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APPALACHIAN RANGER DISTRICT [\(Click here for Appalachian District project location map\)](#)

PROJECT NAME/ LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<p>1. Sprout Timber Sale Comp. 26-28 Mgmt Area: 3B,13,4C, 5</p>	<p><i>The proposed action includes harvesting 3 stands for regeneration totaling 75 acres, one mile of road reconstruction, and .5 mile of road construction. Three wildlife fields are proposed for daylighting to provide a transition zone between the open fields and the forest. A trail-head is also proposed for the Woody Ridge trail. Road rehabilitation and closures in areas with illegal ORV use are also being considered.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 1/29/97-2/28/97 Notice and Comment: 8/5/97 - 9/3/97 Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>2. Proposed Grazing Project Comp. 44, 99 Mgmt Area: 2A, 2C, 4D, 9, 14</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to reintroduce grazing into Roaring Creek (400 acres), and Max Patch (335 acres). The proposal includes installing the fencing necessary to contain livestock, providing a water system using water "guzzler" facilities away from the riparian area, reclaiming previously grazed areas at Max Patch by a one time herbicide treatment of blackberry thickets (about 75 acres), and the placement of livestock into these areas.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 1/30/98-3/2/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>3. Northside Timber Sale Comp. 53,55 Mgmt Area: 2A, 3B</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to harvest approximately 71 acres of timber in five units. Alternatives to clearcutting are being considered as primary harvest methods. No new road construction will be necessary.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 9/15/98 - 10/15/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>4. Hurricane Creek Analysis Area Comp. 452-458, 463, 464 Mgmt Area: 1B, 2A, 3B, 4A, 4C, 18</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is an area analysis on 9,345 acres in Haywood County. Proposed activities include: fisheries habitat improvement on five miles of Cold Spring Creek, 317 acres of timber harvesting, approximately 1.5 miles of new road construction, 2.0 miles of temporary road construction, preharvest sites preparation with herbicides, 292 acres of timber stand improvement by manual release with chainsaws, 249 acres of advanced oak treatment with herbicides, and wildlife habitat improvement including revegetation of log landings and temporary roads.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 10/19/98 - 11/17/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

<p>5. Road Trail Repaving Project. Comp. 93 Mgmt Area: 9</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to remove and replace the asphalt on 900 feet of the existing asphalt walking trail and the side trails of the upper loop. The project also includes adding new asphalt to the remainder of the supper loop and on the lower loop where removal of the existing asphalt is not needed.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 8/10/98 - 9/3/98</i></p>
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<p>6. Panther Branch DOT Project Comp. 449 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to widen and pave State Road 1178 (Panther Branch Road) in Madison County. The North Carolina Department of Transportation has proposed a 45 foot right-of-way for this project. The project on Panther Branch Road would cover approximately 1.2 miles of road, of which 0.2 miles is through Forest Service property. The environmental assessment will only cover the impacts on Forest Service land.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 2/3/99 - 3/5/99</i> <i>Notice and Comment: 3/17/99 - 4/15/99</i> <i>Decision:</i> <i>Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>7. Upper Shut-in DOT Project. Comp. 433, 434, 444, 445 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to widen and pave State Road 1183 (Upper Shut-in Road) in Madison County. The North Carolina Department of Transportation has proposed a 45 foot right-of-way for this project. The project would cover approximately 3.9 miles of road, of which 2.2 miles is through Forest Service land. The environmental assessment will only cover the impacts on Forest Service land.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 2/3/99 - 3/5/99</i> <i>Notice and Comment:</i> <i>Decision:</i> <i>Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>8. Carver Land Exchange Comp. 479 Mgmt Area: Undesignated</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange several tracts of National Forest land, for tracts of private land in the Street Gap area of Madison County for protection of the Appalachian Trail corridor.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 4/5/99 - 4/30/99</i> <i>Notice and Comment:</i> <i>Decision:</i> <i>Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>9. Prescribed Burn Comp. 67-69 Mgmt. Area: 3B</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to burn approximately 500 acres in the Shinbone area of Mitchell County. The burn will create an improved habitat by opening up the understory and reducing the fuel load.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 4/99 - 5/99 (planned)</i> <i>Notice and Comment:</i> <i>Decision:</i> <i>Appeal Period:</i></p>

