

MEMORANDUM

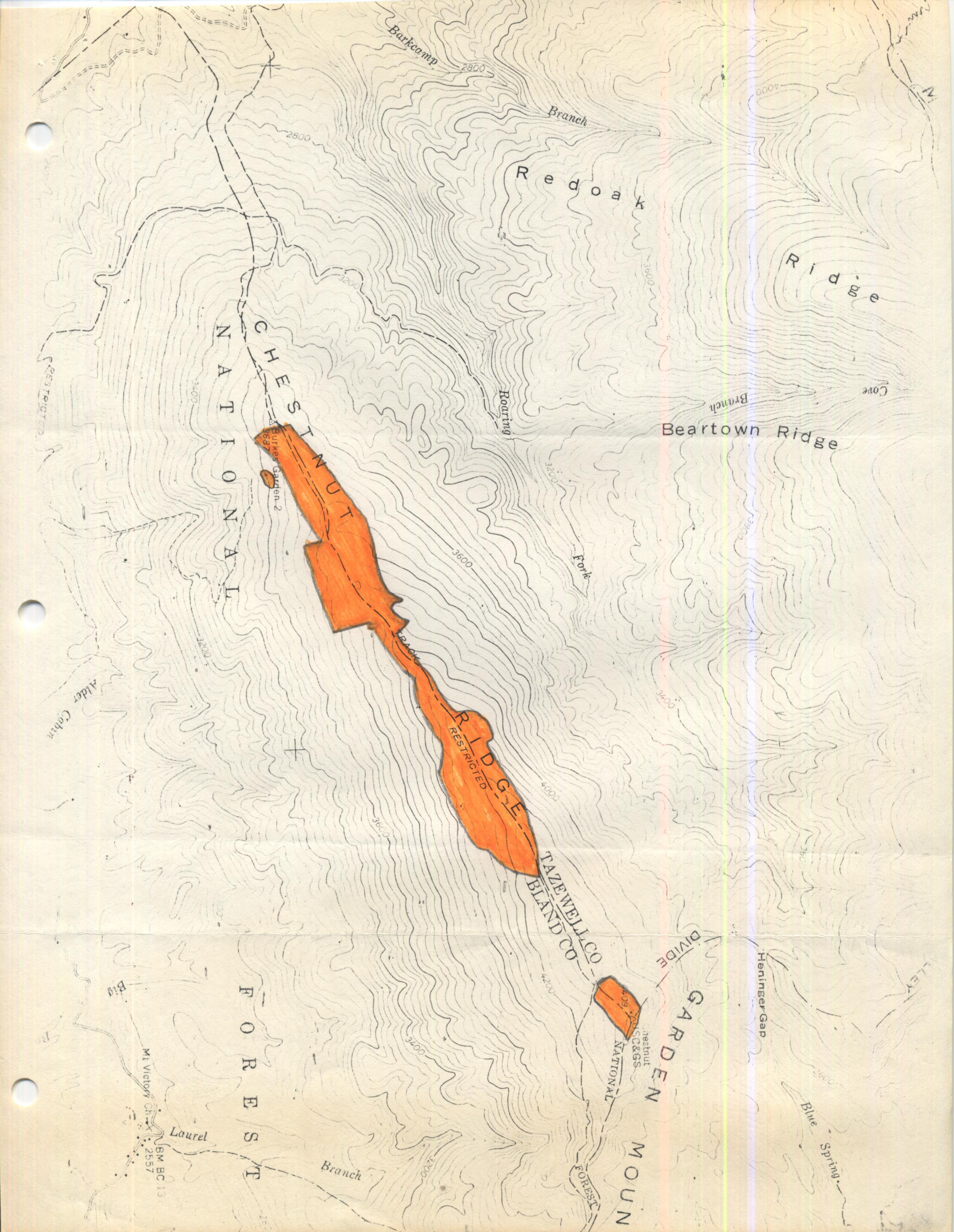
TO: Bill Sims  
FROM: Mike Dawson  
SUBJECT: Open Areas Management Inventory  
DATE: 2/11/86

Bill,

Enclosed please find forms sent to all A.T. Clubs some time ago. As you well know the open areas along the A.T. are a special part of the A.T. experience, and as you also know, they will not remain without the efforts of man to keep them open. Could you ask someone in the club to work with Ron Druien to complete these forms? Enclosed are USGS maps with the open areas marked to aid you.

This year ATC has some funds to work on bald management, especially in areas where grazing is no longer an alternative. PATH is the only club to my knowledge to actively pursue bald maintenance on an ongoing basis. The club's efforts have certainly paid off. I would like to propose that we continue these efforts by making Chestnut Ridge one of the pilot study areas for the Open Area Management Program. Let me know if the club is agreeable.





