequent travel but mostly local							a, 500 ac OG Woods Mtn.; probably 1000 ac OG on Armstrong Crk.			<i>Hudsonia montana</i> (G1S1); turkey beard; <i>shorlia</i> on somewhat trashed pvt land	Lots of knotweed going up 226 near Gillespie Gap	Lots of public conservation (NF); large pvt potential consrv (Wildcres, Lk. Tahoma)			Lot of FS RxBurn here		
15b	Doughton/Stone Mt.	38053.0	15399.5	NC	Mostly CH O; some POH		DOT may change						Early cutting							small ROs; a few WLS; small SBs; AC; RC	Lots of public conservation				
15b	Vannoy	45356.4	18354.7	NC	More fragmented than Doughton		Old Hwy 16 on west		Contains failed huge Laurelmoor subdivision???? (see Elk Ridge re Laurelmoor)				Early cutting	Not as good of condition as Doughton			Audubon has bird counts on assemblage	Not as well explored			Less existing conservation; disjoint piece of WRC gamelands; large pvt CE in N section			Has perhaps some of the highest relief of any block (Curtis Smalling)	
15b	Rendezvous Mt.	41992.1	16993.6	NC		Cmt 1: Most frag in Sub Grp (w/Ek); Cmt 2: better than Vannoy			large development (Scala Falls) near center; also large roaded area at recent dev. NE corner		Could potentially build 10k ac out from State Forest, but may be hard to connect to Pkwy area.				Remnant OG CH O Forest and patches of other "reasonably mature" at Rendezvous St. Forest; which, however, is mostly not mature.			One bog turtle pop. in SW section of blk near road.	Doesn't have major RO's of Doughton	State Forest (DRF)			Managing for cluster of cerulean warb's at MP 270 on Pkwy; also, includes highest occurrence of whipporwills @ about 1800 ft elev.		
15b	Elk Ridge	51081.8	20995.8	NC	Most frag in Sub Grp; 12,000 ac unfrag area within??? (to west)		US 421 is a boundary		Laurelmoor in this block??? Reynolds Blue Ridge (Jay????); Leatherwood hunting & equestrian commty (Reynolds)			Very good (ORW)						Reynolds area--no rare plants; NHP will be inventorying in coming years; ceruleans, App. Woodrats, some rare plants near fields	Reynolds area--talus, no periglacial				Might focus on 12K ac area in W section, cut out rest		
15b	Yadkin Headwaters	49946.0	20172.0	NC	POH & O forest throughout	May be best along with Doughton						Buffalo Fork & Joe's Fork good WQ								Fairly small single RO	Mingo Tract (pvt. Conservation?); WRC Buffalo Gamelands	Includes unprotected 1800 ac trout club lease on Yadkin River			
15c	Bent Mt.	31925.5	12919.8	VA	More acidic cover; a little richer; deeper soils (but not Rich Cove); more rain, than Poor & Blacks; Tulip poplar; Montane Oak, red oaks		State road at "pinch point" is not a big road--almost have to pull of to let pass. Should revisit. BR Pkwy gets a lot of traffic, but questioned if fragmenter		Disturbed with farms as high up as possible for long time. Took timber off upper ridges.	Small communications facility at top of peak in "subblock" to east could be developed into larger one.	This block may be more important as a connector than block, as with Poor Mtn.		9 segments considered trout streams; 3 segments considered impaired.	Has been disturbed for long time. Allen thinks been high-graded for years. Lot of family limbering.			Lots of ice storms--"can look like Wwi in there."		Wonder if may b important breeding area for cerulean warblers because of maturity of forests and canopy gaps created by steep terrain.			"sub block" to east-peak of mtn may be owned by one family.			Revisit pinch point. Should area to SE be a separate block?
