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This appears to have a committee. I've advised about 8 or 9 people specifically

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and it's an honor to have you all here and I appreciate you showing up to take the time to out of your busy day to come and listen to our management plan.

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So with that said, I do want to make a few housekeeping notes, about the housekeeping here.

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First of all, we have masks.

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Are available, if anybody is comfortable wearing a mask you are certainly welcome to do that and we encourage you to do that if you so desire.

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We have hand sanitizer back there on the tables. The bathrooms,

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The restrooms are down the hall, the door that's open here behind us down the hall is first down is the ladies,

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The first door is the ladies’ and obviously the second is the men’s. They’re labeled. Help yourself, we have tea and drinks over here in the cooler.

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So by all means help yourself, Like I said this is informal. Help yourself to it. You’re more than welcome to drink and eat as much as you want.

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With that said, I would like to take this time to introduce the people I invited. I'm called them the committee.

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and so I would like to invite, if not, recognize each one of you.

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This is Mr. Ernest Dallas, Larry Jones, Billy Schafer, Randy Brian, Jim Fisher,

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Charles Gaines, Mr. Ron Riffel, and Mr. Michael Burns. It's a privilege to have each one of you here.

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so we want you to feel everybody feel welcome. But most importantly, we want you to ask questions. The agenda in front of you says

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Roughly two o'clock that’s not written in stone, the main reason we having this at lunch so we would be constrained by time if,

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if this last an hour or several (inaudible) was, you know, whatever you wanted, we we're here to answer your questions best we can.

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So I just want to make you feel at home on that. I’d also like to introduce those some of our Legislature, the General Assembly here, Senator Ron Caldwell,

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And representative Steven Hollowell and I believe representative Reginald Murdoch was going to attend, but I guess was not able to attend.

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So welcome. As far as all of our other guests welcome.

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So. Also, I sent out a text to the committee members.

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I hope everybody got if you didn't apologize. Randy

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I apologize. Oh gosh. So and I put it in there our plan was if it was a nice beautiful day.

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You know, I was actually going to, you know, only if you were interested we was going to take y'all out to the wooded area.

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And let him, the forester to show or have any questions or comments or concerns out there.

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You know, we can talk about it out there, but I think some of that would be addressed in here.

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But with that said, it's rainy, and they're not do not take this, you can (inaudible)

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But when the wind starts blowing, that's kind of an issue as well.

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But at the end of the meeting, if anybody wants to go out there and we obviously will, we'll see what we can do at that time.

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So we welcome that as well. We want you to leave here with some questions answered, hopefully,

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We've got some questions answered. Before I get started, I would like to introduce our interim vice president, Chuck Culver, invite him to say a few things,

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Chuck Culver: I'll just be brief. I'm grateful on behalf of the Division that all of y’all took your time to be here,

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For those of you who are not familiar with the Division of Agriculture really is,

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we've been a separate institution within the UA System since 1959, and we have two sides of our house.

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We have an Agricultural Experiment Station and this is an experiment station,

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We have centers and stations and Shawn’s been a long time here.

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Great Representative of Ag Experiment Station. We also have the Cooperative Extension Service.

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We have offices in all 75 counties in Arkansas and we have representatives here who are going to be joining the work

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for the committee from St. Francis and Cross County will also be working with Woodruff and Monroe County as well.

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So I did want to say as I said

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The division started in 1959. The very first acquisition of the brand-new division was this station here in 1960.

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So there was a lot of shared history because the two had grown up together.

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And so we have a plan here that we're really proud to highlight, but we very much value y'all's input on this as well.

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So again, on behalf of the Division of Agriculture, thank you for joining us.

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SHAWN CLARK: Before we get started, I just want to reiterate this is about y'all's questions and concerns.

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So let me go to foresters here. This is Dr Kyle Cunningham.

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He’s our extension forester speaking first and this is Michael McGowan.

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He's the University System's forester, he’ll be speaking second.

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So as they're presenting their material, if you see something that we're speaking about and you want some more interpretation of questions,

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stop to let us know and he'll address the question then after the presentation.

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That's why it's about questions. We will address your questions later.

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This is real informal. The only thing I do, I ask questions.

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You know one at a time be patient. If somebody has a question and it takes a little longer if they want an answer

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Let everybody get their questions answered.

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That's what this meeting is about. But the meeting is about the forestry management plan.

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So let's, you know, try to keep focused on what we're here in ways we when they meet again, we'll do that.

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CHUCK CULVER: We have one more introduction

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We have Brandon Dixon here representing the Governor's Office

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SHAWN CLARK: All right. I'm sorry about this.

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I’ll be looking for another job after the meeting.

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Let me let me address. That's the best way to address that a little bit. So we're going to be here.

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So again, once you have made it right, that's kind of what it is.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER: That's what I have to address that John and I have our position, but we don't let it go through.

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KYLE CUNNINGHAM: OK, but I apologize. But yeah, yeah, let me address that.

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So what I would say as I'm going through my presentation and Mike's going through his presentation,

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if you need a clarification on a definition or harvest practice or something that I have up here for sure,

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stop me right then and let's get that clarified. But if you have a question that's going to lead to a broader discussion, make a note of it.

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And then we'll get to that at the end of the presentation, OK?

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SHAWN CLARK: Again, make yourself at home, were gonna shut the lights, anybody writing anything?

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If you need lights on let us know.

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See the slide better. Make yourself at home.

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So with that said, I'll turn it over to Kyle here.

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KYLE CUNNINGHAM: I'm glad to have a room full of people here that are interested in this resource that we have over here.

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And before I jump into that, I need to know who I am. I'm sending him.

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I'm associate professor of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

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And I've got a couple of slides to show you my background here in the moment.

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But today I'm going to talk with you about I'm going to try not to use this, but I'll move around a little bit.

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So I'm not. Speak loudly enough, let me know.

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And if we do have the microphone, I'll stand still. You should have an agenda in front of you that shows our topic for today.

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I'm covering our forest resources here on the station. The management of associated with the land cover types we have here on the station.

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And then I'm going to introduce some concepts that we have developed over the years that are driving this management.

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So it's based on research everything that we're presenting here today. And that's one of the some of the things that I want to point out.

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And then we've got of our division foresters going to come out and talk about the sustainable harvest plan that we have for all of our

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research stations. He is really going to focus here on Pine Tree and where we're going moving forward with harvesting here on the station.

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OK. You should have the plan itself in front of you.

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It's called managing our forest lands. Everybody should have a copy of that that is available on the web as well.

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And our AES web page. If you go to research locations and go down to the bottom of the page of the web link

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and you can click on each section or each research station and find information there.

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And this plan to well, you have a copy of my presentation and you have a copy of Mike's presentation as well.

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And so you need to look for their take notes and make questions where you need to.

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And there we have those resources for you. Again, we really we came up Mike and I came over on Tuesday and we went out to the woods.

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We had an active shelter wood in place. You're going to hear us talk about shelter wood throughout my talk and throughout my call and how

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we implement those and why they're important to us here at the station at this point in time.

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But we went over there and looked at the current shelter wood and we just had everything we wanted to talk about.

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And I hate that we have storms and wind coming.

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But when you have a 100 year old hardware and having a group this size in their wind blowing, it's not a good thing.

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So we probably unless less the weather clears up and some people want to go.

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We probably I have some slides. We took me the other day.

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We can do that, but we can address that at the end of our of our presentation as to whether or not a group wants to go over there.

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The other thing I'll say is Mike and I are both available. I'm in Little Rock.

