



Duff in the Mountains Fire Science Workshop

Lessons from Fire Science Research and Adaptive Management

February 24, 2026

NC Cooperative Extension | Henderson County Center

Green River Gamelands



Agenda:

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Check-In / Registration / Coffee**
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Partner Welcome, Southern Fire Exchange/CAFMS Overview, and Why We're Here**
Sarah Cain, Outreach Specialist, Southern Fire Exchange
Lindsey Hosier, Outreach Specialist, Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists
Keai Tilly, County Extension Administrative Assistant, Henderson County Extension
- 9:15 – 10:00 **Fire in the Mountains: Why We Do This, How It's Done**
Adam Warwick, Southern Blue Ridge Fire and Stewardship Manager, The Nature Conservancy
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Break**
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Wildfire Management in Duff Areas**
Jonathan McCall and Ryan Jacobs, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Management Lessons from Restoring Fire to Long-Unburned Areas, Duff Management in Western North Carolina**
Mac Callaham Jr., Ph.D., Acting Direct, Southeast Climate Hub, Forest Service Southern Research Station
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Field Site Preview: Why Green River? What has been done?**
Armin Weise, Research Assistant, Clemson University

- 12:00 – 12:15 **Morning Wrap-Up, Extra Presentation Questions**
- 12:15 – 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 13:15 **Travel to Green River Game Lands**
- 13:15 – 16:00 **Field Site Visit and Discussion – Green River Game Lands**
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Return to Henderson County Extension Center**



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