<p>10. Wildlife Opening Maintenance Comp. Multiple Mgmt Area: Multiple</p>	<p><i>The proposed action would include any of the following or combinations: (1) spraying herbicide (round-up) where needed for fescue control; (2) prescribed burning to eliminate thick mats of dead fescue; (3) plowing, disking, or no-till reseeding with clover/orchard grass, cool or warm season grass species as site indicates; (4) fertilize and lime application as soil tests indicate; (5) planting the perimeter with soft mast shrub species; (6) planting apple, crab apple, or hawthorn species within clearing; (7) using brush barriers, natural vegetation and mulch (if necessary) to limit erosion and prevent any sediment from entering streams while the planted vegetation becomes reestablished.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 4/99 - 5/99 (planned)</p>
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CHEOAH RANGER DISTRICT ([Click here for Cheoah District Project Map](#))

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<p>1. Prescribed Burning Comp. Districtwide Mgmt Area: Various</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is a complete prescribed burning program across the district for fuel management, reforestation, wildlife habitat improvement, and to maintain fire dependent vegetation types. The control burning program would include prescribed burning areas generally on a rotational schedule of 3-5 year intervals.</i></p>	<p>Scoping 3/98 - 5/98 Notice and Comment: 5/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>2. Fox Squirrel Comp. 79, 81, 82 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 1B</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to conduct forest improvement activities for forest health, wildlife habitat, reforestation, timber management, and soil and watershed. Provide timber for commercial sale in accomplishment of forest improvement activities. The project area includes approximately 1,300 acres of Forest Service lands located in the Atoah and Little Snowbird areas.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 12/92 - 1/94 Notice and Comment: 4/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>3. Obadiah Project Comp. 42, 43 Mgmt. Area: 4D, 2A, 4C, 18</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to conduct forest improvement activities for forest health, wildlife habitat, reforestation, timber management, soil and watershed, and recreation. Provide timber for commercial sale in accomplishment of forest improvement activities. The project area includes approximately 1,864 acres in the Big Santeetlah area.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 3/92 - 12/31/93 Notice and Comment: FY 99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

4. <i>Tsali Comp. 152-156 Mgmt. Area: 2,3,4</i>	<i>The proposed action is to conduct forest vegetation management improvement activities in a high use recreation area of approximately 4,000 acres of Forest Service land to implement the Tsali Forest Health Project Plan currently being completed.</i>	<i>Scoping: 7/17/97 - 8/18/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
5. <i>Districtwide Road-side Salvage Comp. Districtwide Mgmt Area: 1,2,3,4,18</i>	<i>The proposed action is to conduct salvage/sanitation and hazard tree removals within 300 feet of existing roads and from within recreation areas across the district. The proposal would not include any road construction or reconstruction.</i>	<i>Scoping: 1/98 - 2/98 Notice and Comment: 4/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
6. <i>McGuire's Right-of-Way Comp. Mgmt. Area:</i>	<i>The proposed action is to grant an easement to allow access to private property and 1,800 feet of road construction. The project is located east of Hooper Bald.</i>	<i>Scoping: 7/96 - 7/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
7. <i>Phillips-Carver Right-of-Way Comp. Mgmt. Area: 2A</i>	<i>The proposed action is to grant an easement to access private property and construct approximately 0.5 miles of road in the Santeetlah Lake Area.</i>	<i>Scoping: 6/96 - 9/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
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8. <i>Crisp/Burril Small Tracts Comp. Mgmt. Area: 4A</i>	<i>The proposed action is to clear existing encroachments of several dwellings off of National Forest land in the Panther Creek area on Fontana Lake.</i>	<i>Scoping: 7/96 - 10/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
9. <i>Eagle's Nest Small Tracts Comp. Mgmt. Area:</i>	<i>The proposed action is to correct Forest Service property lines erroneously included in the current survey to coincide with previous deed descriptions. The project is located adjacent to Eagle's Nest Subdivision off of NC 28.</i>	<i>Scoping: 10/95 - 10/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
10. <i>Santeetlah Cove Small Tracts Comp. Mgmt. Area: 2A</i>	<i>The proposed action is to clear existing housing encroachments on National Forest land on the Lower Santeetlah Road.</i>	<i>Scoping: 6/96 - 12/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
11. <i>Reforestation/TSI for FY 99 Comp. Districtwide Mgmt. Area: 1,2,3,4</i>	<i>The proposed action is to complete preharvest site preparation for oak development, release, cleaning, and/or other timber stand improvements in stands across the district. The proposal does not include a timber sale or road construction.</i>	<i>Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
12. <i>Snowbird Volunteer Fire Department Building Site Comp. 58 Mgmt. Area: 2A</i>	<i>The proposed action is to issue a special use permit for the volunteer fire department to be located at the junction of NC 143 West and NC 1115.</i>	<i>Scoping: FY 98 Notice and Comment: Decision: 3/99 Appeal Period:</i>