16	Hickory Nut Gorge	65689.2	26668.5	NC	Some TMP; excellent Carhem; RC	Excellent; "keep in"; parallel value with Chimney Rock								Real variable condition, but substantial acreage in good condition, particularly at S end.				Really good collection of rare species here; internal connectivity (??)		Does this include Hickory Nut Mtn?			Major geographic brk at AVL basin--lot of spp reach their limit N or S of here.		
16	Green River	30218.8	12229.1	NC		Excellent; "keep in"								Variable; "some good stuff in there"		WRC Rx fire--some stand replacement, some TMP regen; could be core with multiple use around			Includes significant mafic peaks (Tryon Peak)--very nice inclusions; interesting nat. commtys.	Large WRC gamelands; Large 2K ac pvt holding on Hungry River? (or is that in Chimney Rock?)					
16	Blue Wall	56333.7	22799.9	SC, NC	Low elev rich cove forest; Lycopodium/white oak/red oak communities;				Large unroaded area at center (Poinsett Wshed) w/ TNC CE on it, about 20K acres. Cliffs development (heavy) lies between watershed and Chestnut Ridge Her. Preserve.		There is some missing protection data that should show a connection between the watershed and the Chestnut Ridge Her. Preserve.		1934-36 approximately last large cut in watershed; youngest stuff 1967 (when Wshed was protected); outside Wshed, varies a lot, but maybe early 1940s last landscape wide cut			There was an artillery range, and some development in watershed during 1920s; ice storms much more extensive than hurricane landslide damage--doubled fuel load in some burn units; Japanese three lined weevil defoliating lots of holly trees	Ovenbirds, black & white warblers; scarlet tanagers	Sisyrinchium on mafic outcrops.	Princess tree, tree of heaven, kudzu; oriental bittersweet significant; invasive trees taking hold in canopy gaps. Most multiflora rose as anywhere in SC mtns. Wild hogs.	richer soils (5.6-6.2); really lush diverse herbaceous assemblage--a lot of things here that aren't anywhere else in SC; foothills subtype; spray cliffs; some granite outcrops	Public watersheds; a lot of land publicly owned, not managed; Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve--state bought from Champion late 1990s; some camps around watershed.	700 ac for sale		"Enormous amt" of amphibolite inclusions here; Chestnut Ridge Her. Preserve has all the mafic endemics; much of the watershed is mafic	

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16	Mt. Bridge	28688.8	11601.9	SC, NC	Pretty much the same as other blocks.		Powerline at west boundary--are widening it now; is managed to have no understory, no canopy. Just as did the NC experts. SC experts suggested Green River Road to north maybe not an appropriate fragmenting feature: almost complete canopy cover over it, very different from powerline to west.				"This is the missing piece in connecting the whole escarpment."	Headwaters; may be some water quality issues on Middle Saluda.	Probably harvested twice.	Mostly 70 year old timber.			Not a lot of fire history; maybe occasional lightning strikes.			Some granitic outcrop communities.	Very limited protected land; but also limited development; small amount of camps and small mtn communities. Private ownership of richest geology areas in SC.; CE on Cedar Rock 600 ac. Ltd development; Naturaland Trust owns piece there; Upstate Forever CE; County Park west of Cliffs at Mountain Park.	1000 ac Girt Scout Camp. While tract TNC is trying to buy	Richest geology in NE section of this block; pH 6.8-7.0. There are a lot of spp. That exist here that is only location in SC.	Just as NC experts suggested, maybe Green River Road shouldn't be fragmenter--canopy cover.