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Any time you want tour anything out here, we're available to do that and happy to do that.

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So again, thank you for coming today and let me go ahead and give it a little bit about me.

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Initially, I'm from over in Mississippi, originally the don't hold that against me, but I did grow up over the Mississippi.

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I got my bachelor's and my masters, Mississippi State in Forest Management and working on my master's,

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where I really started getting into hardwood and really develop a passion for managing hardwood forests in the south.

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And that's where that really started. And then I came over here about 18 years ago.

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I went to work the Division of Agriculture,

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initially as an extension instructor and completed my Ph.D. while I was doing math works of Arkansas Little Rock.

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In there (inaudible) program and I moved in a little deeper

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But we started looking at the ecology and the physiology of the hardwood regeneration,

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and that particular study there was actually implemented in a lab stock at the research station, and it's highlighted in your plan.

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It's actually the plan again. I've been here for about 18 years.

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I've heard 70 percent extension and 30 percent research.

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And so I spend a lot of my time doing this right here talking to landowner groups. I do a lot of work with our professional foresters in the state.

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On continuing education for them and across the region.

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Thirty percent research, I do have active research on the station and across all of our stations

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primarily here, and you can see my research scientist on there from a really hard look on the.

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Some of the things that I have worked on here in the station over here, down here from an extension standpoint.

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Back in 2000,

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I believe in 2017 we had a registered bar training here where we got into the bottom lands and did a training for a professional part of.

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But we did things by looking at site quality evaluation, some of the ecology and management.

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But more importantly, I've also been able to take that information and implement it in my presentations across the site.

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Really, the data that we've collected from here and the experiences that here across the.

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And so it's not just doing what we're doing here that I'm able to take that information faster.

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And in 2019, we had a delegate from China come from done research for research from the Xingxi (?) Academy of Forestry.

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And they were touring across the south. And this is one of the locations that was chosen for them to come and view

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some of the research that I was particularly working on at that time. And we work with the Forestry Commission.

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We have David Oaks here today from the Arkansas Forestry Division Department of Ag Forestry Division and worked really closely with them.

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On the research side, my partner in crime right here.

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My son was older than that now. The first thing now, but he's always helping me measure and things like that.

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But that's one of the studies that we were looking at some of the improved cherry bark oaks that the forestry division produces at the Faulkner Nursery.

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We're doing some field trials to take their families in the field for their improvement from.

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This is one of our shelter wood. You'll see a lot of our shelter woods today. It's going to start getting some images here.

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This was part of a cutting demonstration that was about three hundred and twenty acres of only part of it.

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But you can see the shelter tree in the background, and you can see the regeneration does not appear in particular, but developing into some plant.

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We have mixed species planting just down the road here. And again, the Red Oak inter planted with short leaf pine

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So we're just looking at some different species mixes where we could have a mixed forest that we're managing.

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So that's one of the things we've had some refereed journal pubs.

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One in particular was one that I was working on improving species composition and some of these plants for the greater good overall.

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But we have had a good bit of activity here over the years, and I certainly have minute OK,

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So our AES forest lands, as I can just give you an idea of what you have to say at the end of the day, the forest or other locations, not where we are.

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Here's your primary research station. We also have a research station it they still want to avoid just west of Fayetteville.

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And then we have the Southwest Research Extension Center in your home and my work is primarily focused on the issues.

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But and I have quite a bit running.

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Mike, it's kind of a partner in crime in the woods, and we've had quite a few demonstrations and research projects.

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And that's one of the things I want to point out as I move through my presentation is the difference between research and management.

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And so some of these projects that I'm talking about, that I'm doing research on that may be five or 10 a year and that's a real small land area.

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But when we're talking about management, we're talking about the broad scale across hundreds or thousands of acres.

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OK. One of the things always lead off with when I do a hard fork, when I'm talking about professional harvesters,

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the landowner group or an interest group, what we have no stakeholders is hardly part of management.

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We generally take a little while to build and I have to you have to eat your spinach.

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And so I have to give you some concepts and some and some operations that we do in part with management.

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The harvest will be kind of a learning process and building process, and then we'll how we got that into our plan.

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And hopefully, you can develop some discussion questions.

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One of the first slides I always present is why are we managing these things while we're managing our

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hardwood forest and really anywhere in the state when you're talking about the upland or the bottom?

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We're talking about multiple objective manner for most landowner hardwoods.

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It's not just one of these things they're after thereafter. Thereafter, they might want a timber component, but we also want that wildlife involved.

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I have I have landowners that specifically manage for esthetics.

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They could care less if they ever put a tree down on their property. They just want it to look nice off their property.

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up in the Ozark through the valley or whatever. And so there's different objectives and different criteria for different landowners.

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But that's one of the pluses. Oh, man.

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If I have a pine plantation and severe county and I spent all this money on site preparation purchasing genetically,

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pine and really putting a lot of money into the front end of that.

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I really have one objective and that's rate of return. That's a different kind of landowner than us that are managing hardwoods.

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And so we kind of have our goals on the station of me or mimic what a landowner

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would want to do on their farm and different landowners will have their objectives.

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But what we're trying to accomplish here is multiple objectives.

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And so that really starts in my opinion it with this very important overall Forest Hills and first.

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If you don't have a healthy forest that has proper species composition, that has a quality.

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You're not achieving these other goals. It starts with having proper species on site, properly managed forests.

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And so that's where we start. And then we had other objectives, but to improve our side of the waterfall,

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improve our habitat for native species, including their turkeys for and rather,

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I know there's a lot of interest from hunters in those outside, and I hung over here, over here and other comments from that standpoint as well.

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But again, we have to meet those folks. But our goal is to be able to take the management here and the research here and

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send it out to the public and say if you want to manage your lands in this way,

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if don't see what we have. And that's why I'm really glad we're at a point right now where we can emphasize that more than we have.

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OK, if you're going to hear us talk about OWS and why are we going to health and why do

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we have some species as far as that goes back to that previous slide pretenders,

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OK species, they have high utilization as we know very valuable forest products.

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They're relatively fast compared to other hardwoods,

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such as your history and other things they can help remove from a wildlife standpoint or mass production.

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We have to have that. What are you talking about? Squirrels or nuts? They need items that we all know the value of a mature farm.

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Water and air quality, the environmental aspect of this. They're long live system or long live species.

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They have large groups of large crowd here, so they sequester carbon for a long period of time.

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They provide stability in the soil, they clean the water. So oats are really beneficial to this for all of these objectives.

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And so therefore, our management is designed not necessarily to create only oak species on this forest out here,

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but to make sure that the forest stands have a component of oak in them and a significant component of

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Some of the important oak we have, cherry bark oak. Which is really from a timber standpoint, that's what we always try to grow,

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but we can't really get into too much detail before we can spend the whole day talking about this one particular subject.

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They don't go everywhere well. So cherry oak has a very small set of five conditions that will perform or perform well.

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Not all Oak can take a little bit more water. Shumard Oak with another industry that a lot of water will actually when we do a harvest on tap water willow.

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And on this station can be a problem because when they get older, they get hollowed out of the harvesting of water and willow.

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But a lot of times those species can impact the value later down the road. They're still very valuable wildlife products.

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They do have timber that they don't have.

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Well, we see some of the oaks that you typically see in the other.

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We have a lot of white oak here on the station But this concept of all of bottomland bottom in terrace in a little bit.

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And that's just talking about when I refer to Bottomland, I'm referring to referring to forests where we have active flooding as in place.

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So those are the alluvial plains of the plains that flood first on (inaudible) and second

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talk about a bottomland and I’m talking talk about something that's come out of its banks and flood.