<p>13. Blue Boar Lodge Marina Comp. 56 Mgmt. Area: 2,3,4</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to issue a special use permit to develop a marina facility on Santeetlah Lake.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: FY 98 Notice and Comment: Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</p>
<p>14. Hazanet Knob Project Comp. 25-35 Mgmt. Area 3B, 4D, 2A, 4C, 18</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to conduct forest improvement activities for forest health, wildlife habitat, reforestation, timber management, soil and watershed, and recreation, and to provide timber for commercial sale in accomplishment of forest improvement activities</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

CROATAN RANGER DISTRICT ([Click here for Croatan District project map](#))

PROJECT NAME/ LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<p>1. Brice Creek Camp- ing and Interpretive Trail Comp. 3,4 Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to provide two dispersed campsites, of two to three units each along the canoe trail at Brice's Creek. The action is also to provide a 1/2 mile interpretive trail at one site.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 5/99 - 6/99 Notice and Comment: 6/99 - 7/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>2. Pauper's Island/Mill Creek Land Exchange Comp. 10, 19 Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange approximately 180 acres of National Forest land for 350 acres of private land. The National Forest tract is located east of Highway 70 approximately 13 miles south of New Bern and 3 miles north of Havelock. The private land is located west of Forest Road 1155, approximately 5 miles south of Harlow. The exchange will remove an isolated tract from National Forest ownership and consolidate ownership in the Mill Creek area.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 1/99 - 4/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>3. Albert A. Toon Land Exchange Comp. 18 Mgmt Area: 3</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange National Forest lands adjacent to Albert A. Toon's property for lands adjacent to other National Forest land. This action will eliminate boundary lines, eliminate one special use permit, and consolidate National Forest lands. The project is located along North Carolina Highway 101, approximately five miles west of North Harlow, North Carolina.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 11/98 - 12/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>4. Patsy Pond Trail- head Parking Lot Comp. 27 Mgmt. Area:</p>		<p><i>Scoping: 1/99 - 3/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>5. Garner Road Right- of-way Comp. 24 Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to grant a landowner access to his land across National Forest land. The project area is located off Nine Foot Road, approximately .5 mile north of Highway 24.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 10/98 - 11/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</i></p>

GRANDFATHER RANGER DISTRICT ([Click here for Grandfather District project map](#))

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1. Sand Mountain Timber Sale Comp. 15, 26, 28, 29 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action includes commercial timber harvest, site preparation and reforestation treatment on harvested areas, wildlife habitat improvement in or near harvested areas, trail improvement/relocation, designation of small old growth restoration areas, and road construction, reconstruction, and/or maintenance to support the timber sale.</i>	<i>Scoping: 5/98 - 9/98 Notice and Comment: 5/99 - 6/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
2. Pearcy Creek White Pine Removal Comp. 98 Mgmt. Area: 1B	<i>The proposed action is (1) commercial timber harvest of remaining white pine sawtimber on two stands totaling 57 acres, while leaving all hardwood overstory; (2) using existing roads to support the timber sale; (3) seeding exposed mineral soil with a grass/legume mix; and (4) improving wildlife habitat in or near harvested areas.</i>	<i>Scoping: 7/98 - 8/98 Notice and Comment: 11/98 - 12/98 Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</i>
3. Curtis Creek Dis- persed Plan Develop- ment Comp. 217,218,220- 224 Mgmt. Area: 2A, 4D	<i>The proposed action is to close several sites to dispersed camping along the Curtis Creek Road to prevent damage to the riparian area. In addition, a dispersed recreation plan will be developed to improve opportunities in the area. Hazard trees identified in these sites will be removed.</i>	<i>Scoping: 10/25/97 - 1/15/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: 4/99 Appeal Period:</i>
4. Outfitter Guide Permit Renewal/Issue Comp. various Mgmt. Area: various	<i>The proposed action is to issue or reissue approximately 10 special use permits to various outfitter guides across the district. Permits will be issued for use on existing trails and in established areas.</i>	<i>Scoping: 11/3/98-1/15/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
5. Mortimer Camp- ground Hazard Tree Removal Comp. 66 Mgmt. Area: 12	<i>The proposed action is (1) commercial salvage of diseased and dying yellow pine and white pine timber on 6 acres, (2) leave all undamaged hardwood trees and understory woody vegetation, (3) chip, lop, and scatter, or haul off tops and limbs, and (4) use existing access.</i>	<i>Scoping: 12/21/98-1/22/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: 3/15/99 Appeal Period: N/A</i>

