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GAWRD Fisheries Interests Within the Foothills Project Boundary

1. Restore stream connectivity. Replace old structures, like damaged culverts, that inhibit fish passage.

a. Ex: Mill Creek OHV Trail entrance (Murray Co).

2. Maintain existing trout stream habitat enhancement structures.

a. Ex: Jones, Sarahs, Mountaintown, Rock creeks.

3. Enhance stream habitat with techniques such as whole tree felling ""("Chop and Drop")

a. Ex: Several dozen small wild trout streams across the entire project.

4. Minimize erosion and stream sedimentation, especially by maintaining forest roads.

a. Ex; Holly and Mill creeks, dozens of others with adjacent or crossing forest roads.

5. Enhance access for fish stocking and angling.

a. Ex: Stonewall, Panther, Nimblewill, Mountaintown, Holly creeks.

6. Acquire new lands, especially key inholdings.

a. Sensitive issue, so tracts are unnamed here.

7. Collaborate with adjacent landowners to restore water quality and instream habitat.

a. Ex: Warwoman, Stonewall, Bull, Holly creeks, and several small lakes.

8. Enhance boating access.

a. Ex: lakes Rabun, Conasauga, Murrays, and Peeples.

9. Enhance fish habitat in impounded waters.

a. Ex: lakes Conasauga, Murrays, Peeples.

10. Restore aquatic habitat, especially for sensitive species.

a. Ex: Upper Etowah watershed.

11. Install deepwater releases on trout stream impoundments.

a. Ex: ten small lakes on USFS or private property (see #7)

12. Maintain small lake fertilization programs to enhance Warmwater fisheries.

a. Ex: lakes Conasauga, Murrays, and Tails Creek.