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And then when I'm talking about terrace, I'm talking about a site that used to be that alluvial plain, but it's no longer in there.

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Now it doesn't flood, and it actually (inaudible)

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Overcup, that's the one that can take the most water out of all of our oaks

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We do have overcup on the station in places, and so we have a mix all the way from upland hardwood species to your wettest bottomland species on the station

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What I would like to do is walk through the different cover types on the station and

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then kind of hit on the associated management that goes with those types.

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This is under your management plan, under managing our forest lands our pine tree station, but it's in there.

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So basically, here's our cover type. And if you look at this map areas in beige here those are agricultural area.

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Let's talk about those areas. That's not my area. Basically, if I'm going to leave that alone and Shawn talk about those areas.

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But anyway, I really don't know what I'm talking about, but I do know what I'm talking about.

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We get into the forest and you'll notice here this this orange.

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These aren't probably going to on here. Those are areas that are mature far from pine trees.

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They represent a large percentage of this nation. And so they're driving a lot of our management here.

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And I talked about the shelter would harvest. And that's why we're going to walk through while we do shelter with harvest.

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I'm going to start it and then Mike's going to finish it when he gets into sustainable harvest.

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But that's really the need right now from a partnership standpoint. What do we do with this idea of what we have out here?

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And so we do have a lot of timberlands, and I'll talk about this is First Creek, which is just down the road from the research station.

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Here we're located, the base is right up the road to the West.

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And then we have Second Creek, which is over in south central west, central portions of the station that we're living.

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We do have some emerging wetlands and I was hoping that Dr. Osborne would be here today from UAM.

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He had a fever. You can't be here. So you have a fever.

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Don’t show up, but , but he is working with us.

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And I also need to up while I work (my counterpart with

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Becky McPeake. She's a wildlife ecologist there in Little Rock Extension, and she and I work very closely together.

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She has looked second creek here and this here, as well as Dr. Osborne about what their recommendations were on that, moving forward

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One person we need to point out on this wildlife site is Rob Willy is be in the room, and I don't think we introduced him

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Yeah, he is the habitat for nature for Game Fish Commission and Rob and I work closely together,

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try to help each other out when we can, but we'd be very similar functions in both of our (inaudible).

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That we did have some pine stands here on the station. And those are really remnants from previous silviculture research done on the site (UAM)

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So some of our previous silvicultural professors that were down there looking at different sites,

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but 20 years ago, we're sitting there looking at different species and different from like that.

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Now we have this stand in place and we're looking at what could we do with the timing of the science.

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In fact, we have CERP grass, the bright green areas.

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They're no longer concrete, but we still manage them address.

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And that's one of the collaborations we have with the Fish Commission is that if they help us to burn those fields,

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Shawn and his crew will go in and do some discing and mowing. And then Game and Fish has a prescribed fire.

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They have a five year plan on how they burn fields, and so their partner puts on that.

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That's one of the areas that I would like to see us expand,

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and I'm going to talk about where we can incorporate some prescribed fire in some of our terrace site hardwoods.

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I talked about we have the local hardwood species.

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So there's an opportunity to incorporate fire into some of the woodlands we've already gotten one burned here, but there's an opportunity, there's more.

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We have to be really, really careful with fire and hardwoods, particularly when you drop them into that alluvial plain,

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the floodplain, because those species are thinned bark. And so we can talk about that more.

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Let's getting more of it. I'll just say any burns we do here will be in January, February, March.

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You won't see light a fire out here August. That's not going to. But we managed to see our progressing as part of that, and I hope that after all,

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that's where a lot of the research projects that you follow me and my planned

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establishment research for a lot of that occurred at that time last year,

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it was down to the South. So let's walk through each of these, I need a little bit of information on these threat before I do that.

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We did have reviews,

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approvals and recommendations for this plan from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture,

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Forestry Division from the USDA Forest Service Center for Hardwood Research.

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All of these groups reviewed the plan, approved the plan that we have submitted, and then they gave us some input on how to improve it.

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And I'm really glad every all three of them … our harvest plan is sound.

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And that's what we do best. The best thing that Mike and I do.

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The forest management, where they asked us to beef up the plan a little bit was on the wildlife management sidte.

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And so you see that in the plan. We've interjected some of it.

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But you know, from that aspect, there are certain things to be evolving over time and this is what this is where we are right now.

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Let me throw out some of the hurdles of harvesting that we have over here. As you know, we're a long way from Pine Bluff.

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And so when we want to cut from the wood pulp wood over here, it's not always the easiest thing in the world to be the hardwood soft,

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but we can move on and you can move pretty much anywhere in. But the pulp wood is a real problem and we can move it.

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But sometimes we have to wait till the right weather conditions are occurring across the state.

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And that factor in the other side of the weather, though, is when we get too wet over here.

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We're about to do the harvest when we don't harvest in.

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Typically, we're going to harvest the pointy the end of June, 1st of July and then through maybe the middle of November.

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That's really our harvest window, but we can't sell it year round on this land.

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But with. The availability of buyers and harvesters, mostly most of the buyers harvesters over in the western part of the state around over here.

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But this is not to say yes, we are.

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So is the stations open to public

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but the other flipside. I think we'll get into that is a harvest aren't that large in lots of ways.

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Yes. But the weather typically not the sun. But that's a good question.

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Yes. The difference between hardwood and bulk space.

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No, no, no. No. I've probably skipped through that.

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But so it's all hardwood except for compensation. But so the soft timber that once we get over a diameter of about 14 inches.

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Anything we can make a board out of that soften some of the smaller material.

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And that's it's just it's just a value problem.

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A lot of the harvesters they don't like hauling of product doesn't have a lot of value and it's like quite a business.

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And unfortunately, Pine Bluff is way off,

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but it's really from a major public pulp wood standpoint is really the only mill we have right now in the whole state.

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Just taking hardwood pulp here down in, the mill down in southwest Arkansas, it has really shifted over to mostly pine prive.

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And so you know that that throws in there trying.

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Now Pine Bluff is trying to facilitate everything in the western part of the state, but we come to them from here.

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They don't really make our wood, so that's kind of all subject a little bit.

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But those are some of the hurdles we have. And that's just we're running out of harvest.

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Logger availability is an issue. Whether you're in Saline County or here,

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a lot of the mills are sucking up our harvesters and and those are just hurdles we have to deal with and no matter what our realities are, that.

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And introduce my buddy there, anybody who lives over here knows he's not near as cute as he looks on that screen.

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We have had issues with beavers way before I was here or really anybody associated with this was here back in the 90s that we had.

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Here is when you saw me show the slide about the emergent wetlands, and there is a long first group that I call called the flooded timberlands.

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We can thank that guy right there. And that was actually several a couple of decades ago now really with that.

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But this was the result of some of the damage that was done here before the big bands were there.

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That was a pine and hardwood forest.

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That was the alluvial forest, that was flooding before the natural flood and regimes in the water would come up.

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And so there was significant damage to those forests.

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And so we've looked at that and there were about 50 100 total acres impacted.

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And we've looked at that and tried to come up with a plan on how we're going to deal with that going forward.

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The damage is done. Can't go back and fix that, but after we make it better.

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So the first one we're going to talk about is her previous that's usually the frame right down the road.

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If you drove over it coming in, you might have noticed the water is not out of the banks.

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And one of the reasons for that, this man right here in line and some people have been trying to go in and remove the beaver dams and

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do some trapping and whatnot in there and get that back to a natural flood routine in the first creek.

