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Legend Approximate positions of low-water and Greene Road bridges		Historical Aerial Imagery	Linville River Re Gill Stat
-	Historical aerial imagery from USGS Earth Explorer	Minor variations in scale and orientation among photos	Avery County,

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A6. Existing Longitudinal Profile

Linville River Existing Profile (Reach 2)



A7. Existing Cross-sections



A7. Existing Cross-sections (continued)



A8. Pebble Count Data

d ₁₆ (mm)	1.3
d ₃₅ (mm)	16
d ₅₀ (mm)	90
d ₈₄ (mm)	512
d ₉₅ (mm)	bedrock
d ₁₀₀ (mm)	bedrock



Class Name	Particle Size Class (mm)	Total	Cumulative %
Silt/Clay	< 0.062	3	3
Very Fine Sand	0.062 - 0.125	0	3
Fine Sand	0.125 - 0.25	0	3
Medium Sand	0.25 - 0.5	4	7
Coarse Sand	0.5 - 1.0	7	14
Very Coarse Sand	1.0 - 2.0	6	20
Very Fine Gravel	2.0 - 4.0	2	22
Fine Gravel	4.0 - 5.7	3	25
Fine Gravel	5.7 - 8.0	4	29
Medium Gravel	8.0 - 11.3	2	31
Medium Gravel	11.3 - 16.0	4	35
Coarse Gravel	16.0 - 22.6	1	36
Coarse Gravel	22.6 - 32	0	36
Very Coarse Gravel	32 - 45	5	41
Very Coarse Gravel	45 - 64	5	46
Small Cobble	64 - 90	4	50
Small Cobble	90 - 128	6	56
Large Cobble	128 - 180	7	63
Large Cobble	180 - 256	9	72
Small Boulder	256 - 362	8	80
Small Boulder	362 - 512	4	84
Medium Boulder	512 - 1024	2	86
Large Boulder	1024 - 2048	0	86
Bedrock	>2048	14	100

A9. Bank Erodibility Assessment

Description	Begin Station	End Station	Bank	BEHI	NBS	Erosion Rate	Erosion Volume
	(feet)	(feet)				(feet/year)	(tons/year)
Upstream of new bridge	0	70	L	very low	low	0.02	0.3
Opsiteant of new bridge	0	70	R	low	low	0.02	0.3
Under new bridge	70	110	L	low	low	0.02	0.2
Under new bridge	70	110	R	low	low	0.02	0.2
Between new bridge and	110	440	L	moderate	low	0.02	1.5
low-water bridge	110	440	R	moderate	low	0.02	1.5
Through first mid-channel	440	800	L	moderate	high	0.12	9.6
bar	440	800	R	moderate	very high	0.28	22.4
Through second mid-	800	1300	L	low	high	0.12	13.3
channel bar	800	1300	R	moderate	very high	0.28	31.1
To confluence with	1300	1780	L	low	low	0.02	2.1
Tributary 1	1300	1780	R	moderate	low	0.02	2.1
Thursda lawso as al	1780	2450	L	low	low	0.02	3.0
Through large pool	1780	2450	R	moderate	low	0.02	3.0
To end of reach (beginning	2450	2810	L	moderate	high	0.12	9.6
of mid-channel bar)	2450	2810	R	low	low	0.02	1.6

APPENDIX B

STAKEHOLDER INPUT

March 26, 2013 Meeting Notes (prepared by NCFS)

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Attendees:

Hunter Birckhead: NCFS Lenoir District Forester-D2. Michael Cheek: NCFS Asst. Regional Forester-R3. Tom Gerow, Jr.: NCFS Staff Forester. Ron Hollifield: NCFS Regional Ranger-R3. Clyde Leggins: NCFS Tree Improvement Supv.-West Ken Roeder: NCFS Forest Geneticist. Bill Swartley: NCFS Forest Hydrologist. Greg Yates: NCFS Regional Forester-R3. Greg Jennings, PE: Stantec. Jason Zink, PE: Zink Environmental, PLLC.

Chasity Carnett: NCFS Admin. Assistant-Crossnore

Swartley explained intent and purpose: NCFS is hiring Jennings Environmental to assess current conditions, evaluate options, and prepare a master plan related to water resources on entire Gill State Forest (GSF) property, including potential restoration in the Linville River. Cost of plan will be paid from a grant awarded by NC Division of Water Resources to NCFS last year. We are working through NCDACS and State Construction Office to hire Jennings Environmental. Not all stream restoration projects are the same: Some projects are done for compensatory mitigation and monies are exchanged between parties for the right to do restoration. Some projects are done solely to improve the natural resources. Some projects are done to fix/repair/remediate degradation problems which impact human activities (flooding, bank erosion, stream crossings, etc.)

Roeder: Any work done at GSF should not increase potential for contamination of nursery stock from root-rot fungus or other pathogens which could jeopardize the nursery's operations. If there is increased public access to the GSF, this would increase potential for contamination.

Hollifield: NCFS does not have staffing to make GSF an open, public facility. Only have 2 FTE's (and 1 is now vacant). The main purpose of the property is to host training events and support nursery. Also, before work is done on-the-ground, the adjoining (downstream) private property owners should be informed and made aware of potential work. The NCFS local/regional staff should be the main point-of-contact with any landowners, not contractors.

Several commented that current traditional users of Linville River (fishermen) usually park in areas on the west side of the River off the highway, either in designated areas or anywhere they can park. NCFS needs to keep public fishermen parking on the west side of river, we cannot support public/fishing parking on the east side "at the Facility" itself.

