



The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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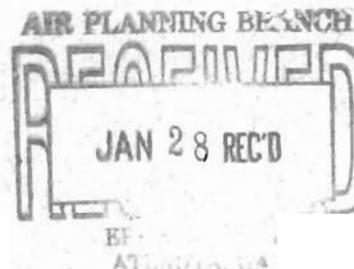
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Regional Administrator Fleming,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has invited the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to submit a recommendation for NO₂ designation pertaining to Tribal lands. The EBCI, in accordance to the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), is submitting a recommendation on NO₂ for all reservation lands.

The EBCI is a federally recognized tribe and has jurisdictional authority over tribal lands located in western North Carolina. These lands are located predominately in Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, and Graham counties (see attachment).

The EBCI is recommending that all areas within the Tribe's Reservation exterior boundaries be designated as "unclassifiable" areas according to the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for NO₂. The EBCI recommendation of "unclassifiable" is based on the fact that there is insufficient NO₂ monitoring data available to make a determination of attainment or nonattainment for these areas.

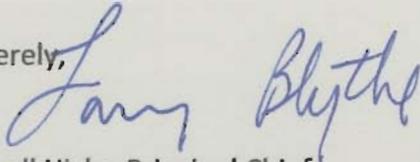
Please feel free to contact Katie Renwick, EBCI Air Quality Specialist at 828-497-1832 with any questions you might have.

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Sincerely,


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Attachments

Map of EBCI Tribal lands

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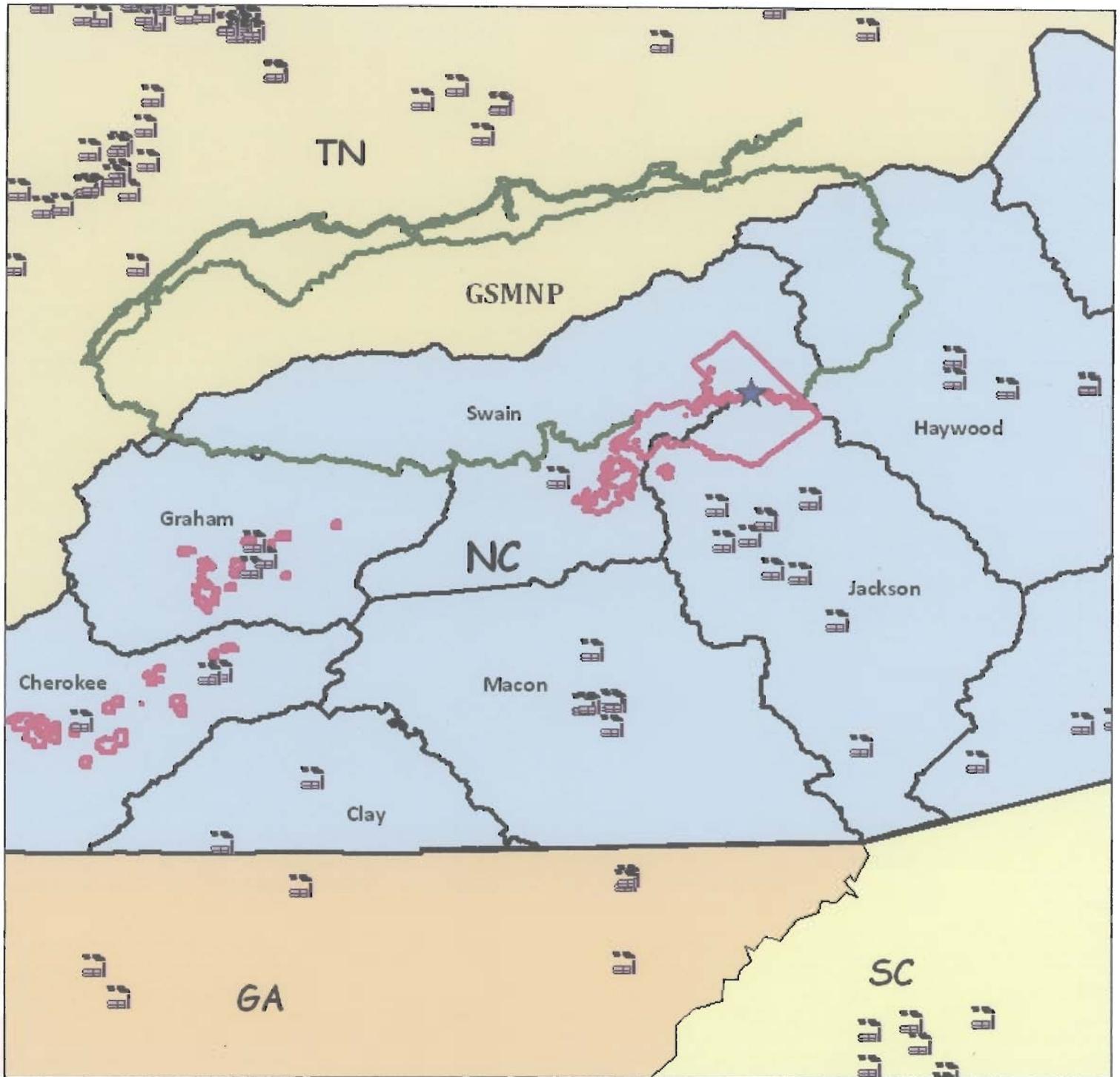
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EBCI Trans-Boundary Emission Sources



Legend

- 2005 NEI Emission Sources
- Barnett Knob Ozone Site
- EBCI Reservation Boundary
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) Boundary

0 3 6 12 18 24 Miles



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