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And if that did not have happened, that water would have been up near the house.

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And that's what. So what we decided here is on first rate, we were going to continue to work on our beaver control program,

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a beaver dam, and we do parks and improvement.

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And so you see, the reservoir is coming back in these areas and there's a host of species in there right now.

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There are some oak in there, but there's a host of species in there. Some of those are species we don't want to manage that are invasive.

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Chinese privet and those types of things Hardwoods And there's also maybe in places of species,

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composition problem because it wasn't properly naturally regenerated.

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We're going to persist for the sake, right? But there's an opportunity for us to go in there and do forestry and improvement.

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And as that new forest develops in there,

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you get the proper species in there that are going to meet our productivity of forest and our wildlife component that.

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You can see the picture was taken. They have been for a year and half.

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If you see the water down, it normally would be all the way out of by itself.

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That's not an easy thing to do. People control and they don't control.

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You go in there and the immediate problem and in a couple of years, you're right, but having to deal with.

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So that's an ongoing issue here on the. It's not a one time.

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The area I want to talk about emergent wetlands, this is this area here in the middle portion.

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You might if you're familiar with Brown's school, that's what we're talking about, I guess right in there somewhere.

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Not that right in here. So anyway, the photograph was taken on the bridge on our route.

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on the road down there. looking northward. And so this is what we're referring to as the emergent wetland.

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So this is a new wetland that has occurred there. And I kind of I kind of like the way it looks, but then I realized there was some value in there.

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But I had Becky McPeak, a wildlife ecologist, and Doug Osborn, our waterfowl professor, and look at that with me and Mike Lee, too.

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And when I say, I mean, we knock one here.

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But anyway, both of them said, I've talked about doing some bottomland hardwood restoration work, and they're similar to what we're doing on Earth.

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And both of them said, Well, you know,

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wildlife ecologists really would probably want you to continue to manage that as it is being developed so well into this wetland

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And so we thought about that and said, Okay, we could we could do bottomland restoration work on First Street and then do the submerged wetland or

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Second Creek and make two different criteria and demonstration and educational opportunities from those.

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That's what we're planning for that it's really.

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And Dr. Osborne pointed out to me, you said it's not just the ducks that will use this,

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a lot of wading birds and things we don't typically think about when we talk about creating wetlands for waterfowl.

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That, meanwhile, but it's really unique that it's not a threatened habitat that it's certainly not a fan of.

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We will seek input from the wildlife biologist for habitat evaluation, motor and operations,

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the maritime and resource plant communities of the three communities are there.

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What can we do to enhance that? And some of that?

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I'm not the person to answer that. That's what we're going to need input from our Game Fish collaborators as well as from the laboratory model myself.

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pine stand. which means they are here and they are in need to finish.

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And we're not the only place. There's a lot of landowners in this part of the state that back twenty, twenty-five years ago, 30 years ago,

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Planted pine and nobody told them there wasn't going to be a market for it once they got to be 20 years old.

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And now we do CRP programs in our county.

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It's like a plant forward, but we have those here and again.

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Some of these were research oriented anyway. Actually, most of them were, but they're all.

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We have about 100 acres, so they're all approaching the age of first thing.

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And so what we're going to try to do is we have a chocolate harvest or we're doing our first step,

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which is we're going to try to incorporate these into that.

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Maybe get some of that move because if we don't, we're going to have an insect problem there.

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We don't finish. It will be threatened by some. And so we want to make sure we're to make sure that are sustainable.

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At this time, the top brass and within is about 100 or so, and I have a problem approximately here, I may just laugh about some ground truth.

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That could be a little bit of plus or minus. Here we have to talk about this, we have this thing before I fire her,

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and it's collaboration between Sean and Dana Bash and getting this burn and that creates a really good cover.

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One of the things I've noticed with my son over here is you get from this point,

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forward cover becomes a commodity overview and they print for good November and through December.

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But you get into the dormant season you need to cover, and that's really for the wildlife species, those grass and really play a role over your not.

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Again, that's where the back of one of my projects where we hope that if planted in these times,

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that's a regretful record that we don't plan a lot of time out here.

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But I had been doing a part of this that we point out these are great areas for research on vegetation control.

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I work pretty extensively with past herbicides a couple of years ago, produce a farm I should have brought with me three,

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which is the bulk of us recommendation for herbicide applications front of a lot of the back up.

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Some of the recommendations we're sending out also help reduce employee for the body.

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And then we are establishing working with Forestry Division for about planting to improve not only security,

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but the organization to see how it performs the. OK, our mature hardwood forest, and that's really where only this is nice,

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because that's the bulk of what we're going to be talking about as far as any real active management or harvesting is concerned.

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And that's going to raise some eyebrows and you've got more information.

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The first thing I'm going to tell you is we're not going to go down here to fight for

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free and start what's happening at the station and then stop when we get up here.

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That's not going to happen. But we have a plan, the sustainable.

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It's going to cut relatively small areas of forest and regeneration.

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It's not just cutting the forests, just cut some trees. And so that's why I refer back to the chocolate harvest.

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This is the heart of the place over a period of time. And it's designed to bring back into that state.

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And if we just go out there and haphazardly cut through those forests, we won't have any.

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So there's a method to doing make sure we're cutting down the forests are mostly.

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That means that the frost trees are oaks that we're trying to grow are relatively the same age.

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So they may they may range from a lot of these they have. They may range from 80 to 90 to over 120 years old.

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Their old parts and many of them are in need of regeneration or we're going to

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see them start with the territory and then that's not going to look very simple.

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So that's kind of where we are with the bulk of the station. I talked about the father being there for most of your heart, the forest across the site,

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or even if you try to do uneven eight-man where you have like three or more eight plants in a forest,

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you can do it for this very, very difficult, especially when you get this far in the midst of the there.

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So we're trying to do even a massive effort that include making sure we're addressing wildlife needs the plantation.

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But you're not a quite a bit of research what you.

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No, back, I was going to go in for your job on my own and wildlife management for.

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I got to look for a job was six thousand dollars to be sent to Europe and no one more here and I could teach physics and chemistry and biology,

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and that's what I'm doing. But that even age is exactly opposite of what, a hundred or a hundred eight.

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The people go there that are managing for timber and public use.

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There looking for uneven aged stand t, and we've got a lot of ideas already, and that's what they want because that's the best way forward.

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I walked 15 miles and it was last week, the week before that I was 21, and I've got it all and I'm looking for that everywhere.

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Are you saying I know there's almost no place to me because I'm just allowed to head to training and I've been there?

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And my question is, how many miles have you walked in these woods this year?

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I walked out with these, walked every inch of the, well, I'm not.

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I'm not. I'm I just I get pretty worked out of. Shut up when you're challenging mine.

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So I'm going to where I started going on down here in 1971,

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when Margaret B go by the steamer carrier and we could walk through those words, which are old orals.

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And there weren't many deer anywhere, everywhere.

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But from the cemetery up to your comment, you would gut that group.

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I can't tell you that in Florida, scare scarce or are we talking about economic stuff that's not used to public use?

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And it's not that they used to worry about, except for holidays.

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And I know that and you know, folks are looking at me like trying to manage growth for university, which saved my life not very long ago.

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But Eubanks had to sell, have such a few million dollars also looked and saw that you got over $50 million in stolen funds available.

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Now that number may be wrong, but I love you and I'm not going to talk about that.

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I know you're not going to talk about that. You know, you had to sell it before they made it what it was.

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You had to go in it and all that crap. It had to do that.