<p>6. State Road 1514B Widening and Paving Comp. 48, 50, 51 Mgmt Area: 3B, 4A</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to permit the State Department of Transportation to widen and pave State Road 1514B across National Forest land in Caldwell County.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 11/15/98-3/26/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: 6/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>7. Brown Mountain Dispersed Plan Development Comp. 90-92 Mgmt. Area: 1B, 2A</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to develop a dispersed recreation plan to improve opportunities in the area.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 10/97 - 12/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: 5/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</i></p>
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<p>8. Boone Fork Trail Plan and Camp-ground Comp. 3,4,21 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to develop a trail system primarily on existing closed roads for horses and/or mountain bikes. In addition, a proposal to develop a horse camp will be analyzed.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 11/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>9. Piedmont Natural Gas Co. Project Comp. 96-98, 106, 107, 302, 308, 309 Mgmt. Area: 2C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to install an 8 inch natural gas pipeline generally parallel and adjacent to the edge of the pavement of the Highway 181 , Burke County, from the intersection of the southern National Forest property line to the northern property line with the NC Department of Transportation easement for a distance of approximately 8 miles.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 4/5/99 - 6/30/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>10. Highway 181 Curve Realignment Comp. 96 Mgmt. Area: 2C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to permit the State Department of Transportation to realign a curve on Highway 181. This project will involve grading, widening, and paving.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 2/22/99 - 3/26/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>11. Organized Mountain Bike Ride Comp. Mgmt. Area: 2A, 2C, 3B, 4A, 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to issue a Special Use Permit to the Cadlwell Co. Chamber of Commerce to hold a one day mountain bike ride in Avery and Caldwell Counties on April 17, 1999.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 2/22/99 - 3/12/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>

<p>12. Wildlife Opening Comp. 276, 262</p>	<p><i>The proposed action would include any of the following or combinations: (1) spraying herbicide (round-up) where needed for fescue control; (2) prescribed burning to eliminate thick mats of dead fescue; (3) plowing, disking, or no-till reseeding with clover/orchard grass, cool or warm season grass species as site indicates; (4) fertilize and lime application as soil tests indicate; (5) planting the perimeter with soft mast shrub species; (6) planting apple, crab apple, or hawthorn species within clearing; (7) using brush barriers, natural vegetation and mulch (if necessary) to limit erosion and prevent any sediment from entering streams while the planted vegetation becomes reestablished.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 5/99 (planned) Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
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<p>13. Prescribed Burning Comp. Districtwide Mgmt. Area: 1-5</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to identify areas across the district to prescribe burn for fuels management, wildlife habitat improvements, ecosystem restoration, reforestation, and to promote and maintain fire dependent communities. Some of the areas would be burned periodically every 3-5 years.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 1/4/99 - 1/25/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: 3/16/99 Appeal Period:</i></p>

HIGHLANDS RANGER DISTRICT ([Click here for Highlands District project map](#))

