

Restoring Our Forests

Reclaiming Our Heritage

# FROM INTEREST TO ACTION:

## Engaging Landowners in the Age-Old Practice of Fire







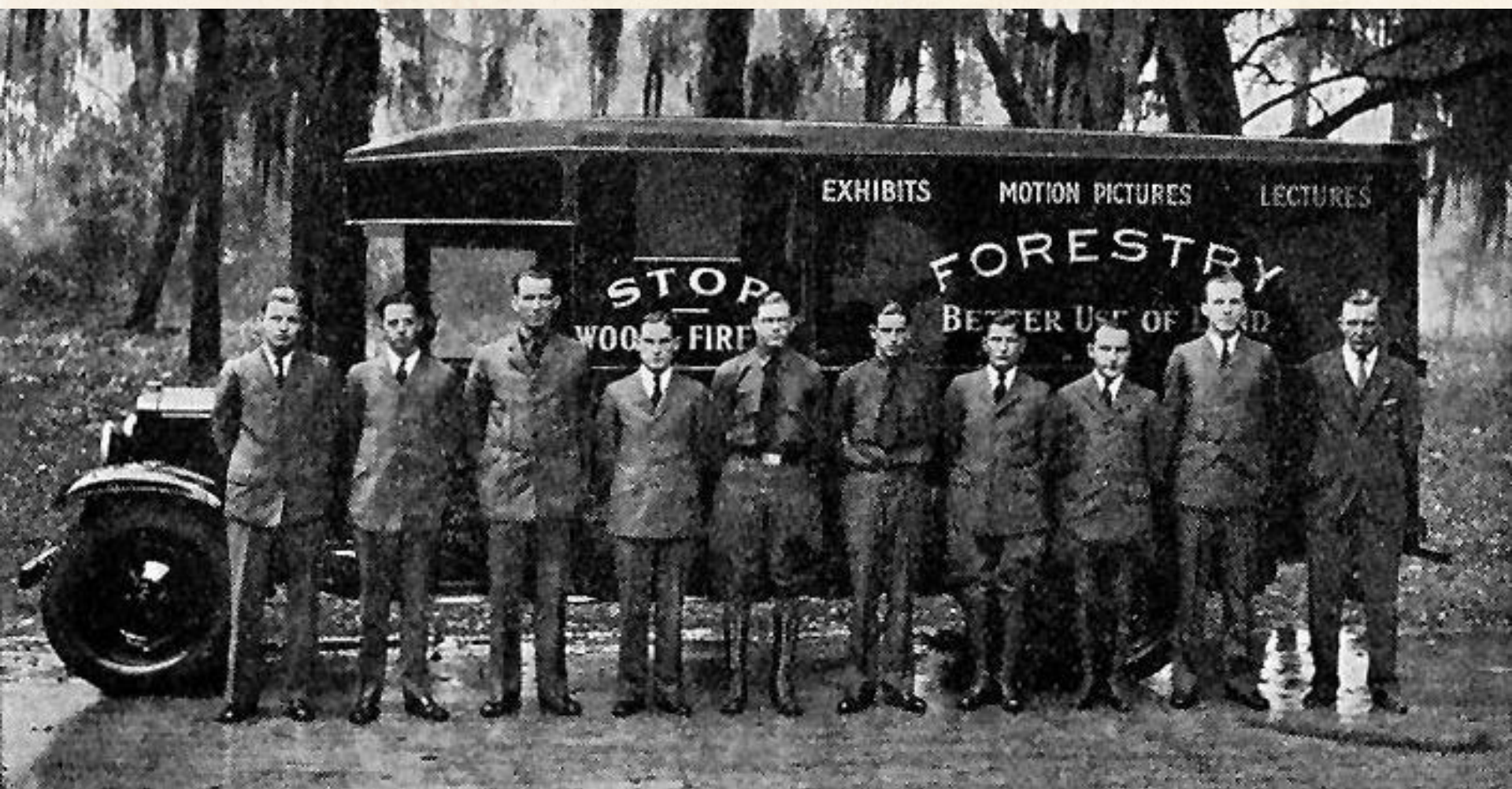








# The Dixie Crusaders





JULY 1958 ▶ SIXTY CENTS

# Harper's

magazine

Veterans: Our Biggest  
Privileged Class

John E. Booth

Time on Our Hands

Russell Lynes

A Grass-roots Guide  
to '58 and '60

William G. Carleton

The Catskills:  
Still Having Wonderful Time

David Boroff

School for Statesmen

Joseph Kraft

The Article as Art

Norman Podhoretz

SOUTHERNERS WHO SET THE  
WOODS ON FIRE by Ed Kerr

Harper & Brothers

July 1958

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# Why Forestry, Why Now?