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But now you're talking about it and doing that, and I mean, you've got a lot of people out here that are pretty much ticked off about it.

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All right. Well, let me, but that just that thing is not that doesn't even matter which I've because that's not often the case.

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If you pay 100 percent of the cause, you might get on a beer stand at the edge of the bar you have retire.

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Must worry about losing you to your daughter and granddaughter somebody else, and you get to invest blah blah and pops.

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It's ridiculous. Well, let me back up on some of that.

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Some of the things you just cited are some of the things we're trying to achieve law like like top in the trees where we sell those large oak trees.

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We need those some stops and woods that Typekit that that's covered for a while that for for an ephemeral period of time.

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The other thing is we are protecting trees that we're leaving out here.

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If we drag those large brands through the forest, we're damaging all those trees in the ground.

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But again, hardwood management is different than mine.

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Well, let me back up on my frickin awesome baseline for these for these forests, but I have to deal with this.

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Foresters have been for so much better value in those forests or even a penny.

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You can go out there. We say there could be an oak tree in there that is 20 inches in diameter.

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There could be another oak tree right next to the 12 inches in diameter,

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and there's not 20 years of difference between what we talked about, even at relatively the same age.

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Well, I'm looking at. That's where you lost my professional forest and I have to walk through that and I can think of the other side of that is the

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shot with method like the effects that represent our one hundred acres at most is really going to cut the forest life here.

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Seven thousand. By the time we move through a few of those we cut previously already back up.

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And then the other side of that is I come here and I see people hunting the Deer Hunter Rambo shopping with.

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We want nuts. It's a deer and there's always a hog.

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I talk about that as well. But let me say this. So there is some tradeoffs there.

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You're right. It's not that open 100-year-old.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: It’s not accessible

CUNNINGHAM: It's accessible, it's not open, 100-year-old forestland.

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We have so much that you're going to start to see in that period because we're not dependent on one of the trees we cut down.

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One hundred and thirty years old, oak trees lived to be 200 years old, and a little bit of very few of them make it that.

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So we're going to start seeing some of that. I'm going to make.

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I'm going to be over, emphasized my point where I know there's the other and I just want my trunk over myself here as well.

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One here. But the other thing that I can be talking about has about 4000 oak trees per acre that

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are going to replace that over where this mountain range is probably won't be used,

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but an understandable state. Why would they not be able to regenerate or you're looking at a deer?

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Because that's what we see in the dark.

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When you when you go through these, we do that final cut.

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There's about a 10-year period there. I call it the jungle. And it is understandable.

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But that is when you manage these forests to have folks and you have to kind of pay the piper sometimes to get that done.

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But when we start talking about and I'm going to talk, I don't like any good incoming sunlight a little.

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Let me get to that. Some of this I may answer for you, but maybe you go there.

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Let me go through your professional paradox. I want you and I'm not.

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I'm not trying to be argumentative with you, either. I just want you to understand what my point is not listening to me.

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You know, you walk through there and if it's one hundred. Extra mature, what are you going to call trees in a program?

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You are not going back to 65 or 70? Not I don't like that.

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I think I think I'm gonna make you happy here. That, you know, we're going to incorporate some of what.

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We're going to incorporate some of what you're saying that I typically would not do just a productivity standpoint.

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And it's to address some of these things because when we coming up on, you know, this is what we're here for.

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You're you're you're passionate about this. Like, I appreciate that and I heard you for years now.

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So let me talk about even a few minutes what we say. You know, we're talking about Sam for the so we have zero.

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And those first 10 years, I call that the jungle phase and we talk with Sam may go through a period of time where the Swamp Rabbit throws like a lot,

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but they're pretty good. And once they come out of that, they go into a period of saying great and exclusion.

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And that's a period where either the forest is going to sell or we can go in there and do thinning operations.

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And so once they stand about 30 years old, it takes about 30 years.

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We start getting a closer with. So that's part of the answer to your question.

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Once they get about 30 years old, we're starting to manage this and we're starting to open them,

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open back up and manufacture for whatever our objective is at that point in time.

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We have a lot of different things we can do, and then we don't have to go in and do really heavy cuts.

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We can do lighter cuts, we can do cuts that are specifically oriented to the specific wildlife.

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It doesn't have to be.

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But right now, if we don't regenerate these forests lands, we're not going to have that oak component there 20 years from now, 30 years from now.

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And we're they're going to be talking about what did they do afterwards? I can tell you that's what's going to happen.

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Where we stands right now? They probably start about right there, 70, 80 and then over 100 years old.

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They're half here. I’m talking about that overstory there.

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There are some big story trees in there, but they’re not oak.

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I have some slab I brought from a piece that showed the different canopy layers and how the species composition plays out in these.

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And we have found a need to (inaudible) and what prevents it. That's one the reasons you can't just go in and pick up these.

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You can't just take it three out here and there it gets back to the sunlight requirements of those stands.

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Now I'm going to talk about that a little bit. We are going to start with the terrace position.

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These are the positions that do not flood. And this is a photo of our shelterwood area that we were going to visit today.

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This is a cherry bark oak right here. They're great. They can be great wildlife.

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And now because you tell here, they're all they’re an awesome timber tree as well.

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This is what the stand looked like before we did anything very dense canopy.

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in here, and we come and do shelter work that we're leaving stands here.

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That’s what I want to talk about with Game and Fish. We do not try to employ any kind of set spacing between our tree.

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We try to create that variable game with a variable retention.

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We try to create that in our harvest so that there is a non-uniform component to this

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planet while we're regenerate that it have some value for a lot of these things out here.

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To be honest with you, the timber value is going to market, and it's really more species composition oriented than it is with the quality of.

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There is somebody out there that really reproductive science.

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And so our landowners that are interested in temperament, we need to be able to have a demonstration out here that shows them how to do that.

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We also need to have an area here for our our wildlife users, but also for people that want to manage well.

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It goes back to the first lot of shooting. We're trying to show multiple things.

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And so there are some tradeoffs. But again, these fair solutions are not blurred and there's an opportunity.

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This is a map that shows here's First Creek in green.

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This is a contour line map, and I kind of use it as a heat map showing … here’s Second Creek drive.

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These these areas in orange. Those are, that’s the higher ground.

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This is where that there's three oh six. This is where that shelter wood picture I just showed you was.

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I could show you if there's a little bit of orange. Where you see orange

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That's an area that's not going to flood and make it wet, but it's not going to flood.

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And so you can pick up those species like coastal if it's on the road quite a bit.

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They're not bottomland species, the more open station and some of those occur in those areas.

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And that gives us an opportunity to do some different men.

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We can incorporate some fire.

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We can incorporate some more openness than we can, we can actually remove more trade and create like a very sectional area for some reason.

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And to remember, there's 7000 acres of this forest bypass.

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So if we take 100 acres and put it in an early concessional habitat, it's going to impact small mammals and birds and things like that.

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There's a component of wildlife hunters and wildlife enthusiasts that are going to like it at work.

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It's not all about squirrel hunting. It's not all about fear, not all about us.

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We have a lot of people with different reasons for using this, for using this property, so there’s an opportunity here

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although it's not necessarily about the bulk of it is going to be an active bottom lands.

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This is an area over there off air strip road over there

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This is a slough in there. There's a ton of water and willow oak in this sand and the current stand needs in here are

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Here are oak regeneration models. But again, we're not talking about doing about making a lot of time talking about 100 acres of it.

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And when you put the constraints that I mentioned earlier, it's not even going to be 100 acres in every other year.

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You just can't come over here and just stop that. That's not going to work. OK, so let's get into some of our stuff.

