

## Controlled Wood FSC US National Risk Assessment: **Resources for Mitigation – Mesophytic Cove Sites**

The following provides a list of organizations, regional programs, collaborative partnerships, research groups and universities, or agencies who are working on issues relevant to Mesophytic Cove Sites. This list is provided as a resource for certified organizations as they seek to implement mitigation options in the region. Certified organizations are not limited to working with the entities listed herein. FSC US does not endorse any particular resource – it is the responsibility of the certified organization to assess the adequacy of the resource for their particular context and intended use.

This list will continue to be updated, check the FSC US Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment website for updates.

If you have recommendations for entities to add to this list of resources, please contact FSC US at [j.anderson@us.fsc.org](mailto:j.anderson@us.fsc.org).

### **Organizations & Regional Programs**

[Appalachian Landscape Conservation Cooperative](#) – large collaborative research and management partnership working to protect land and biodiversity in the region.

[Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture](#) – works with collaborative partners to restore forest habitat in the Appalachian Mountains.

[Appalachian Voices: Forestry Handbook](#) – works with landowners to promote sustainable forestry and conservation in the region.

[Blue Ridge Forever](#) – collective effort to conserve land and water resources in western North Carolina.

[Conserving Carolina](#) – promotes protection and stewardship of land and water resources in western North Carolina and northern South Carolina.

[EcoForesters](#) – forestry organization providing services and educational opportunities for landowners focused on conservation and restoration in the Appalachian region.

[North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission - 2015 NC Wildlife Action Plan](#)  
Cove Forests description, suggested management practices, conservation programs and partnerships (Chapter 4, Section 4.4.4, p. 404)

[Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy](#) – works to facilitate long-term conservation of land and resources in Tennessee and North Carolina.

[Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere](#) – collaborative group of natural resource agencies promoting resource sustainability in the Southern Appalachians.  
[The Southern Appalachian Assessment – Terrestrial Technical Report 1996](#)

[The Natural Communities of Virginia Classification of Ecological Groups and Community Types](#) – provides descriptions of VA natural communities, including:

[Rich Cove Forests](#)

[Acidic Cove Forests](#)

[World Wildlife Fund – Global 200 – Appalachian mixed mesophytic forests](#) – provides description of broad mesophytic forest ecosystem and conservation status

### **Research & Extension Programs**

[Coweeta Long Term Ecological Research Program](#) – research focus on the montane deciduous forest biome of the southern Appalachian Mountains.

[Fernow Experimental Forest – USFS Northern Research Station](#) – located in West Virginia, developing information and techniques for sustainably managing hardwood forests in the central Appalachians.

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[Beyond Old Growth: Older Forests in a Changing World](#) – resource developed for the conservation of old growth forests by the National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forestry (2008)

Clebsch, E., & Busing, R. (1989). [Secondary Succession, Gap Dynamics, and Community Structure in a Southern Appalachian Cove Forest](#). Ecology, 70(3), 728-735.