16	Jocassee	8215.6	33271.5	SC, NC	Different in different places. Some mountains partially logged in 1926, but didn't take out limby stuff. Lots of ridge tops have huge white oaks because left during logging. Watauga Mtn--basswood, ash, very large old stuff. Some shortleaf, TMP, pitch pine ridges. Has soils from very acid to 7.4 pH. Lots of mtn land on ridges. Includes last good Car Hem bluffs--being treated.	WAS ASSESSED with MT BRIDGE WEST		Minor lakeshore development; another 40 acres could be developed			More outstanding resource waters than anywhere else in state of SC. Horsepasture River in NC; candidate for ORW		Parts function as "older growth." Lots of older growth in very steep mountainsides--150 years old. Lots of pockets of older growth. 10% 120 years old; 10% 80-120.				At Eastatoe Valley (this block???) 535 rare plant populations on 530 ac.; lots of stuff no where else in SC; some stuff nowhere else in SE. Pitcher plants; Oconee bells. Only pair of peregrine falcons in SC.	Eastatoe and Brasstown may be only valleys left to conserve in Upstate SC. (Both probably have been treeless for 1000 years.) Critical for bear in fall. A lot of stream bottoms in better shape than in other places.	Eastoe Valley--big problem with generational turnover; land rich, cash poor, not in a hurry.	Management varies a fair amount: Gville watershed totally hands off; State Parks, public recreation/access; gamelands.	Discussion of powerline as fragmenter: ultimately, strongly argued not to use powerline as a fragmenter.			
16	Chimney Rock	13739.2	5557.6	NC	Similar to HNG block	Excellent; "keep in"; parallel value with Hickory Nut Gorge					Connector between this and HNG block very important		Similar to HNG block						Bigger RO's here than HNG, but there too					
16	Mt. Bridge West	14065.6	5692.2	SC, NC																Has two inholdings; most of rest is already protected		False sedimentary area showing up on geology; not quartzite there, it's granite.	Suggested combining with Jocassee and Headwaters blocks	
17a	Spring Creek Mt.	40589.6	16426.0	NC									NF part is "battered"; but "good stuff" in the gorge							Almost entirely private; NF part at N end is battered		Not as good a potential as the Newfound Mtns block Josh proposes; according to him	"Could lump the gorge part in with Max Patch block"	
17b	Headwaters	5211.9	21129.4	SC, NC		WAS ASSESSED with MT BRIDGE WEST																Includes largest unprotected tract in WNC (8,000 ac)		
17b	White Water	38888.5	16134.2	SC, NC	Lots of POH w/ remnants of open habitat. "Shortleaf pine heaven."						Pretty good, except for marmade lakes.					This is one of the most fire-prone areas in SC. Active Rx burning since 1970s/80s. Had perhaps biggest, most intense wildfire here in 1970s.			Bull Pen Bog	Lots of protected lands: Oconee St Park, Oconee Station; USFS		Amphibolite inclusions in Station Cove. Distinguishing feature: rapid rise from Piedmont, then levels off at 107, then falls off on other side to Chattooga.		
17b	Upper Chattooga/ Three State	5880.2	23828.0	NC, SC, GA	Pretty similar to Rabun Bald area. PH heath; some TMP.	90% FS owned.					Aquatically, same as Lower and Mid Chattooga.	"typical"				2-3 wildfires of 1000 acres or more in last several years. A little bit of timber mgmt for restoration purposes--done some thinning to get back TMP, but very small. Some Rx. Fire.	THE site for Sawnet owls in winter.	Lots of cliffside goldenroot; sand myrtle. Small whorled pogonia; green salamander	Hedden Crk Bog	Much is protected; some inholdings, some towns. 90% FS owned. Less than 1/4 in Ga. is in wilderness. Wild & Scenic River partially in this block.	There is a Table Mountain Pine PLANTATION here.			
17b	Tiger	15606.6	6315.8	GA												Some recent burris with good recovery. (Mike Brod worked this area on Rx fire--could call him.)			Only one EC--1991 naked fruit rush.	"usual array"		NOTE: nobody seemed to recognize this area or the roads around it. End conclusion: nothing particularly special about this area.		