PROJECT NAME/ LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS
<p>1. Sugar Creek Wildlife Habitat Improvement Comp. 92-102 Mgmt. Area: 2A, 2C, 4A, 4D</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to improve wildlife habitat in the Sugar Creek area of Jackson County through a cooperative agreement with several local and national organizations. The methods of habitat improvements would include slashing down small areas, wildlife field, woodland savanna, and canopied wildlife opening construction, planting, prescribed burning, and installation of several gates to limit access to the improvements on a seasonal and permanent basis.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 4/99 (planned) Notice and Comment: 5/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>2. Murrah Land Exchange Comp.: 23 Mgmt Area: 4A</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange approximately 30 acres of National Forest on the northeast edge of National Forest on Cowee Mountain (tract S-2m-8). This area has extensive development adjacent to two sides. The National Forest would receive approximately 49 acres of high elevation land in the Elijay area of Macon County in an area of undeveloped in-holdings.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 10/98 Notice and Comment: 12/98 - 1/99 Decision: 6/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</p>
<p>3. Westmark Land Exchange Comp. Mgmt Area: 5</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange approximately 14 acres of National Forest land that is surrounded by Bald Rock Development Corporation and heavy development in the Bald Rock area, for 14 acres of land in the Chattooga Watershed, a portion of which is in the Wild and Scenic River Corridor.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 5/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period</p>
<p>4. Moses Creek Area Analysis Comp. 87-89 Mgmt. Area: 1B, 2A</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to do resource analysis in the Moses Creek area. The analysis will determine the need to do resource management involving wildlife habitat improvement, timber harvest, watershed restoration, and transportation management in the analysis area.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 8/99 (planned) Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>5. Bennis Branch Easement Comp. 12 Mgmt. Area: 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to grant a road easement in the Turtle Pond area. The easement would be granted over an existing road to a home owner's association.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 12/96 - 1/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

<p>6. Wildlife Habitat Conversion and Restoration Comp. 14, 94 Mgmt. Area: 4C, 8</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to restore productivity of established wildlife openings and convert portions of the opening to native species conducive to enhancing wildlife values. Work will be accomplished by using plows and other agriculture equipment, and by sawing and removing locust sprouts encroaching on the wildlife opening. Established fescue grass will be eliminated by spraying with a contact herbicide, and stumps will be treated by application to the cut surface. The project is located in the Blue Valley and Old Bald areas.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 12/97 - 1/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>7. GTE phone line easement Comp. 21 Mgmt. Area: 4A</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to allow GTE to place an underground phone line in an existing road easement.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 11/98 Notice and Comment: 4/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>8. Restroom Facility Conversion Comp. 87 Mgmt Area: 1B</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to construct restroom facilities at the Wayehutta ORV parking area.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 1/1/98 - 2/1/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>9. Gypsy Moth Treatment Comp. Highlands Area</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to treat National Forest land in Macon and Jackson Counties, North Carolina; Oconee County, South Carolina; and Rabun County, Georgia, for Gypsy Moth.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 10/98 Notice and Comment: 1/99 - 2/99 Decision: 3/99 Appeal Period: 3/99 - 4/99</p>
<p>10. Sturm Exchange Comp. 16, 26 Mgmt. Area: 4A, 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange up to 2 acres of land adjacent to Dr. Sturm's residence for a one acre tract in the Chattooga watershed that is totally surrounded by National Forest land. The exchange will eliminate any future need to grant an easement to the property and eliminate the need to construct a road for access, thus protecting water quality in the Chattooga watershed.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 7/98 Notice and Comment: 7/16/98 - 8/15/98 Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</p>
<p>11. Bullis Easement Comp. 9 Mgmt. Area: 4A</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to grant a road easement in the Buck Creek area. The easement would be granted for an existing road.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 11/98 Notice and Comment: 12/98 Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</p>
<p>12. Horsepasture Trail Comp. 50 Mgmt. Area: 15</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to construct a short connector trail from Highway 281 to the Horse Pasture River Trail to provide public access.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 7/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