CHESTNUT  
RIDGE  
RESTRICTED

Red oak  
Branch

Beartown Ridge

Tazewell Co  
Bland Co

GARDEN  
DIVIDE

NATIONAL  
FOREST

FOREST

Laurel

Mt Victory Ch.  
BM BC 13  
2557

Blue Spring

Heminger Gap

Alder Cabin

Barkcamp

Roaring

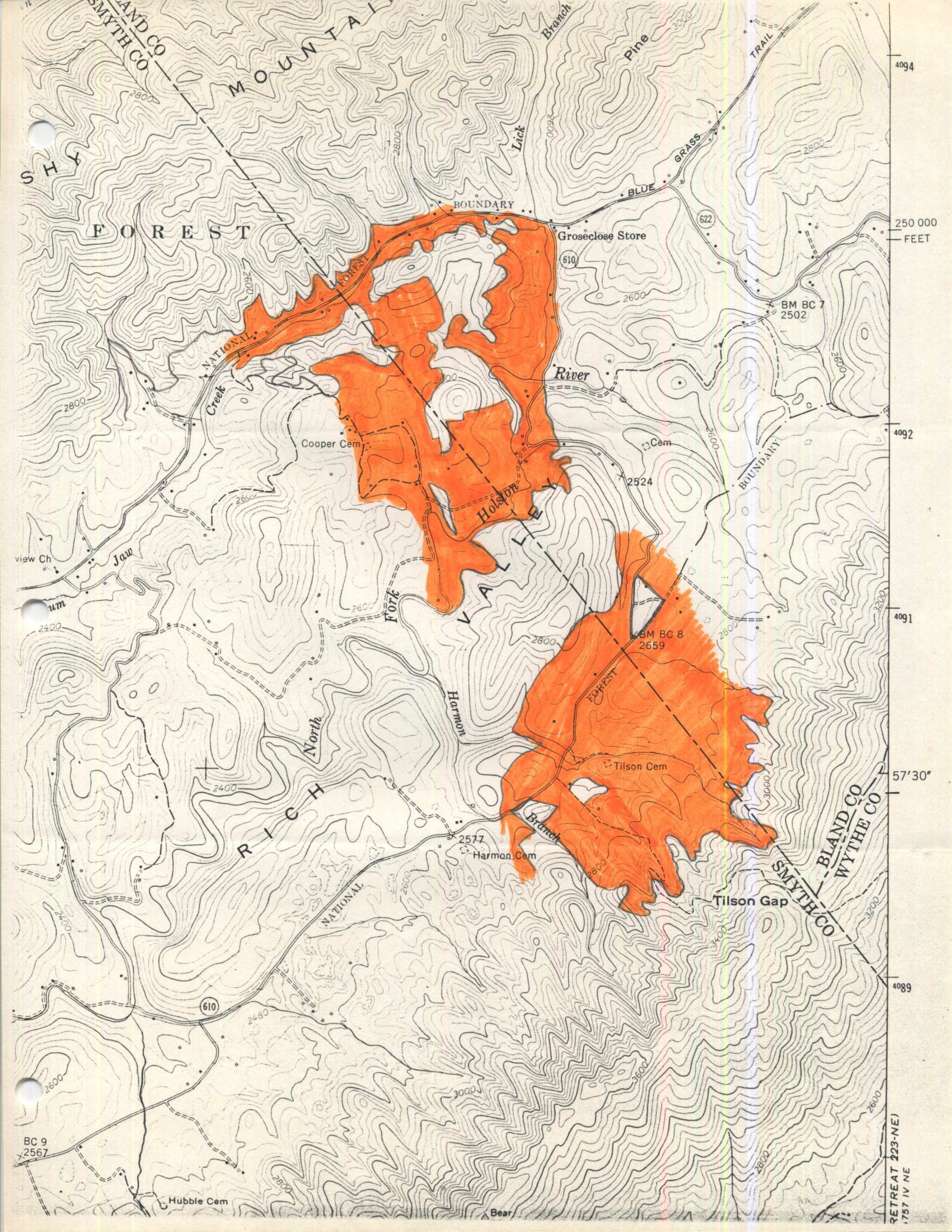
Fork

Cove

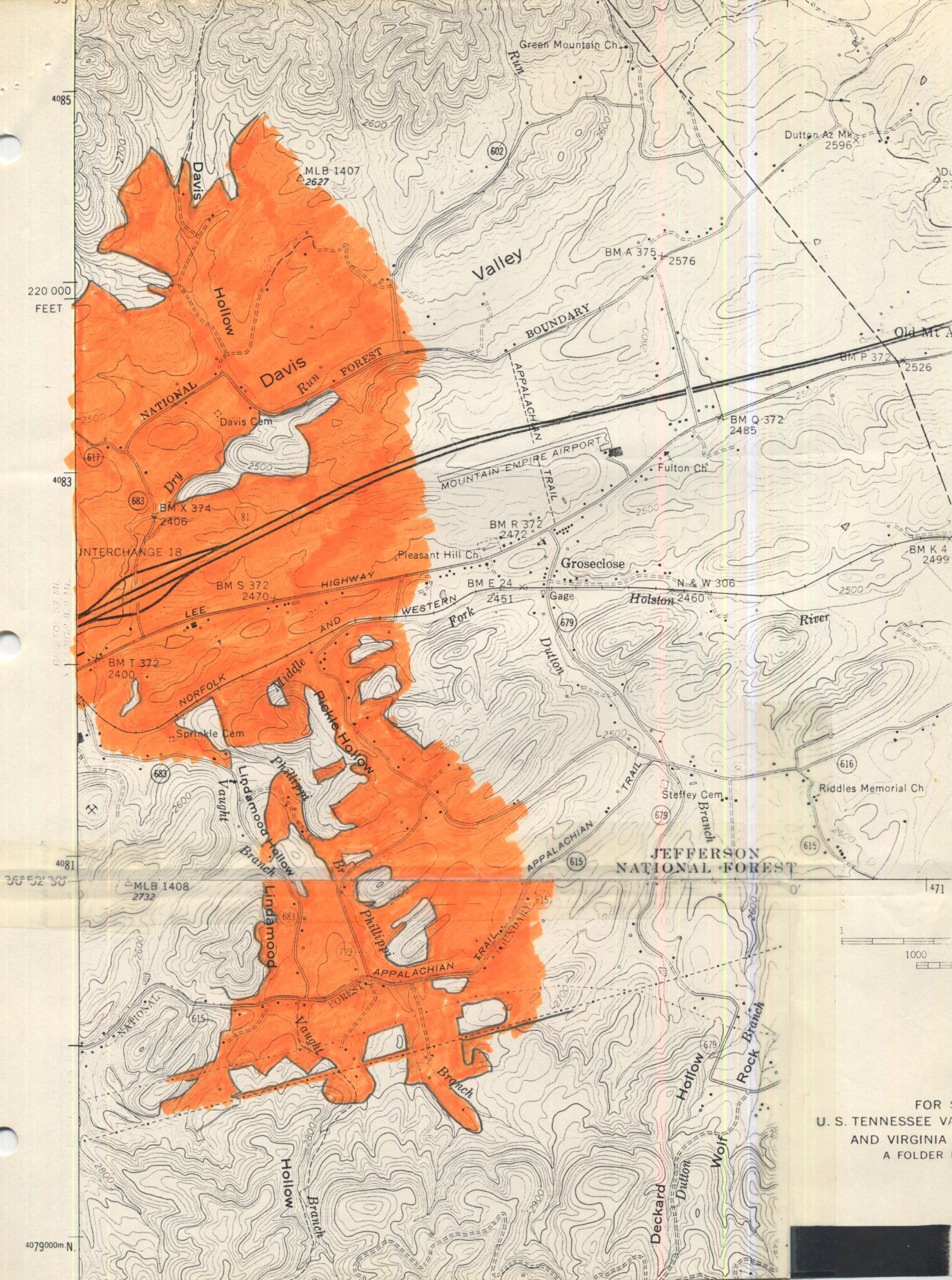
Ridge

Branch









FOR U. S. TENNESSEE VA  
AND VIRGINIA  
A FOLDER



ATC Inventory Form for Fields, Vistas and Balds

**Directions:** Fill out a separate form for each area. Include all open areas (or formerly open areas) on your Trail section which are greater than four (4) acres or if smaller than four acres which: 1) have special or unusual scenic or historic significance, e.g. the area has been significant in the local history or a popular visitation spot; or 2) the club considers management of the area beyond its capabilities.

Use any materials or techniques you wish to help you define and describe the areas, e.g. photos, sketch maps, USGS or guidebook maps. This inventory is intended to be rough rather than precise--to help us assess the Trailwide management needs.

1. **LOCATION AND ACCESS** (Use guidebook section mileage, NPS segment map coordinates or other common reference. Be sure to specify which you use. Accessible by

vehicle?): \_\_\_\_\_

2. **OWNERSHIP:** USFS \_\_\_\_\_ NPS \_\_\_\_\_ State agency (name agency \_\_\_\_\_

Private \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **SIZE** (One acre = 43,560 sq. ft. = roughly 200 ft. x 200 ft. Can be measured with surveyor's tape; approximated by pacing; or calculated from maps)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **DESCRIPTION:**

- A. **Type of area** (field, vista, pasture, bald, other): \_\_\_\_\_

- B. **Distinguishing features** (scenic, historic, biological, geological and others, especially if rare or unusual): \_\_\_\_\_

- C. **Elevation and type of terrain** (Range of elevations from USGS quads or NPS segment maps, e.g. 1800 feet to 2100 feet; and describe as steep, gently sloping, flat, rocky, hummocks, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

D. **Vegetation:**

- (1) **predominant type** (Grasses, shrubs, trees, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

- (2) **size** (approximate diameter and height) **and density** (e.g. scattered, thick, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\* ATC, NPS or the Forest Service can calculate acreages from maps if you note the scale.