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17c	Duncan Ridge	49488.7	20019.3	GA	Includes Sosebee Cove--very diverse cove. One of better areas for Rich Coves in Ga. Boulderfield forest on Coosa Bald, north side of block. South side: mixed white pine, hemlock, oak. North slopes more mesic yellow poplar, northern red oak.		Heavy development along highway--threat to watershed.	Pretty heavily roaded, but just with single lane gravel FS roads.					Overall pretty heavily settled and logged; even some of the premier yellow poplar sites are second growth. A lot of chestnuts cut for leather tanning industry. 10-20% been actively managed during FS ownership and is 30 yrs or less.	Old growth Yellow Poplar at Cooper Creek Sc. Area.			Red breasted nuthatches breeding here.	Ceruleans seen here; trying to manage for, but not breeding yet. Most bog turtles of any block. Historic GWW sites gone now. Purple fringed orchids on Wolf Creek. Native brook trout streams. Darters in Upper Toccoa; hellbenders premier site in Cooper Crk.	Along hwy's, roads; wildlife plots.			Coosa Bald Scenic Area (not a bald) and Cooper Crk Scenic Area--special levels of protection; rest in multiple use, some mgmt prescriptions. Fair amt Rx fire, some commercial timber.		
17c	Rocky Mt.	13353.4	5403.9	GA	More mesic acidic. Lot of white pine. Very much like Amicalola Dahnonega.			Mostly just dead end forest roads.	Houses on north side and along Gaddistown Rd.			Hellbenders in hw of Toccoa Riv.		Lot of 70-80 yr old forest, mostly protected.				Rx. Fire (to control white pine and promote oak regen).	Bog Turtle site.			FS ownership--no wilderness. Lot of recreation use. Rx. Fire.	This block doesn't jump out as being a unique site.	Suggest should combine with Amicalola.
18	Asheville Watershed/ Curtis Creek	72746.4	29439.4	NC		Excellent						Exceptional						A number of "federally ranked" spp.	Large outbreak of miscanthus in AVL watershed, plus microstegium, bittersweet, spirea				Excellent mafic inclusions at N side of block	M. Schafale suggests combine with Black Mtns. Pkwy between the two is not much of a barrier
18	Grandfather Mt.	30700.0	36705.3	NC		Excellent; includes 3 big roadless areas																		
19a	Dupont	25143.7	10175.3	NC	A lot of drier montane oak hickory forest; probably more than in other blocks								Not a lot of hardcore old growth, but quite a lot of decent middle age forest on it's way							Lot of concentration of wetlands and mountains		This is one of the unusual landscapes, like Pantertown, with large areas of exfoliating rock--very unique	Suggest should combine with Dupont West across power line and to south with Mt. Bridge across Green River Road; need to refine northern boundaries	
19a	Dupont West	9839.2	3976.5	NC	A lot of drier montane oak hickory forest; probably more than in other blocks								Not a lot of hardcore old growth, but quite a lot of decent middle age forest on it's way							Lot of concentration of wetlands and mountains		This is one of the unusual landscapes, like Pantertown, with large areas of exfoliating rock--very unique	Suggest should combine with Dupont across power line and to south with Mt. Bridge across Green River Road; need to refine northern boundaries	
19b	Cathy's Creek	25807.5	10443.9	NC	NOT REVWD																			Mike Schafale suggested combine with Looking Glass--road boundary even less than 276 and 215
19b	N. Fork French Broad	#####	5891.7	NC																				
19c	Mt. Rogers	60166.4	27990.7	VA								Some of best WQ in state											Suggested renaming because Mt Rogers not in this block	
20a	Chunky Gal	51993.4	21041.0	NC														Golden Winged Warblers; corulean too	Serpentine barrens--our one big ultramafic area. It is a woodland (Rx fire 15 yr. history); Bog at edge with Fires Creek (in this block, or left out of both?)				"Similar environmental setting to Standing Indian"	Gary K suggests should lump with Standing Indian block. But then later someone said that "the ones that go best together are Chunky Gal and Fires Creek."
