

Ecology 199 notes, 2/14/06

Burning removes the white oaks from the ecosystem, so there aren't as many deer. Hunting season is in the fall, around Thanksgiving to Dec. 30. Burning increases the number of small game though (quail and rabbits) because of all the grasses.

To get a turkey permit on state lands, this requires a lottery (even if a permit is bought, there might not be a chance to hunt turkey that year).

The game that people are seeding for are quail and waterfowl, not specifically deer.

In the early 1900's, deer were hunted out of the system from Arkansas to the east. As deer increased, Lyme disease has also increased. Deer are an edge species, so they have thrived because of fragmentation. People in suburbs see more deer than in rural areas.

What projects are currently underway in the Uwharries? Development, conservation efforts – who is in charge, what they are doing, etc.

Bush administration national forest selling proposal – news in the News and Observer – going to sell parts of the Uwharrie NF to put more land back into the local tax base.

Forestry – not just professional foresters, but also any management by anyone of the forests – like that done by private landowners. Boone Chesson was wanting to grow longleaf pine to have the option of thinning the uneven-aged stand so his kids could periodically make money from harvests. Also, he wanted to lease the land for hunting, as well as selling pine needles for landscaping.

March 7 – my presentation date.