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13. Tanassee Road Comp. 106 Mgmt. Area: 4A	<i>The proposed action is to grant a road easement to the North Carolina department of Transportation to widen and pave Tanassee Road.</i>	<i>Scoping: 11/98 Notice and Comment: 11/98 Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</i>
14. Chattooga Area Analysis Comp. 38 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action is to do resource analysis in the Chattooga area. The analysis will determine the need to do resource management involving wildlife habitat improvement, timber harvest, watershed restoration, and transportation management in the associated timber stands in the analysis area.</i>	<i>Scoping: 8/99 (planned) Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
15. Moss Knob Timber Sale Comp. 52, 53, 55 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 4C	<i>The proposed action is to harvest 306 acres of National Forest timber in the Ellijay Analysis Area. Harvest methods would be two-aged, shelterwood, thinning, and group selection. Other actions would include watershed restoration, transportation management, and stand management in the associated timber stands in the analysis area.</i>	<i>Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: 4/99 Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</i>
16. Bull Pen Road Comp. 34, 37 Mgmt. Area: 4A, 2A	<i>The proposed action is to grant a road easement to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to widen and pave Bull Pen Road in Jackson County.</i>	<i>Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: 2/99 - 3/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
17. Grouse II Habitat Analysis Comp. 98, 102 Mgmt. Area: 4A, 2A, 2C	<i>The proposed action is to do an area analysis in the Sugar Creek area to determine the need for early successional age class in the vegetation and if needed, proposed small timber sales to improve grouse habitat. This is being done in an effort to improve grouse populations in the Sugar Creek area in partnership with the Grouse Society and others.</i>	<i>Scoping: 4/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
18. Coward Bald Burn Comp. 88, 89, 90 Mgmt. Area: 2A, 3B, 4D	<i>The proposed action is to conduct a 1,000 acre prescribed burn in the Coward Bad area of Jackson County. The purpose of the burn would be to reduce fuel loading in the area as well as to improve wildlife habitat.</i>	<i>Scoping: 1/99 Notice and Comment: 4/99 (planned) Decision: 4/99 (planned)</i>
19. Crop Tree Release Comp. 10, 19, 22, 52, 55 Mgmt. Area: 4A, 3B	<i>The proposed action is to release well formed and vigorous high value trees, age 12-20 years, in an effort to retain these trees in the codominant and dominant portions of the stand when the stand is mature.</i>	<i>Scoping: 10/98 Notice and Comment: 10/98 Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</i>

<p>20. Duke Power Exchange Comp. 50 Mgmt. Area: 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange a tract of National Forest land for land that Duke power is offering in the Thompson River drainage.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 11/98 Notice and Comment: 12/98 - 1/99 Decision: 5/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</p>
<p>21. Yellow Mountain Trail Relocation Comp. 22, 43 Mgmt. Area: 4A, 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to relocate approximately 1,000 feet of trail. This action is necessary due to the purchase of land adjacent to the National Forest. This land contained the head of the trail, and the new land owner wants the trail removed from his property.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 10/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>22. Planting Comp. 40, 41, 101, 102 Mgmt. Area: 4A, 3B</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to plant approximately 30 acres of patch cuts with improved black cherry seedlings and northern red oak on a 20 by 20 spacing, in an effort to manipulate the stand composition in favor of high value timber species and species favorable to wildlife.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 11/98 Notice and Comment: 11/98 Decision: 4/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</p>
<p>23. Ranger Sales Comp. 10, 18, 99, 105, 106 Mgmt. Area: 2A, 4A, 13</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to thin several small white pine stands in various locations on the district.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 7/97 Notice and Comment: 7/97 Decision: 4/99 (planned)</p>
<p>24. Town of Highlands Exchange Comp. 17 Mgmt. Area: 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange approximately 10 acres of land adjacent to property owned by the Town of Highlands to the Town for a tract in the same area that is completely surrounded by National Forest land. The exchange would eliminate any future access requirements.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 4/99 (planned) Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>25. Whiteside Cove Road Comp. 31 Mgmt. Area: 4A</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to grant a road easement to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to widen and pave Whiteside Cove Road in Jackson County.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>26. Found Forest Road Comp. 38 Mgmt. Area: 3B</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to grant a road easement to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to widen and pave Found Forest Road in Jackson County</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