20a	Tri-County	66618.6	27768.9	NC	Disjunct Spruce on high ridge; patches of N.H. quite a bit of White Pine stands								Some big timber projects on public land; Welch, County Line.	Mixed bag. Core on public land, despite big timber sales, but not super big.				Rare spp. assoc. with spruce forest					Viewed as a bridge between Nantahala Mtns and Cowees, though "lots of nice stuff there" in its own right. "Based on lack of info regarding this block, it may not be as compelling, compared with others we've done; we don't have much info about it."	Suggest cutting out area of significant parcelization along Alarka Road.
20a	Cowee	63642.0	25755.0	NC					Lots of ridgetop high end development on the Macon County side.					Higher elevations of Cowees have significant "older growth" of [??] forest type									Includes outcroppings of mafic rock and smaller ultramafic	Note: some snhs got clipped out of SE side of block. Suggest cutting out lot of development west of Lake Glenville

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20b	Pond Mt.	6800.2	28247.2	TN, NC	"Potentially pure" red spruce community. "Some neat hardwood forests."	Mostly intact and NF land.			Lots of fields N of 19E; mostly valleys in NC part; fragmented; Elk River Gorge "really nice"	One powerline on TN side.			Not much timber harvest in much of NF. Especially not much in eastern half of FS ownership in block.	Some big trees, but not really O G		Catastrophic fire from mid 20's, destroying logging road infrastructure		Sawwhet owls.		Heath bald. Forested bog (Jones Branch Bog--23 ac.--high quality).	Mostly FS--including big Wilderness.		"Like the amphibolites without the unique mountains"	
20b	Unaka Mt. Wilderness	46503.9	18855.9	TN, NC	S F different here--goes down really low (4000 ft.); Sweetgum flats on N side; "nice N H" (Gary K.; from 15 yrs ago); extensive POH on TN side	Suggested we clip the southern side--lots of fields														USFS: TN side is wilderness; not NC side.		"A freak show"--Josh		
20b	Big Laurel	4882.7	20093.7	NC	NOT REVWD				Lots of ag in the valleys within the block			Outstanding Resource Waters in Big Laurel;		Forests not as extensive or as good a shape as other blocks							Not much public land (maybe 1000 ac along A.T.); maybe a few easements		Shouldn't be as high a priority as others.	
20b	Hurricane Mts.	39757.4	16089.2	TN, NC	Lot of CH O forest				Lots of fields and fragmentation at southern end.				Quite a bit of logging here even in NF.	Forest condition quite variable--"some is battered." Lower percentage of really good forest in this block compared with others.				Lots of GWW's, esp. on pvt. land; zigzag salamanders; "interesting" bat spp.	Purportedly the biggest population density of Pawlonia in N. America; also, garlic mustard bad here.	Some very nice natural areas in this block.		Very similar geology with Max Patch.	NOTE: Completely outside of SBR boundary. It's Ridge and Valley. A lot of bear get hit on I-81 on N side of this block	Suggest should be lumped with Max Patch & Harmon Den--only dirt roads separating them. Might want to adjust southern boundary to just top of Hurricane Ridge
21	Sugar Grove	32103.7	13024.3	VA	Montane Oak; HERO, poplar coves; lot of rhododendron								Lot of past logging, highly disturbed	"Mature forest, but nothing you'd call old growth."		Mining at southern part on Pugh Mtn and on eastern end--reclaimed.		Lot of autumn olive		3000 acre pvt property, camp (CE on it); USFS				
21	Jefferson/Iron Mt.	#####	30709.2	VA																				
22a	Roan Mt West	5225.0	22348.8	NC, TN	S F, N H; HERO													18 State and Federal listed species		High elev rocky summits. Natural communities here are high quality, including forests. Ripshin bog at north end? Moffett Laurel Botanical Area (608 ac) has one of most mesic forest areas--swamp forest-bog complex, high elev snep. Boulderfield forest.			suggested we combine Roan East and West	
