



Meeting Purpose and Goals:

- 1. Discuss current opportunities and obstacles for spruce restoration**
- 2. Determine if there is a need for a Southern Appalachian Spruce Restoration Initiative and, if so, the collaborative group structure**

- Should we create a SASRI?
- How should it be structured?



Discussion of Proposed Structure

- Create an executive team with a designated representative from each interested agency
 - USFS
 - USFWS
 - TNC
 - State agencies
- Executive Team Role: Using the resources/staff of each agency develop a plan that will:
 - Explore opportunities to formalize the partnership (MOUs, etc.) and work with CASRI
 - Identify “No-regrets” locations for restoration based on currently available mapping
 - Develop a suite of strategies for implementation
 - Work with partners and other agencies to implement the plan
 - Communicate regularly (twice a year) with the larger group

Next Steps

- Volunteers to represent each interested agency?
- Next meeting/call?

