Update on Basal Area Stocking Standards from the Uneven-age Working Group
Overview - Issues Identified

- Shade intolerant reproduction
- Fire resilience
- Technical issues
1. Alternative Rx:

- Potential solution to several problems
- General experience has been that such creative “non-standard” approaches are met with skepticism by reviewing agencies, which in turn leads to extended review times
2. Group Selection

- Larger Groups.

- Third Generation Entries.

- Increase Area of Group Openings to something higher than 20%.
3. Transition

- Eliminate the upper limit of stocking.

- Reduce Site I stocking level from current 85 to 50 sq. ft. BA/ac.

- Remove the requirement for Selection regeneration method after two subsequent Transition entries.
4. Southern Sub District Rules

- Allow more harvesting than 50% of trees between 12 and 18 inches
- Other possible changes for flexibility
5. Technical Issues

- Allow for basal area credit hardwoods as well as snags (like current oak silviculture standard). Allow for lower snag standards (smaller sizes allowed).
- Allow for more flexibility in group B justification-like current oak standards.
- Rules do not reflect heterogeneity in many stands.
- More flexibility for plan submitters on the “8 18” rule to allow for better spacing.
Next steps: weekly meetings to further outline these issues