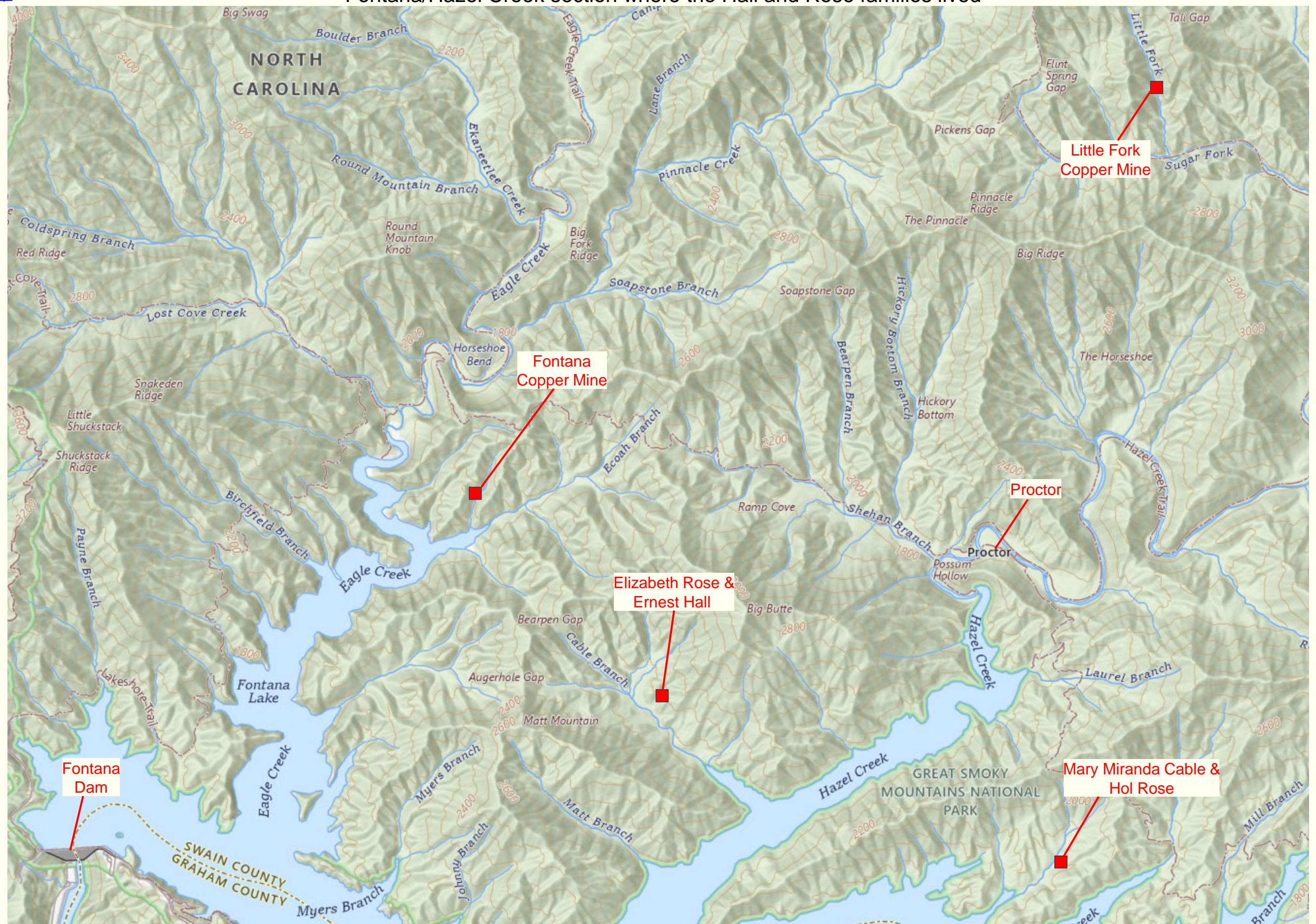


Fontana/Hazel Creek section where the Hall and Rose families lived



The corn gritter shown [HERE](#) was found at the former home place of Ernest and Elizabeth Rose Hall, located at the marked spot on Cable Branch above. Elizabeth had grown up just over two miles (as the crow flies) from the place where they made their home and started their family; she was a daughter of Mary Miranda Cable and James Holland "Hol" Rose. Folks in both homes would've gone to school and traded at Proctor, a mill town created by Ritter Lumber Company in the latter part of the first decade of the 20th century. Fonzie Hall, grandfather of Ernest, discovered what was first believed to be gold, but was actually copper, in the area indicated as the Little Fork Copper Mine in the 1880s. It turned out there are several outcroppings on a southwest to northeast course in the Hazel and Eagle Creek areas, including at the location of the Fontana Copper Mine on Ecoah Branch of Eagle Creek. That mine produced over half a million tons of ore between 1926 and 1942. Ernest Hall and dozens of other men in the area worked at the Fontana Copper Mine up until construction of Fontana Dam. The mine on Little Fork and another just over the ridge (east of Tali Gap) also produced some copper, but much more limited in volume. Two factors worked against those mines – lack of access and legal ownership wrangling.