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1. Parker Creek Timber Sale Comp. 118-120	<i>The proposed action is to harvest timber, reconstruct existing old roads, construct new system and temporary roads, do precommercial thinning, improve wildlife habitat through the development of linear wildlife openings and seeded landings, and do watershed restoration work on several old abandoned roads.</i>	<i>Scoping: 8/2/96 - 9/3/96 Notice and Comment: 5/99 (planned) Decision: 6/99 (planned) Appeal Period</i>
2. Big Pisgah Timber Management Project Comp. 121,122 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 4C	<i>The proposed action is to harvest timber, reconstruct existing old roads, construct new system and temporary roads, do precommercial thinning, improve wildlife habitat through the development of linear wildlife openings and seeded landings, and do watershed restoration work on several old abandoned roads.</i>	<i>Scoping: 3/97 - 4/97 Notice and Comment: 9/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
3. Baldwin Gap Timber Management Project Comp. 1 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 4C	<i>The proposed action is to harvest timber, reconstruct existing old roads, construct new system and temporary roads, do precommercial thinning, improve wildlife habitat through the development of linear wildlife openings and seeded landings, and do watershed restoration work.</i>	<i>Scoping: 3/99 - 4/99 (planned) Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
4. Buck Henry Salvage Comp. 67,68 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action is to harvest timber that has blown down or suffered another form of mortality in the Clawhammer area off of Avery Creek Road, near the Pisgah Ranger Station.</i>	<i>Scoping: 5/99 (planned) Notice and Comment: 6/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
5. Fat Johnny White Pine Thinning Comp. 110 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action is to thin by commercial timber harvest, a stand of planted white pine which is approximately 45 years old.</i>	<i>Scoping: 12/98 Notice and Comment: 8/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
6. NC Highway 215 Relocation Comp. 112-114 Mgmt. Area: 2C, 3B	<i>The proposed action is to grant an easement to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, within which they proposed to construct approximately 2.5 miles or total 4.5 miles of new highway, as a relocation of NC 215. The new construction would be a DOT project, and would be covered under their environmental impact statement. The Forest Service would be involved in doing the biological evaluation, setting mitigation measures, providing input on design standards, and monitoring water quality and impact to aquatic habitat.</i>	<i>Scoping: 9/95 - 3/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>

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7. Highway 50 Paving and Realignment Comp. 83, 85, 95, 96, 104, 106, 107 Mgmt. Area: 2A, 2C, 2D	The proposed actions would widen the alignment, improve the grade, and pave the full length of Forest Highway 50 which consists of Forest Road 475 (Davidson River Road), and State Route 1321 (Indian Creek Road). The new project would be done by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, after the Forest Service completes the environmental analysis.	Scoping: 11/97 - 12/97 Notice and Comment: 6/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:
8. Bridges of Avery Creek Comp. 66,67 Mgmt. Area: 3B	The proposed action is to replace three steel truss bridges with new single lane concrete bridges on Avery Creek Road (FS 477). The first, second, and fourth bridges along that road would be replaced.	Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: 5/99 Appeal Period
9. Designation of wildlife roads for restricted use Comp. various Mgmt. Area: various	The proposed action is to designate what type of use is appropriate for various roads that have been established as linear wildlife openings. Types of use are various combinations of hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.	Scoping: 2/98 - 3/98 Notice and Comment: 4/99 - 5/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:
10. Schenck Job Corps Dorm Construction	The proposed action is to construct a dormitory located at the Schenck Job Corps Center.	Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: 6/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period:
11. Bent Creek Trail Plan Comp. 128 Mgmt. Area: 8	The proposed action is to develop a plan that would describe, delimit, and regulate the wide range of uses that currently take place within the Bent Creek Trail system.	Scoping: 2/98-11/98 Notice and Comment: 4/99 (planned) Decision: 6/99 (planned) Appeal Period:
12. Scenic Byway Vista Clearing Bike Path Comp. 70-72, 75-78 Mgmt. Area: 2C	The proposed action is to clear some of the trees and other vegetation that are adversely affecting the scenic opportunities along the Highway 276 portion of the Scenic Byway. The project is located on US Highway 276, along the Davidson River.	Scoping: 4/99 - 5/99 Notice and Comment: 6/99 (planned) Decision: Appeal Period
13. Bradley Creek, Mullinax, and South Mills Trail Reroute Comp. 53, 60 Mgmt. Area: 5	The proposed action is to reroute the Bradley Creek, Mullinax, and South Mills trails.	Scoping: 2/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period