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One of the things we've talked about why we might not even incorporate some setting into these areas,

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and I'm going to show a plan on clear setting in a minute and we're not doing what we're doing when we do a clear make two objects.

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They're small brand and acreage, you know, maybe 10, 20 or 30 acre, something like that.

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And they would be with in our shelter, with harvest. And what the idea would be, there just creates layers of diversity in their habitat.

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So you have your mature forest, you have that mystery component for generating oak,

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and then you've got to prove that we're looking at species enrichment plant because some of these, that's what the paper was.

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I showed you earlier. Some of these stand out here.

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They need some planting, they need some species and rich because they're heavy to host open species like that.

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They're good, but they're not the best science. So it won't be on a large scale, but there are opportunities to plant wildlife on.

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That's the other side of it. Many wildlife biologist will tell you that you need that sunlight hitting the ground.

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You need some of that. You don't need 7000 acres with nothing on the ground.

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There have to be some governance, and I'm not a wildlife biologist, so I'll give you the line of here.

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But I think if Doug Osborne, Dr. Osborne was here, he would back me up.

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And, Rob, if you need to speak up at any point, feel free to interrupt.

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Okay. Natural regeneration, the partners, I want to talk about this, this concept of natural regeneration and the shelter with method.

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We're talking about employing over a period of a whole large scale over a long period.

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This is some work that went back before me and a lot of it came out of my heart with management over St. Louis,

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Mississippi, over the last several decades, back in the 70s and 80s.

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A lot of our hard road managers and landowners started realizing that when their stands for regeneration,

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they weren't getting old, and that's where the concept of shelter would harvest and failure.

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It took a lot of research. I did some research projects on time.

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It's exciting to hear that. And they we're seeing the oaks,

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we're not coming back in to do saying they weren't harvested and regenerated in a

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specific fashion to create a similar environment that would that would grow more.

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And that's a really difficult thought. You were going to help solve that.

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But it took a lot of research and a long period of time to realize that that's

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one of the methods we really need to employ when they expand or even a mature.

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Not much sunlight getting through canopy. That's the situation, and I'm excited.

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There is not one prescription for every hardwood forest or any harvesting you have to take into consideration.

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Consideration that current condition of next thing, and so that's when I say these fans are mature over mature,

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they are even aged, even though they don't look like it because they're different sizes.

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What happens is when when a hardwood tree loses its competitive position, it loses forever.

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It doesn't unless something opens up and releases, it doesn't. It doesn't come back.

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And that's how you wind up with the variation in sizes of these plants that look and even when they're really not.

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And sometimes you have to appeal to the of.

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All right. So now we're getting ready to start up again,

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natural regeneration is saying is derived from the seed seedling seedlings or sprouts from a previous there.

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So we're creating a material present on that span to regenerate that.

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What are the key factors that I need to see thoughts on the U.

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S. crop? That's one of the things you always try to make sure. This is one of the biggest factors right here that I talk about.

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My horses don't go out there and probably every generation harvest to get natural regeneration.

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If you don't have any that because if you once you open that canopy up and you get sunlight on the ground, something's coming back.

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These are productive sites and you want it to be your own species that are coming in there along with everything in.

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Or more specifically in your bottom line. That's not a big factor, you can't have some fun, fertile soils and places.

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But for the most part, Morning Edition this right here is what I spent my entire life working all the time.

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Going through a forest like this is to have a environment where you have less than five to 10 percent of

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full sunlight hitting the ground and you have oak trees you're trying to regenerate that require 40.

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They require a minimum of 30 percent of all sunlight if you really need to be up above 40 percent to 50 percent of total sunlight.

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On the flipside of that, if I open it, stand up to the point that I'm getting 60, 70, 80 to 100 percent sunlight, then I'm not getting clean.

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But you can have too much sunlight and you can have too little sunlight.

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And I'm only talking about getting lost. Staffers are. And you think you're going to have more?

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So there's a period of time there in these forests like this, and I won't get into the physiological responses where you have to have that

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four or five years where you allow that oak regeneration system to develop.

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And so that's that's really what we're trying to do. We talk about doing a shelf with regeneration,

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if not the harvest that we're going to recommend for every harvest and state of Arkansas, because some it doesn't fit with the does.

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So what are the components? New Zealand actually here, hear they're living off of the carbohydrates that are in the ocean itself.

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They don't even really need sunlight. The first year they'll grow all food store is an apron itself.

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And here too, they better have some sunlight or they're going to die.

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You can walk through the forest found here in the spring, and you can see a carpet of those out and then you come back here to buy your New York.

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We're going to give it. Data shows improvements as we move through false.

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Let me ask a question. This advanced reproduction, first of all, let me define it as reproduction, advanced reproduction,

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those are ceilings that are present prior to your heart that are of a substantial size to grow.

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Once you remove that. So they're there before you ever do anything.

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There are some things that sometimes are just hanging over. You're just not.

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Some might think that can be. You can have hope sitting in a cardboard box that are this tall and they've been there for two decades.

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They keep dying back and sprouting back up there, waiting for that disturbance. They’re a disturbance-based species.

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You saw the tornadoes. Terrible thing. Tornadoes played a role in oak regeneration throughout the course of the history of these forest.

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There are disturbance species like fire. They like disturbance.

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They like flooding it because it cuts back everything else and allows them to take over.

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And they're able to do that because they have root stores. They have more food in their roots.

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Than say, a sweet gum or a red maple, and some when a disturbance comes through and hurts those other species.

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Those competitors, the oaks, are ready to compete. So what is this is this was actually more than that.

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This is not, perhaps some perhaps coming off a tree to step down or fail.

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And then you get the splinter group. Is this regeneration or this is something?

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Just give me a. You got to figure out. It looks like a soap opera, doesn't it?

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That's of point one. This was out of my show at Harvard lecture based on the theory.

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Same this evening, right here. I follow it from before you ever harvested through the end of the chocolate bar.

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It had about three leads on before we started the show, and physiologically, it was totally different than it is right here.

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After a season of being on that show, it was able to get some sunlight, get some food reserves, and then it started rolling.

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And they explained it look like this. You have to be a b c and a little bit of time to get to this or they're not going to compete if you take a look.

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This is what we're at. One of the reasons we can't count on such rapid response.

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You can't just go in there. The whole thing and countless were.

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The ability of the tree to stump fruit is greatly reduced as they grow in line.

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So if you get these older trees like we have here on the and you cut them down, they're not, they don't.

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The probability of sprout is really very low.

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So how much if we can count on this doesn't have to be to stump for it.

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We can't count. It's not going to be there for the most watering a little over a little different.

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They will start to grow. And so if you have a pure loaded in there, you can't count on your breath for most of our heroes.

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This isn't really about the law. And so that's where we come back to this concept of harvest.

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It's how do we get these guys right here and give them that period of time to do this right?

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Because that's what we're at. And it took it took a lot more research than just my research.

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This is going back decades. Luckily, over the center half of America and really from the U.S. Forest Service also.

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So what are some of the parking operations from a historical classical to the cultural destination?

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This is that called the publication that Matthew Olson and myself and some others did here on based on the rehabilitation planting we did on the station

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and one of the reasons that I don't know for sure what the history saying,

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but I'll bet that way back when that's the inevitable part of similar to this life here, where Harvester came in and picked out individual trees.

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And if you turn a harvester loose in the forests of the forest, take out a tree here and there,

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which one that they're going to take that will go and you get your best or you when you wind up with paper like this.

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But. The reason for it is when they removed one tree.