Several stated there is no desire to create a trail network. There are current footpaths leading to the river from Linville Falls highway, those paths are fine. Some are contributing sedimentation or bank erosion and may need work. Yates said that NCFS would support an educational/training trail coming directly from the Training Facility, down to the River, for instruction of students, etc.

Jennings: There are no options "on" or "off" the table: this plan is being prepared for the NCFS with no pre-conceived notions of what should be done or should not be done. Now is the time to get all of our

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wants, needs, concerns, limitations, goals on the table so that the plan accurately reflects NCFS long term management mission for this property (as it relates to water resources).

Much discussion was had on irrigation needs for nursery beds. Currently there is 1 pump house feeding into a 6-inch line. That line crosses the river on the low-water bridge, then goes north to the fields on east side of River. There was no consensus on what the ideal solution would be if the irrigation system was modified in the future, but generally the group recognized that if the low-water bridge is removed, the irrigation system could be altered to maintain irrigation. Some options included: burying the 6-inch line below the river; installing dry-hydrants in the river down south and up north, then using a portable pump as needed, or multiple portable pumps. Or installing a new permanent intake and pump up north to use it for irrigating the east-side fields, and leaving the existing pump & intake to irrigate the west-side fields. Also possibly hanging a new irrigation line off the high-water bridge to cross the river. There may be other options. Jennings noted that if restoration was done on the Linville River, there may be opportunities to create small pools in the river which could be tapped by the irrigation intake(s), thus assuring water availability even during droughts or low-flow conditions in the river.

Much discussion was had about the low-water bridge. Currently the east-side section has settled and heavy equipment is restricted from driving across. The gates are kept locked until access is needed. A tractor-pulled mower may be too wide to fit through the high-water bridge, but general consensus was that all other NCFS heavy equipment would fit through the high-water bridge "if you're careful, not much room for error". Group agreed that the old low-water bridge needs to be addressed, either removed completely or repaired. Group generally understood the benefits of removing the structure and supported a replacement large stone-cobble-aggregate ford crossing at the same location that could be included if the Linville River was restored. A low-water ford crossing would satisfy NCFS needs for large equipment crossing on a limited basis while eliminating the low bridge structure. Jennings and Swartley noted that most likely, a grant fund or permitting agency would almost certainly require that the low bridge (and the gravel island "bar" in the middle of the river) to be removed as a condition of funding or allowing a restoration project to proceed in the Linville River, in an effort to functionally "restore" and improve the river conditions and remove obstacles.

Jennings asked about potential to improve or expand existing riparian buffers, mainly along the Linville River. Yates noted that some of the grassy mowed areas could be naturalized, but that we should maintain some readily-accessible areas for users of the Training Facility: the river naturally draws attention from visitors and we do not want to prohibit or restrict all access. Roeder and Leggins stated that further discussions with supervisor (James West) would be needed to determine how much, if any, of current nursery fields could be sacrificed to create or expand riparian buffers. There may be some places where mowing along or within a buffer can stop and not interfere with nursery beds, thus allowing natural vegetation re-growth, but in other places we would likely have to give up production area to add to buffer zones. Issue needs to be investigated further.

Hollifield, Yates and others agreed that work is needed to better control stormwater runoff from the parking lots and driveways and shops situated on the adjoining hillslope. Some work has been done to control runoff, but more work would be welcomed to keep sediment out of the river and prevent erosion wash-outs of the driveways and parking lot.

<u>Needs</u>

- Irrigation capabilities from the Linville River for nursery bed fields on each side of the River
- Ability to drive wide, large, oversized equipment across the River on a limited basis; at another location besides the high-water bridge

Concerns

• Side-effects of restoration work that would attract more public visitation/use of river corridor; we need to keep public use confined within the corridor. No additional parking expansion for fishermen.

Limitations

- Minimize impact to nursery operations/infrastructure
- Minimize impact to Mountain Training Facility operations/infrastructure
- Retain gun firing range operations in place: recognize the need to expand or install new barriers within the shooting gallery area if current terrain is altered (to maintain safety certification)
- No negative impact to adjoining private property owners downstream (hydro-trespass)

<u>Goals</u>

- Improve flood protection for Mountain Training Facility and Linville River Nursery infrastructure
- Improve stormwater runoff management from adjoining hillslopes, roads, parking lots
- Improve sediment control, aquatic habitat, and environmental conditions of Linville River
- Resolve failed old low-water bridge: either need to fix it or remove it
- Improve footer protection of new high-water bridge from being undermined during floods
- Protect (improve?) existing high quality headwater streams up on Gill State Forest
- Resolve sedimentation/road erosion problems up on Gill State Forest

APPENDIX C

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN DRAWINGS

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Appendix C: Conceptual Design Drawings Linville River Stream Restoration **For North Carolina Forest Service** (Not For Construction)

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WOOD TOE HABITAT REVETMENT

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- REACH 1 ENHANCEMENT
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- IN-STREAM HABITAT TREATMENTS TO PROMOTE HABITAT AND ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT MAY INCLUDE:
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Zone	Common Name	Scientific Name
	Silky willow	Salix sericea
	Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis
1 - Live Stakes	Elderberry	Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis
	Tag Alder	Alnus serrulata
	River Birch	Betula nigra
	Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
	Tulip poplar	Liriodendron tulipifera
2 - Bottomland Hardwood	Green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
	lronwood	Carpinus caroliniana
	Eastern cottonwood	Populus deltoides



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