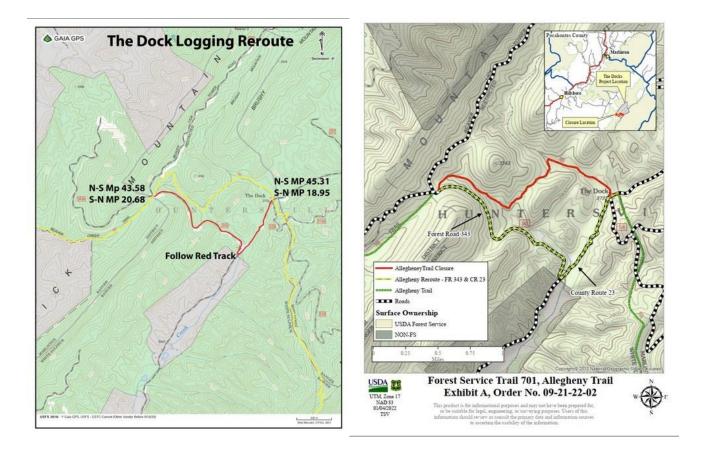
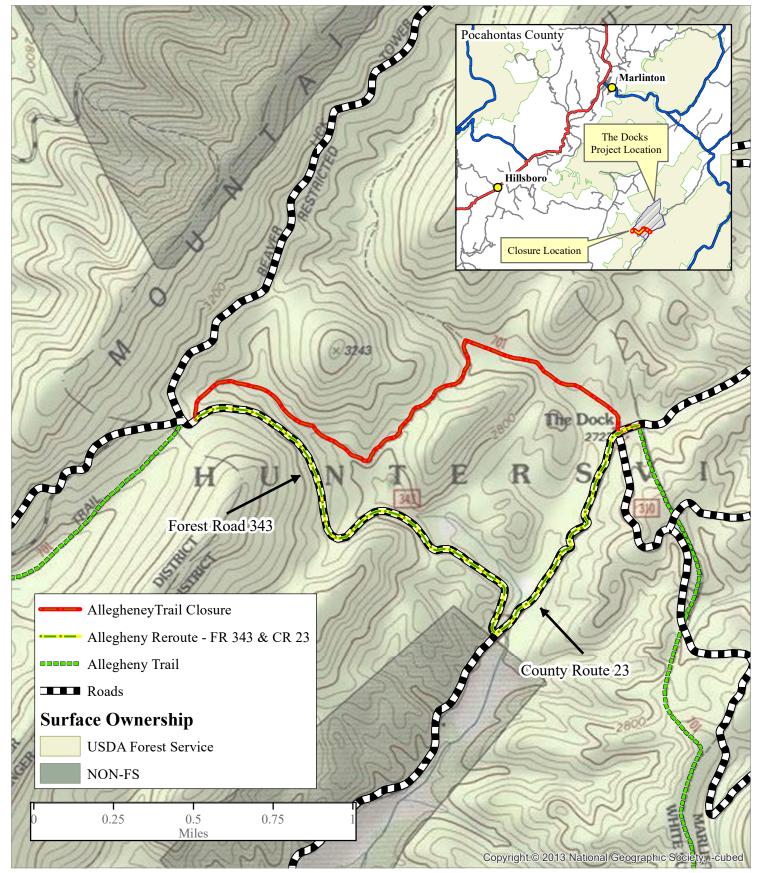
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A wildlife enhancement project in the vicinity of the Dock has been a few years in the planning, but now it is becoming a reality on the ground. The use of heavy equipment for removing diseased White Pines in some areas and for cutting trees that compete with acorn-bearing oaks in other areas, as well as for creating early succession habitat and openings in other spots, necessitates temporary relocation of the ALT to the Beaver Lick Mountain Road. The target project completion date is not certain, but the effort might take as long as three years. Other wildlife enhancements will include creation of vernal pools and savannahs, and use of prescribed fire in some areas. One of the key species that should benefit from these actions is the Golden-winged Warbler. Once fairly abundant in the Appalachian Mountain chain from north to south, the young-forest succession species has declined drastically in recent decades due to maturation of forest habitats. Look for updates on the WVSTA website, facebook pages, and the ALT app.

Also, if you plan a hike that includes the segment between the Dock and Watoga State Park, contact the Section 3 Coordinator, Joe Kelly, for the latest updates: 304-516-7218 (prefers texting), <u>ink7170@yahoo.com</u>. In anticipation of the potential temporary relocation of the ALT, Justin Mullins produced the map below that gives the ALT guidebook mileage points between which the temporary relocation has taken place. The other map was produced by the USFS early in the planning stages.

To learn more about the project, check links found at: <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54018</u> or contact Jim McCormick at 304-799-4334 ext. 7995527 or <u>james.mccormick@usda.gov</u>





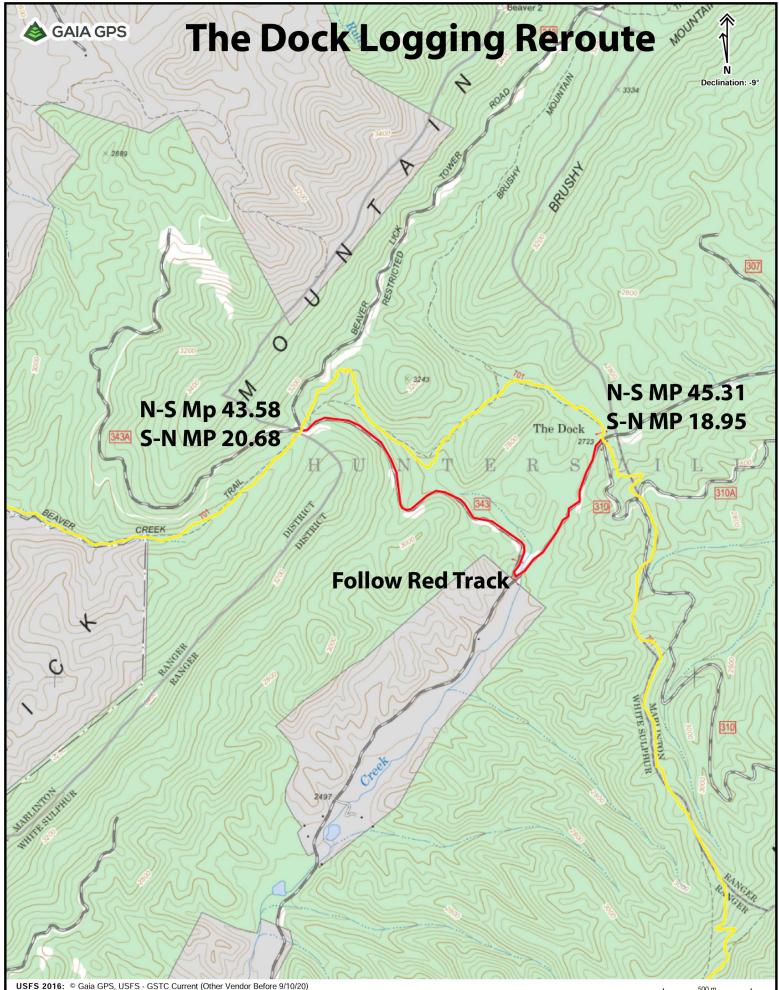


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