22a	Big Bald	32524.5	13162.2	NC, TN		Pvt land in Yancey Co. very fragmented;														So. App. Hardwood boulderfield forest (G3) very high quality at East Fork of Higgins Creek (age & structure uncommon for this region)			19W may or may not be fragmenter w/ Nolichucky block; way less busy than Bl. Ridge Pkwy by long shot	
22b	Pink Beds	57300.1	23188.5	NC	NOT REVWD																			
22b	Panthertown Valley	48657.6	20095.7	NC	Includes some white pine plantation							Outstanding Resource Waters;	Lot of prior "land use history" on NF; fairly disturbed, but recovering.								NF; Includes some large CE's held by SAHC		Questioned similarity of Panthertown and Standing Indian	Recommendation that we split out some development along western side
22b	Collasaja	32973.5	13343.9	NC	Lots of different types of forest (CH O, etc.)			Road through gorge--goes between inhabited areas--lots of traffic, even at night					"Lots of good forest, especially in the gorge"					Invasives issues in the gorge		A lot of snha's in this block; Prominent spray cliffs @ "the Fishhawks," lots of interesting mafic communities; prominent rock outcrops at Scaly Mtn and Little Scaly				
22b	Standing Indian	95508.2	38650.8	NC, GA	N H								No unusual logging history.	"Large extent of old growth throughout"		Doing a little bit of cutting for early successional habitat (grouse mgmt) in a few places.	Crossbills, creeper (???)	Golden Winged Warblers. Rare lichens related to Buck Creek Serpentine Barrens. Only Ga. state EO for water shrew. Small whorled pogonia--Pum Orchard Gap.	Cedar glades; large swamp bog complex along Nantahala River. Cliff on Hightower Bald. Buck Creek Serpentine Barrens	Southern Nantahala Wilderness in upper third in Ga. along NC line. Ga. Wildlife Federation owns a piece of property in block.		questioned similarity of Panthertown and Standing Indian	Gary K suggests should lump with Churkey Gal block. Rocky Knob is north of the block--suggested should include that. Ga. experts say look at east boundary--FS land excluded	

Block Group	Block Name	Acres	Hectares	State(s)	Forest Types	Overall Fragmentation	Boundary Roads	Internal Roads	Internal Development	Energy Infrastructure	Surrounding Landscape	Water Quality	Harvest History	Maturity Proportion	Biological Legacies	Disturbance History	Interior Spp.	Rare Spp.	Exotic Spp.	Natural Communities	Ownership type	Tract Sizes	Other	Combine/ Split?
23	Roy Taylor	93625.3	37888.8	NC, SC	Lower parts quite different from top (goes up to spruce fir)	"Much more fragmented"; but suits concept of working forest around core		Considerable amount of roads (but are they just old logging roads?)	Lower part, lot of small valleys with fields, but ridges with forests between them.															Suggested all parkway blocks be combined in this area, as well as blocks divided by Hwy 215 and 276
23	Looking Glass	20438.9	8271.3	NC																				Suggest combine with Pink Beds--276 not enough of a barrier" (but, on other hand, gets lots of traffic all the way up to the top)
23	Mt. Pisgah	14202.1	5747.4	NC															Gary Kauffman: if megablock, should call it the "Oriental Bittersweet Megablock"					Suggested should be lumped with others--276 carries more traffic than 215
24	Richland Balsam	#####	12425.4	NC	NOT REVW'D																			Suggested combo into megablock
24	Shining Rock	#####	14495.1	NC	NOT REVW'D																			Suggested combo into megablock
25	Roan Mt. East	65580.9	26539.6	NC	N H; S F;		Hwy 261--Shafale thinks not a barrier													Grassy Balds; some spruce fir; northern hardwoods				Suggested we combine Roan East and West
25	Amphibolite Mts.	51023.2	20648.4	NC		Quite a bit of pasture in the bottomlands	Reconsider road at bottom so as to possibly include Tater Hill; ALSO, suggested should include 2 snha's at Little Phoenix, instead of using road to divide there.	"Roadless" area around Long Hope about 16K ac, or 33% of block.											Lots of EO's, including lots of rare plants	Probably most significant bog complex in state	Long Hope Valley is in largest "roadless" area			