1. NC is at an economic crossroads:  
Manufacturing & Tobacco have declined.
2. Top economic drivers in our state:  
Agriculture, Forestry, Tourism, Military
3. A new understanding of the Role of  
Fire in protecting our communities and  
landscapes.





# Forestry = Opportunity

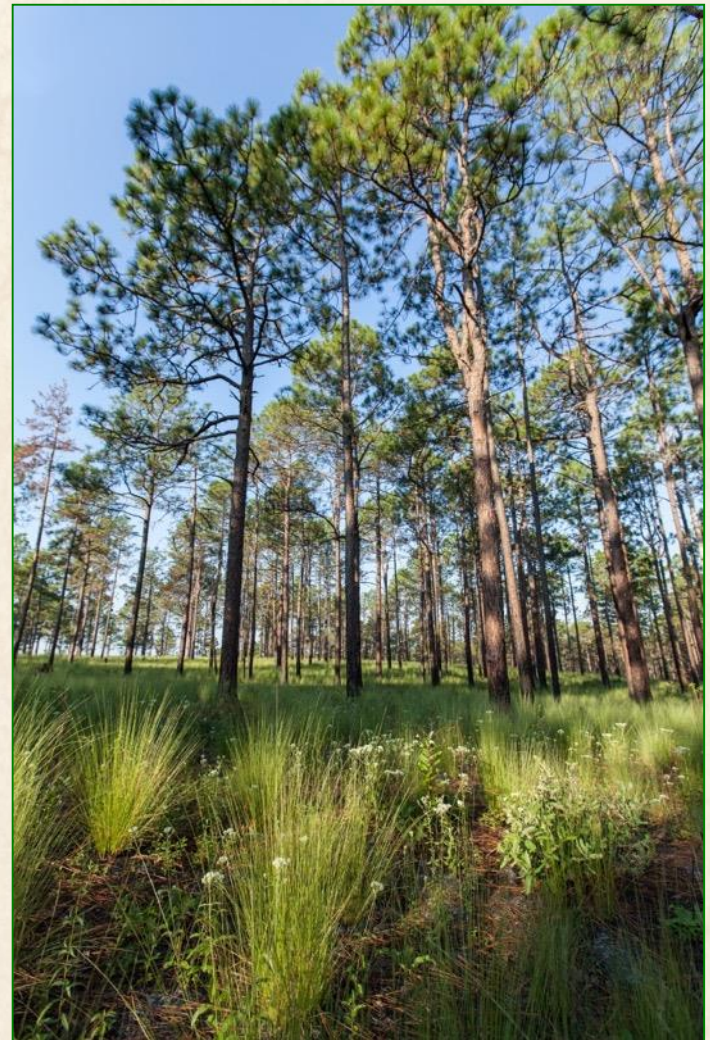
Largest Asset for most folks is their LAND.

LAND is underperforming.

Less than 10% of forestland in NC is actively managed.

Forestry can improve family income.

Can lift up the rural economy.





# The Most Important Restoration Tool for Landowners IS: **PRESCRIBED FIRE/RX FIRE**



- Reduces accumulated fuels on the forest floor (reduces wildfire risk)
- Improves habitat: Encourages natural regeneration of native plants that benefit wildlife
- Controls ticks and chiggers
- Releases nutrients to improve soil fertility
- Limits hardwood overgrowth & non-native species





# Barriers to Using Rx Fire

- **80%** of private landowners, surveyed by the NC Sandhills Prescribed Burn Association, were interested in using prescribed fire, however, there are a variety of reasons they have not.
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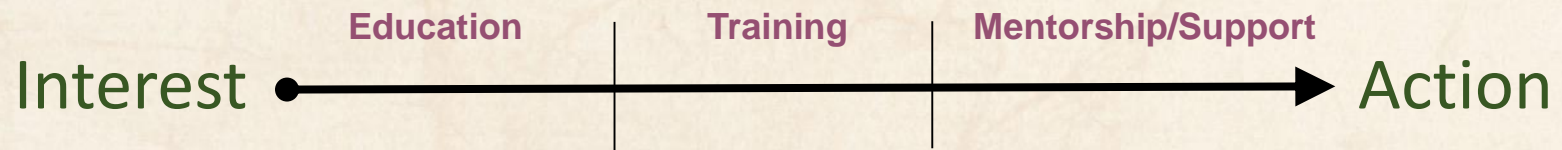
1. Potential liability
2. Lack of training and guidance
3. Lack of experience
4. Capacity to burn (people)
5. Limited equipment or tools
6. Push back from community





