Timber & Thinning Monitoring Team
March 9 Field Trip

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- Inspect planned timber sale site on Compartment 148

- Sale was bid March 30, 2004

- 150 acres, 3 stands
Stand 10

- Longleaf pine stand to be thinned to reach Desired Future Condition (DCF)
- Site contains ephemeral, intermittent, and perennial streams; canyon bluff formations
Stand 10

- Minimum of 100-ft buffer on bluffs
- Minimum 35-ft buffer on streams (buffered stream: scoured soil); no stream crossing or traffic
- Thinned to 60 sq. ft. basal area per acre
- Thinning priority: loblolly pine, Virginia pine, most hardwoods, shortleaf pine
- Mix of longleaf and hardwood to remain
Stand 6

- Loblolly pine to be converted to a DCF of hardwood forest
- Only loblolly pines marked for removal
- No burning planned for this site
- Will rely on natural processes for undergrowth removal
Stand 15

- Not monitored
- Same thinning plan as Stand 6
Comments

- Thinning priority seems to be working
- Tree marking could be more effective if better coordinated with contractors
- Lower the ceiling on minimum bids: restoration is expensive for loggers
- Timber sales should be more reflective of the timber market
- Monitoring will continue
March 20 Field Trip

- Forest health commercial thinning in Compartment 148, stand 10
- Compartment 160 longleaf pine restoration, prescribed burn
- Compartment 127, shortleaf pine woodland community
- Mile Creek prescribed burn area
Compartment 148
Commercial Thinning
Compartment 160
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