

Controlled Wood FSC US National Risk Assessment: **Resources for Mitigation – Central Appalachian CBA**

The following provides a list of organizations, regional programs, collaborative partnerships, research groups and universities, or agencies who are working on issues relevant to the Central Appalachian CBA. 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.

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](#) – collaborative partnership to restore forest habitat in the Appalachian Mountains.

[Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy](#) – promotes the conservation of amphibians, reptiles, and their habitats in the United States.

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

[Conservation Fisheries](#) – works to preserve aquatic biodiversity in the southeast US through restoration of native fish populations.

[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.

[Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina](#) – western North Carolina land trust

[Land Trust Alliance – Find a Land Trust](#) – resource for locating land trusts in regions throughout the US



[National Association of State Foresters - Best Management Practices](#) – resource for overview information related to BMPs including state by state BMP program map.

[Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership \(SARP\)](#) – collaborative partnership focused on improving management and conservation of southeast aquatic resources.

[Southeastern Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation Strategy](#) – collaborative project which synthesized state planning processes and developed regional conservation priorities, including management actions and policy recommendations.

[The Strategy Document](#)

[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 - Aquatics Technical Report 1996](#)

[Southern Group of State Foresters – Forests & Water](#) – a resource for BMP practices and implementation in the southeast US.

[Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute](#) – conducts research, restoration, and provides education to the public on regional ecosystems.

[Tennessee River Basin Network](#) – collaboration to protect aquatic diversity through landscape conservation actions.

Research & Extension Programs

[Aquatic Conservation Research Lab - Appalachian State University](#) – research lab focused on how stream biota responds to changes in habitat conditions.

[Conservation Management Institute – Virginia Tech](#) – works with natural resource agencies and other partners to help answer management questions.

[Highlands Biological Station – Western Carolina University](#) – offers research and educational opportunities.

[Fernow Experimental Forest – USFS Northern Research Station](#) – located in West Virginia, contributed to BMP design for forest management, and currently contribute to research on issues related to biodiversity.



[River Basin Center – Odum School of Ecology at University of Georgia](#) – works to connect science to aquatic management and policy, emphasis on the southeast US.
[Project – Forestry BMPs and At-Risk Aquatic Species in the Southeast](#)

[Southern Appalachian Biodiversity and Ecology Center – Western Carolina University](#) – promotes collaboration in research, education and outreach focused on biodiversity in the region.

[Southern Regional Extension Forestry Office](#) – offers education and training for professional in the region related to forestry.

[The University of Alabama – Center for Freshwater Studies](#) – conducts research and provides education in freshwater studies.

[University of Kentucky – Forestry Extension](#) – offers education and outreach to Kentucky landowners.

[UKY Extension - Best Management Practices Publications](#)

[University of Georgia Extension](#) – offers education and outreach to regional landowners

[UGA Extension - Conservation and Best Management Practices in Georgia: Implementing, Funding and Assistance](#)

[University of Maryland – Appalachian Laboratory](#) – conducts research, advises, and provides training on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in the region.

[West Virginia University Extension - Forestry](#) – offers education and outreach to West Virginia landowners.

[Virginia Tech - Forest Landowner Education Program](#) – offers education and outreach to landowners in the region.

State Logger Programs & BMP Resources

[EPA National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Forestry](#) – national report on the protection of water resources from forestry operations

Alabama

[AL Forestry Commission - BMPs](#) – maintains Alabama BMPs, and provides education and outreach to landowners.

[AL Department of Environmental Management – BMP Program](#) – source for BMP resources (manual, etc.) and promotes implementation of BMPs in the state.

Georgia

[GA Forestry Commission - BMPs](#) – source for BMP resources (manual, etc.) and promotes implementation of BMPs in the state.

Kentucky

[KY Energy and Environment Cabinet - Timber Harvest Compliance and BMP Guidelines](#) – resource for BMP requirements in Kentucky.

[KY Master Logger Program](#) – educates landowners, loggers and foresters and promotes implementation of BMPs in the state through Master Logger Program.

[UKY Master Logger Program](#) – additional BMP resources through UKY

North Carolina

[NC Forest Service – Water Quality](#) – state resources related to water quality including BMPs (manual, etc.).

[NC Best Management Practices Manual & Field Guide](#)

[NC Forestry Association - ProLogger](#) – promotes safety, business, and environmental awareness for logging professionals in the state.

Tennessee

[TN Department of Agriculture – Water Quality & Guide to Forestry BMPs in Tennessee](#) – source for BMP resources and promotes implementation of BMPs in the state through assistance to loggers and landowners.

[TN Forestry Association - Master Logger Program](#) – provides education to logging professionals including use of BMPs.

Virginia

[VA Department of Forestry – Water Quality & BMPs](#) – source for BMP resources such as VA BMP Field Guide and Technical Manual.

West Virginia

[WV Division of Forestry – Best Management Practices](#) – source for BMP resources including the WV BMP Book, and training, licensing and certification for loggers.