

PRESCRIBED FIRE OPERATIONS NOTICE

EASTERN CHEROKEE AGENCY BIA & US WILDLAND FIRE SERVICE ARE PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT MULTIPLE PRESCRIBED FIRE OPERATIONS IN THE TRIBAL RESERVE, TRIBAL WILDLIFE OPENINGS, AND ON POSSESSORY HOLDER LAND, STARTING FEBRUARY 24TH THROUGH APRIL 15TH.

DAILY WEATHER CONDITIONS AND RECENT PRECIPITATION WILL DETERMINE THE EXACT DATE OF IGNITIONS. THERE MAY BE AN ABUNDANCE OF SMOKE IN THE AREA DURING THIS PERIOD. THE CHEROKEE AGENCY BIA & USWFS FIRE TEAM APPRECIATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THESE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES.

THE 6,111-ACRE TRIBAL RESERVE AREA IS PRIMARILY COMPOSED OF MIXED HARDWOODS, PINE, SPRUCE, MOUNTAIN LAUREL, AND RHODODENDRON, ALONG WITH NUMEROUS MEDICINAL AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SPECIES, STREAMS, AND RIPARIAN ZONES. FIRE MANAGERS WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESCRIBED BURN OPERATIONS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO THE EASTERN CHEROKEE LANDSCAPE AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

PRESCRIBED FIRE WILL BE USED WHERE PAST FIRE EXCLUSION HAS CAUSED ADVERSE FUEL LOADING AND SUCCESSION FROM OAK-HICKORY DOMINANT FOREST TYPE TO MESIC (POPLAR, MAPLE, RHODODENDRON). PRESCRIBED FIRE PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN RESTORING, MAINTAINING, AND ENHANCING HABITAT OF NATIVE PLANTS, ANIMALS AS WELL AS THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SPECIES. USING PRESCRIBED FIRE AS A LAND MANAGEMENT TOOL CAN ALSO REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRES TO COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPED AREAS.

THESE PRESCRIBED FIRE UNITS ARE THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED WITH INPUT AND ECOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES FROM THE EBCI NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT/ FISH & WILDLIFE.

TRIBAL RESERVE BURN UNITS:

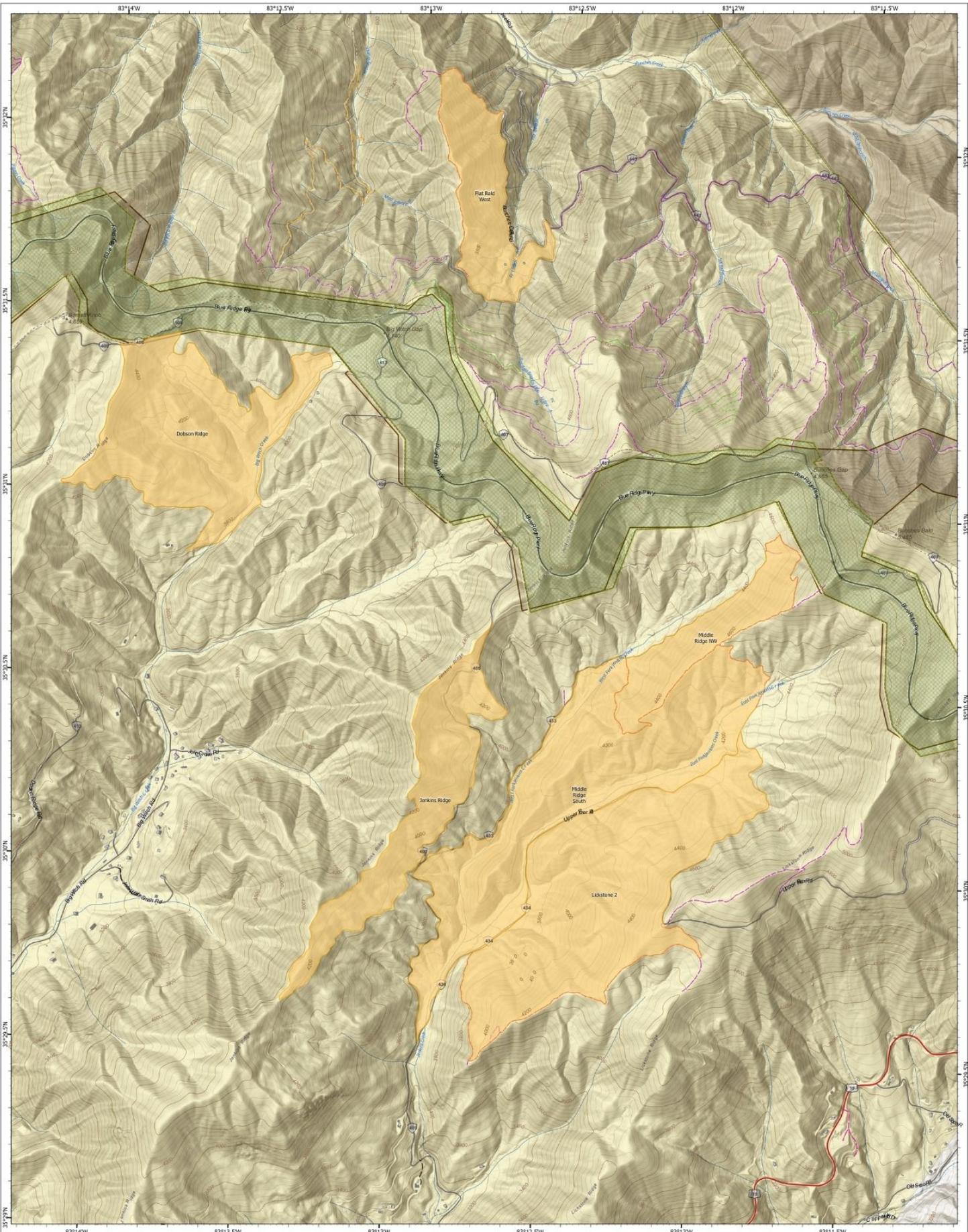
**DOBSON RIDGE RX
LICKSTONE RIDGE 2 RX
FLAT BLAD WEST RX
JENKINS RIDGE RX
MIDDLE RIDGE SOUTH, MIDDLE RIDGE NW RX**

POSSESSORY HOLDER UNIT:

LEWIS RX - BIRDTOWN

**FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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**Eastern Cherokee Fire Management
Prescribed Burning 2026**

Flat Bald West	74 acres
Jenkins Ridge	102 acres
Dobson Ridge	162 acres
Lickstone 2	240 acres
Middle Ridge South	233 acres
Middle Ridge NW	60 acres

- Prescribed Fire Perimeter
- Qualla Boundary
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- STRUCTURES
- EBCI ROADS
- DRIVEWAY
- 2 Track
- 4 Wheel
- 4W - Unimproved
- Driveway
- ORV
- Parking Lot
- Unverified
- Utility
- EBCI Trails



1:8,290 | BIA Fire | 2/9/2020 0957
North American 1983 Datum, Lat/Long Grid

