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Comments: RE: Draft Assessment pages 83-88 Designated Areas

Are there any opportunities for designated historic areas? It is possible that a dispersed area consisting of all the Iron Furnaces on the Forest be included in one named area.

Are there specific archeological sites which could be identified without increasing the possibility of informal collecting activity, aka pot hunting.

There is significant value to expanding the Handley Branch SIA to include the forest block to the east. Populations of *Phacelia* exist there as well as in the SIA. Such inclusion might increase the ability to prevent additional trespass and site damage. The small amount of non native white pine should be removed.

There has been, and currently seems to be, no construction of a list of what communities do not now have at least one sample with designated status. Without these reference communities a proper baseline for management does not exist. There needs to be a provision for the establishment of such a list and then an active search for areas to be designated to perform this function. Non xeric woodland communities seem to be under represented in the current list of SIAs.

Monitoring has indeed been lax, this should be remedied.