

Sandy Mush Forest Restoration Gathering

January 25, 2020

Sandy Mush Community Center, in the upstairs gymnasium

Doors open at 8:30am

PARTICIPANT AGENDA

- 9:00am Registration, coffee, and light snacks
- Informational tables with natural resource professionals about resources available to help landowners steward their woodland. Tables will include:
- EcoForesters
 - Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
 - North Carolina Forest Service
 - North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
 - Buncombe County Soil & Water Conservation
 - Madison County Soil & Water Conservation
 - Audubon North Carolina
 - Hemlock Restoration Initiative
 - Mountain True
 - North Carolina State University Extension
 - Mountain Valleys RC&D Council
 - Evergreen Packaging
- 9:30am Welcome/Introductions, review the agenda (*Nick Biemiller, Forest Stewards Guild*)
- Introduction to the Sandy Mush Collaborative Forest Restoration Project (*Lang Hornthal, EcoForesters & Sarah Sheeran SAHC*) and the Sandy Mush Forest Restoration Coalition (*Nick Biemiller, Forest Stewards Guild*)
- 9:45am PowerPoint presentations
- Andy Tait, EcoForesters
 - Chris Sharpton, NC Forest Service
 - Chris Henline, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- 11:45am Panel discussion among presenters (*Lang Hornthal, EcoForesters*)
- 12:15pm Lunch- catered BBQ
Natural resource professional tables still available for additional questions and information throughout lunch
- 1:15pm Third Sandy Mush Forest Restoration Coalition Meeting (*Nick Biemiller, Forest Stewards Guild*)
Welcome and progress to date: review of conceptual model

- 1:30pm Identification and discussion of the Coalition's strategies for achieving its vision
What can the Coalition do to meet landowner needs?
What are we going to do as a Coalition to promote healthy forests and land in Sandy Mush?
- 3:00pm Discuss next steps
Administer post-event evaluation survey
- 3:15pm Adjourn