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The Grassy Balds of Roan Mountain: Will They Survive?

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Abstract

The grassy balds of the Appalachian Mountains is the topic of this research.

The grassy balds are mountain summits covered with grasses and shrubs. However this rare place is in danger for extinction with the problems of invasive woody plant species that are taking over the native plants habitat. When a visit to the grassy balds took place, dominant plant species were recorded and used throughout this investigation. Internet searches were conducted to see the things volunteer workers have done to help preserve the grassy balds. The number one solution that seems to help the grassy balds is goat grazing to help prevent the invasion of woody plants. The best-found solution to saving the grassy bald community is for the goats to eat off the invasive herbs to help restore the native plants on the grassy balds to survive.