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If a storm does it or if a harvester does it does. When you get this little burst of sunlight in there, that's not enough to sustain an oak seedling overtime

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They might grow for a little while in there, but over a 10- 15-year period,

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they're going to follow that and you're going there right after it happened.

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Oh we have some oak stands here. Then you come back one back and go, Where'd they do. Those canopy close back up.

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And so this single tree selection, it's probably the number one method.

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Thats been used all across the south for the last 50 years is the most harmful form of harvesting for hardwood stand that you can have.

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And that's more than opinion. That's fact. So for the term regulation, part of this is my understanding.

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I don't deal with group selection much. Group selection is an option for where you go in and open up small areas.

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It's basically a series of small clear cuts result in not even a forest as you always do a very small window.

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It's also very difficult to do here based on our forest insurance.

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Most harvesters aren't going to want to do that,

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Some don't get into it today, but you still run into some issues with this.

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So that takes us there's really two methods that give us enough sunlight and the problem of clear cut harvesting is it gives us too much sunlight.

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So I'm not going in and clear cutting anything either.

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And in these forest, I probably would want to do it even then

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theyre going to be objective driven whether that's creating wildlife

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This is again,

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a pine stand to the effect that harnessing and this we think of 200 acres that we're not going to see that are not going to have all of them.

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OK, so that gets us through the shelter with harvest. And you can see in these mature hardwood stance,

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you can see the sunlight reaching ground middle of with that, it's just not much sunlight in the ground.

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And the same thing happens here as we walk out there right now, and it just looks like a bunch of sticks, right?

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Maybe I'll leaves are off the trees. plenty of sunlight reaching the ground but the seedlings don't have any leaves

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And so we need some sunlight on the ground here in the summer.

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And so that brings us to the shelter wood harvest, and it's an operation where we go in and it's really hard to modify.

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All of these methods really came out of Europe way long ago when forestry was invented

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And so when you get in these forest bases here like we have in the southern forest you have to understand its system and the trees.

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We're trying to grow from a wildlife standpoint or from a timber standpoint and all many places where they diverge.

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And I do understand that an amount of understand,

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but these are areas that here that classical where you just go and do chop wood and not do anything else really doesn't work well in the south.

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And so some of the things we do as we go in and remove some of the not mix the work product art,

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and that is one layer of sunlight on some of these things because we might actually

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incorporate a fire that really helps us get oak regeneration back if we can get fired.

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But we're not firing for a system here that's going to damage our dreams, trees and you get down.

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Think a lot of your points at the back? So we're very aware of that.

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But mostly you're going to remove overstory that take two partial harvest to regenerate sand,

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and that could be over a period of three years if you get your regeneration by quickly, or it could be over a period of any regeneration, much slower.

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And the ultimate goal here is you are going to remove that overstory, at some point time and a lot of reports come back.

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But that's one area where after talking with game and fish and I'm after our discussions

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we realize there's a need and some assistance out here not to remove that, overstory

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And I talked about how we can't have.

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It's very it's very difficult to have three agents where you have little small segments of positions in the middle and no trees, no restaurant.

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It's very difficult to maintain that it can be done,

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but you have to have much more of an open harvesting market available to you to do that because you have to have returned animals on repeated basis.

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And then there's still some issues. Right? But one of the things we can do is have a huge forest and you see that a lot.

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You're walking to an oak forest understory and there will be that second component coming in there and we can manage leads to eight farms.

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And so one of the things that we've talked about doing and make some adjustments and plan,

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all because historically I would not do that just from a productivity standpoint,

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but to meet wildlife objectives, to meet needs for specific wildlife species like migratory songbirds that need to fight for habitat.

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We can leave that over story on in places. We had 100 acres.

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We take some 20 acres or whatever, and we can leave that understory on there and remove the shelf and the trees that go into a new forest.

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And we still have a percentage of that forest into a forest, and we can let that grow in that one.

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So there are some things that we've addressed and change that we normally do from a productivity

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standpoint to make sure we're meeting these wildlife goals.

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And so I have to have input. That's one of the things that I want from the Fish Commission as we go forward.

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And for Mark Wallace Collins, you have input and help us what we do in the management operators to make sure we're achieving these things.

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And I'm not certainly going to be the decision maker on everything out here, but I have a lot of experience in it.

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So final, I thought. One of the things is I'm pretty open on this very subject, it's highly contentious at meetings all across the Senate,

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and there are certain pastors and certain wildlife biologist. Get into heated, heated arguments over this very subject line.

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But I don't want us to be that way here in Arkansas. I want us to find some middle ground in Arkansas where we can have an oak forest,

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that's sustainable. And has good oak components coming back and we can we cannot manage it for health and productivity, but we can.

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Also, met our wildlife management management goals. Is There a trade off by everybody to do that?

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There is. But I think when you see what Mike has to present in regard to sustainable forestry, how much of the area is going to be impacted at a time?

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You know, if you had if you walk in here with the image that were going to cut everything out here, get rid of that image

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We've already got quite a few hundred acres over here.

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And I was talking to some people they didn't realize when you got 100 acres, over 7000,

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You don't always see it. My final slide. This leads into what Mike is going to discuss here.

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Some of the stuff here is following harvest in hardwood stand

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If I go in and clear that and I have slides from our demonstration harvest that year on this station and research projects that illustrate this,

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and at the end of Mike's talk, if we can't go through the field

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We can walk through some of those images and talk about that. If you go in and open that stand up.

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And will play an important operation. You are going from a fast-growing shade intolernat species and things like that.

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And you will develop any large mass reproduction. So if you have oak reproduction front, you're good to go with.

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You may, may be what you want.

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On the other side of that, and sanitary conditions are that we're promoting safe,

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tolerant species that really aren't good there for a very narrow group of wildlife,

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which is so important with a new group of wildlife and really none of the species that we want to manage, for example.

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And so we don't really want to see this build up in the forest. And unfortunately, that's what we're seeing across the South.

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And you have small groups that aren't ready to compete if we do have a heart.

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So what that chocolate harvest does in the end, the gift was right here for a period of time.

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But we have and importantly, the allows us to survive and grow and get to a position where they can grow and establish a new forest.

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And that's really our ultimate goal here, because if we're going to meet all of these different objectives,

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it starts with, you know, not talking about producing 100 per cent stocking globally.

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Number one, you're not going to do that.

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We're trying to do is make sure hopes are a significant component of these experiments because everything else is coming back and problems.

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We're trying to make sure the hopes are there. And that's really my number one goal.

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All right. Any questions, Michael? Oh, I know I went really long,

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but I thought it was no question that you don't want to follow up

AUDIENCE: On your bottomland hardwood

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and hard to for a lot in the last few years about the flooding issues, issue of early June.

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Have you took consideration about writing about the spring rains in the (inaudible) in the last seven to ten years?

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We've been flooded and is been lasting longer into the summer and how that’s affecting the bottomland

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And what are your what's your opinion on that and what would you do to help it?

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CUNNINGHAM: Right now, you're absolutely right. We've had some very wet springs.

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One thing is we did not have any GTRs on the station, uh, green tree reservoirs

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We actually looked at what it would take to do that.

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And the more I looked into it and and efficient everybody else, like, I'd stay away from that and we have to be able to help us stay well. And of course we have the beaver helping with that.

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And so I guess to your question about it really goes back to the beaver, doing that remediation

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of the beaver dams and things like that that allow that water to move out once the rains have stopped

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And that is really, really critical.

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Obviously, we can't control weather, but I will tell you that most of the hardwood species that we have on the plains healthy,

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they can take a little bit of flood, but you don't want it going well into the ground.

