

Achieving load reductions for National Forests

- USFS is the largest federal landholder in the watershed (2,543,167.69 acres)
- Planning goals for USFS in VA:
 - 28,940 pounds N, 11,872 pounds P (all from Natural lands)
- Numeric milestones for the GW Jeff National Forest:
 - Timber harvest 745 acres each year with BMPs (1,490 acres total).
 - Implement 2 culvert/road improvements projects per year (4 total).
 - Implement Road Decommissioning of approximately 4 miles (or equivalent to ~6 acres restored).

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The problem

- Harvested forest is not currently an eligible land use for federal lands
- We can't accurately calculate load reductions from timber harvesting BMPs on the NF without harvested forest land

Options:

1. Make harvested forest an eligible land use for federal lands
2. Potential workaround: Apply timber harvesting BMPs to non-federal harvested forest land in the same counties (need to verify that there is sufficient available harvested forest land to do this)

Process for
Option 1
(making
harvested
forest an
eligible federal
land use)



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Discussion

Should we also consider revisiting other currently ineligible federal land uses (agriculture and construction)?
