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    District Ranger, Athens Ranger District

Road-stream crossing improvement projects provide for a safe and efficient transportation system, provide resilience to a changing climate, and benefit Threatened and Endangered and other species. The first step in developing an efficient and effective crossing improvement project is to determine the status of all existing road crossings in the project area. In 2015, the WNF partnered with the Forest Service Southern Research Station, Center for Aquatic Technology Transfer (CATT) to complete crossing assessments for 586 crossings on the Ironton Ranger District and the Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District.

CATT field crews completed their assessments in summer 2015 and we recently submitted a project database, GIS, and photos to SO and District biological, engineering, and GIS staff. Our primary point of contact was District Biologist, Patrick Mercer, whose efforts greatly increased the quality of our project. This project is the latest in a series of assessments completed by WNF, which now has information on over 1,800 crossings. This information can be used by WNF to prioritize crossing improvement projects and to compete for project funding.

If you have any questions regarding this project or if you require additional assistance from CATT please contact Craig Roghair (croghair@fs.fed.us, 540 230-8126). A full description of CATT services is available at: http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/catt/. We look forward to working with you again soon.

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