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So if there's water still on some of these things you didn't want to have sign

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into July that can see some health issues that you won't necessarily see.

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mortality from that in one growing season, but that can happen over a period of time.

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You can start to see some degradation and mortality in there. And the best thing you can do this type of water, what you want to meet.

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And other than that, you know, if we haven't maintained our rivers or streams or the at all, given that control to the hilt, I mean,

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a lot of that goes to do the broad work in with the people and try to come up with the best

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solution where we can bring some of this water and [INAUDIBLE] survive some of this right?

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And you're absolutely right.

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And as far as doing any type of hydrological type brain changes here, that's not a question for me, but I don't think there's a big is the river.

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And it's almost like, I think, just getting that natural people and I go back a bit,

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as you saw, if you came across, that's the frequency will be down below.

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It's back in water leaving.

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And I'll say this from the oak standpoint, as long as the water comes up and he gets back off and you over the whole ruins.

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But some of those others are water. Well, all of those things, they need water come off, some water and.

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So, yeah, I mean. So if I ask you the question completely, but as far as altering the hydrology other than the BP control, not really where it may be,

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one of the things that stops the flow of water is it moves across the landscape in this part of the woods or fields.

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So we could do tons of work on our own land and invest millions of dollars.

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But as long as we've got fields all around us that are owned by other people that are altering the natural flow of water across the landscape,

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McGOWAN: there's not a whole lot we can do. Our hands are kind of tied. Yeah.

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CUNNINGHAM: And what am I talking about? We want we all want to grow food, right?

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But we have altered the natural hydrology of the system. No question about it.

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And now we have to deal with. Yes, sir.

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AUDIENCE: So we talked about speaking about what your administration and your mind or your personal opinion, what are the most valuable species of oak for timber?

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OK. Cherrybark Oak? OK.

CUNNINGHAM: If we don't, I'll be honest, we don't have a ton of cherrybark

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There’s some areas there’s some out here.

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but we're still more like it makes when you want somebody come forth that makes it a lot easier to talk about, right?

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AUDIENCE: A follow up to that … What is the on the upland timber here?

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McGOWAN: depends on the market.

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You know this map or I don't know right now we're getting forty one dollars a ton for oak saw

logs CUNNINGHAM: and I can tell you this.

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So like for those oak saw logs, the sound that I've been here, I don't know what else contract will not do, much like his predecessor or not him.

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But I can tell you, when I first got here,

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we were seeing like twenty-seven dollars on this kind of low based on our average from all over the state. Our average is

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about fifty three dollars (inaudible) or something. We don't see that over here.

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And it's because of the distance with mills. We'd have a couple of mills here (inaudible)

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It's a smaller market and you're not going to see those prices over unless

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you get something … or something you don't have around the of per acre.

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If you if you clear cut, is that kind of what you want? I just I would say we would these stands.

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And again, it is highly variable depending on the species. I would say if you cut everything in their own nature,

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that acre would be worth anywhere from a thousand two thousand dollars that would be monitoring a figure about eleven hundred.

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Yeah, OK. It just some of these like the area where we're going to go to probably some of the best stations, and it probably pushes more than that.

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But like, what is the average age at the shelter workforce?

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Well, if you go back to this slide. When we start talking about implementing shelter wood and hardwood forests we would never do that back in here.

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That's always going to be out here to stay and maturation. And again, they forced out here, even past what I have on this chart.

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The next slide shows the sort of on. So what is the purpose of the hacking forum that is so what's happened is because

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of some of the things with the natural flooding regimes not taking place,

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the lack of fine or far historically before we were here or did creep down into these models or we

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had agriculture and and at times and with the natural flooding and then the fire was taken out.

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What happened to these forests? And then there also a disturbance makes it so lovely.

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As far as like we saw there have been any kind of harvest and a lot of that.

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So what happens is you build up the shade tolerant species, but now the maples,

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dogwoods, things like that that that really become really, really dense in there.

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So even if I remove and I look at this and my project doing some hot work.

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But even if you remove a few of those understory trees and leave your sheltered trees,

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if that mid-story is still in place, you don't have the sunlight. And so you're saying, I still don't care.

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And so what we're doing there, and it's mid-story is coming back.

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We're not getting rid of that midstory. We're just controlling the ones that are there at this point.

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And we typically go over a certain diameter, say, a minimum of two inches.

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So there's still one to two inches out there. And then again, the monarchs are still there.

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They're still coming back. But we have to remove a component of that mid story in order to get sunlight environment for it.

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And that's where I'll say this isn't for every state this thing.

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I work with landowners that don't have allotments, so they don't have to do that operation.

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Another solid idea is that landowners that are heavy harvesting occur over a period of time.

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They don't need to do the shelter wood harvest they already have.

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What they're working on is that that component is occupying the sunlight of available sunlight,

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and they're just not the species they're trying to manage. Does that make sense at some point?

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So on Nov the 9th or Nov the 10th not sure the deadline of this year, there was a (inaudible) on the station.

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Could you tell me what trees were ... there should not have been a hacking saw. We are working on some right now, but not that the property. So the property would have been east of the reservoir?

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There was a heavy support there working on it right now. Well that was Nov 9th - 10th.

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I guess my question is what's the purpose of that? And what trees are targeted?

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Probably because some of the concerns of the indigenous. trees that are targeted are trees that are about the size of my phone.

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Those trees are about six inches across. So we're not targeting large indigenous trees?

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So when I say this story, those are those are trees that are going to be anywhere from 15 to 30 foot tall.

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And they're all and we're all target, always targeting.

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You say that we always generically say the rain is between one and six inches and there are not merchant when the harvest and they're not,

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we don't inject them. And so but we typically go two inches larger and smaller than there.

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And so a small dimers, but the dead trees? That's one of the things I will say historically.

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When I did a shelter with throughout my career, I wouldn't necessarily say, Let's leave these trees.

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That's one of the things we've written and planning,

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and it's just specifically for wildlife management is let's leave these dead trees out here and there's some on the shelter.

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We're going to visit visitors. It's right there, but in some other countries, it's useless.

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Yeah, but yeah, it's a good red maple and elm with two of the big ones.

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The sweetgum is real shade intolerant. So it's typically not theory any plan because you're talking about a tree that growing in the shade.

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So you go in that. This is all about sunlight.

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Those trees don't. Yes, when I get in my presentation to talk more about the sunlight or sunlight, of course.

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And it is very ephemeral. We all that midstory is coming right back, I can promise you.

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I had someone asking if I was going to talk about again, I'll refer back there.

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We did control about three hundred and fifty mystery trees earlier, and they were all different on the inside.

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And I had someone asked me if that was going to happen that night.

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So I gave them the nano free regeneration before we ever did anything with running about two thousand savings per acre.

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And then after we finished everything, there was about four thousand. So you're not getting rid of that component just there.

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And that's the problem. What we want to make sure that oak is in there and that's what it's all about.

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SHAWN CLARK: All right. Okay. I'm sorry. I don't cut off the discussion and the questions, we’re going to be here as long as we need to.

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Anybody to make you stop right now and take a five-minute break.

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CUNNINGHAM: Let me explain … when I put these hardwood management workshops and training,

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they're usually two days minimum and you’re starting to see why it’s hard for me to tell you everything I’m trying to tell you.

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And now we're doing best we can.

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Another thing I’m saying,

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It's something is everyone comfortable?

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OK, well, I'm just going to leave it to me there’s going to be icicles hanging off the ceiling.