

# Western North Carolina Report Card on Forest Sustainability



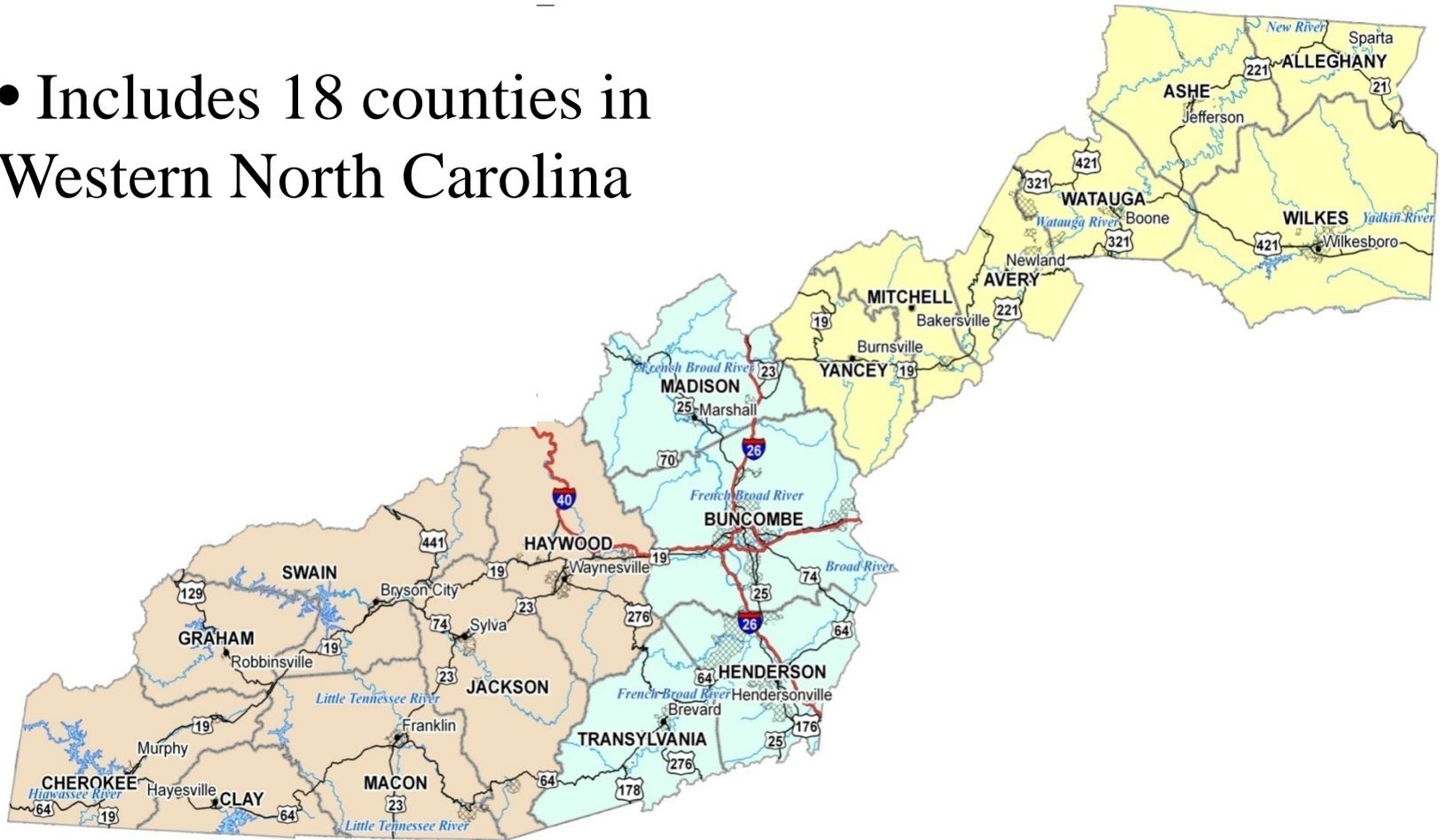
# Partner Organizations

- USDA Forest Service
- Southern Research Station
- National Forests in North Carolina
- NEMAC
- RENCI



# Study Area

- Includes 18 counties in Western North Carolina



# Southern Appalachian Ecoregion



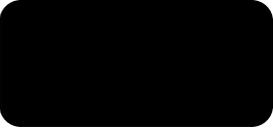
# Montreal Process Criteria and Indicators

- Biodiversity
- Production
- Ecosystem Health
- Soil, Water, and Air
- Carbon Cycle
- Socioeconomic Benefits
- Policy

# Rankings



Improving: (e.g. lands managed for conservation)



Stable: (soil resources)



At Risk: (recreation resources)



Worsening: (sustaining natural diversity and species diversity )



Dynamic: (insects and disease occurrence)



Uncertain: (potential for biomass production)

# Why is the report card important? How will it be used?



- Evaluate how forests are impacted by natural and human-caused changes
- Help provide a better understanding of the value of our forests
- Provide a comprehensive guide and fact book to help inform decision-making and policy in our region

# Thank You

