



Tuesday, May 20

(Time)	(Topic)	(Presenter)
09:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Carmella Stirrat and Erick Brown-The Nature Conservancy
09:20	Lofty Ascents: Landscapes of the Blue Ridge Escarpment and the Cover of Fire-Dependent Vegetation through the Past Two-and-a-Half Centuries	Charles Lafon-Texas A&M University
10:00	Ecozone Burn Prioritization Model and Rich Mountain Case Study-Part 1	James Barberi, Charlie Gray, Steverson Moffat-Blue Ridge Ranger District/Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
10:45	Break	
11:00	Ecozone Burn Prioritization Model and Rich Mountain Case Study-Part 2	
12:00	Lunch	On-site
1:00	Foothills Collaborative	Judy Toppins, John Lacoste-Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
1:30	The Importance of Prescribed Fire for Ruffed Grouse and Other Wildlife in the Southern Appalachians	Sean Berry-Ruffed Grouse Society
2:00	Landscape Breakouts-Fy2026 Work Plan	Landscape Leads Facilitate
2:50	Break	
3:00	“Rattled”	Chris Jenkins – The Orianne Society
3:45	Sustainable Forestry Update – TNC NC	Jordan Luff – TNC NC
4:15	Field Trip Information, Logistics, and Safety Briefing	Mike Davis-Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
4:30	Wrap up and BIN Items	
6:00	SBR FLN Social	



Wednesday, May 21

08:00

FIELD TRIPS: Participants should be prepared for any type of weather. USFS employees are required to wear hardhats in the field. Participants should be prepared for short hikes on uneven ground (no trails) and wear appropriate footwear, bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and a water bottle for your hydration needs. Lunch will be in the field with your group.

- Hale Ridge Bog site visit and the need for fire: Carrie Radcliffe
- Reflections on 20 Years of Burning at Tallulah Gorge: Nathan Klaus, Mike Brod
- Foothills/Roach Mill Woodlands Burn Unit: Amy McClave, Ryan Watts
- Rabun Gap Nacoochee School Burn Unit-Prescribed Fire with an International Scope: Woody Malott, John Lumsden, Mike Davis

Thursday, May 22



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8:00	GBRM Landscape Field Trip Review	Erick Brown-Facilitator
8:30	Rabun County Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Community Wildfire Defense Grant Efforts	Mark Wiles-Georgia Forestry Commission
9:00	New Insights from the Green River Fire and Fire Surrogate Study	Don Hagan- University of Clemson
9:30	Monitoring updates from USFS R8 and the SBRFLN	Jonathan Stober- USFS Region 8 Pete Bates- Forest Stewards
10:30	Break	
11:00	Where Are We Going with Fire Post Helene	Steve Norman
11:30	Lunch	
12:30	Prescribed Fire and Wildfire Post Hurricane Helene	Helen Mohr Panel: Adam Warwick, Michael Cheek, Ryan Green
1:30	Landscape Breakouts – FY26 Work Plan	Landscape Leads Facilitate
2:00	Landscape Leads Report Outs	Carmella Stirrat- TNC NC
3:30	Close out	Carmella Stirrat