# Solutions to Barriers

**Answer: Create an Inclusive Process**



**Education**



**Training**



**Mentorship/Support**



# 10/22 Fire Behavior Workshop



Introduction to Wildland Fire  
Behavior  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
Weymouth Woods State Park  
9AM—5PM  
Register to attend here:

Learn about the basic concepts of wildland fire behavior:

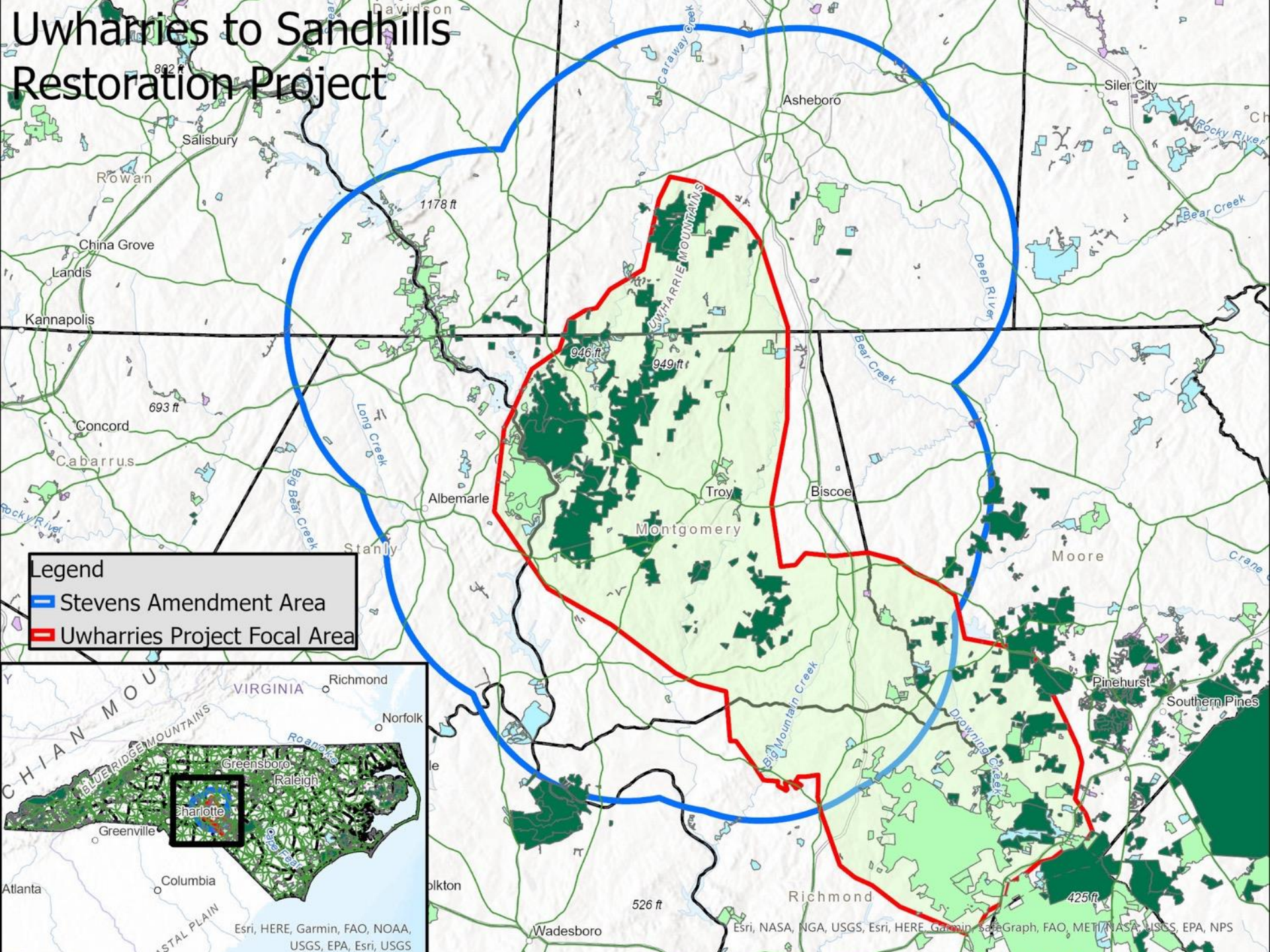
- The primary wildland fire environment components: fuels, weather, and topography
- How characteristics and interactions of fuels, weather, and topography affect fire behavior
- How fire behavior affects risk to fire practitioners

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# Uwharries to Sandhills Restoration Project





# Neighbor Helping Neighbor







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