<p>14. Graveyard Ridge Trail Reroute Comp. 32,33 Mgmt. Area: 5,17</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to reroute the graveyard ridge trail.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 4/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: 6/99 (planned) Appeal Period:</p>
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<p>15. Repaving and Easement to NCDOT-Lake Powhatan Access Comp. 128 Mgmt. Area: 8</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to repave 1.0 miles of Wesley Branch Road from the intersection of Wesley Branch Road and FR 491 to the entrance of the Lake Powhatan Campground.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 4/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>16. N. Mills River Watershed Restoration Comp. 36-38, 44 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 4A</p>		<p>Scoping: 6/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

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1. Persimmon Creek Right-of-Way Comp. 41 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action is to grant a right-of-way to landowners that have previously tried to obtain access to their property through private land. The project would involve new road construction.</i>	<i>Scoping: 3/96 - 3/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
2. Chambers Creek Boat Ramp/Thin Comp. 29,30 Mgmt. Area: 3B, 1B	<i>The proposed action includes a timber harvest, road reconstruction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and road construction to access a proposed boat ramp.</i>	<i>Scoping: 4/15/99 -5/15/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
3. Jenks Branch Timber Sale Comp. 125 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action includes timber harvest, road construction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i>	<i>Scoping: 12/96 - 1/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
4. Owl Creek Timber Sale Comp. 36, 46-48 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action includes timber harvest, road construction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i>	<i>Scoping: 4/98 - 5/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
5. Caney Creek Thinning Comp. 38 Mgmt Area: 2C	<i>The proposed action includes timber harvest by commercial thinning, road construction, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i>	<i>Scoping: 4/98 - 5/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
6. Riley Cove Timber Sale Comp. 108, 110, 111 Mgmt. Area: 4D	<i>The proposed action includes timber harvest, road construction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i>	<i>Scoping: 7/97 - 8/97 Notice and Comment: 11/25/98 - 12/28/98 Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
7. Lower Shoal Creek Comp. 11 Mgmt. Area 3B	<i>The proposed action includes timber harvest, road construction and reconstruction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i>	<i>Scoping: 11/3/98 - 12/3/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
8. Whitener Bend (Hyatt Mill Creek) Comp. 31 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action includes timber harvest, road construction/reconstruction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i>	<i>Scoping: 11/3/98 - 12/3/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
9. Whitener Bend Right-of-Way Exchange Comp. 31 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action is to grant and receive right-of-way with an adjacent land private landowner. The project would involve approximately 0.2 miles of new road construction.</i>	<i>Scoping: 3/99 - 4/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>

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10. TRI State Power-line Relocation Comp. 19 Mgmt. Area: 3B	<i>The proposed action is to grant an electrical transmission line easement with an existing state road right-of-way.</i>	<i>Scoping: 3/99 - 4/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
11. North Carolina DOT 1326 Road Reconstruction Comp. 12 Mgmt. Area 3B	<i>The proposed action is to grant an easement to allow NC DOT to reconstruct and improve a portion of State Road 1326 for a distance of approximately 0.5 miles.</i>	<i>Scoping: 3/99 - 4/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>

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1. Roberdo Ecosystem Management Project Comp. 21, 25 Mgmt. Area: 1	<i>The proposed action includes various management activities, including harvesting timber, reforestation activities, prescribed burning for longleaf and wildlife habitat improvement, heritage resource conservation, and recreation management. These actions would be accomplished to meet a desired future condition created during this analysis.</i>	<i>Scoping: 1/15/99 - 2/15/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
2. Badin Lake Campground Bathhouse Construction. Comp. 13 Mgmt. Area: 1	<i>The proposed action is to construct a bathhouse at the Badin Lake Campground.</i>	<i>Scoping: 4/15/99 - 5/15/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
3. Badin Lake SPB Salvage Comp. 13, 15 Mgmt Area: 1	<i>The proposed action is to salvage insect damaged trees attacked by Southern Pine Beetle on approximately two acres within the Badin Lake area in Montgomery County.</i>	<i>Scoping: 2/12/99 - 3/12/99 Notice and Comment; Decision: Appeal Period:</i>
4. Thornburg Wildlife Enhancement Project Comp. Mgmt Area: 5	<i>The proposed action is to apply a glyphosphate compound to approximately eight acres of fescue in the Thornburg Farm area. This project is needed to achieve a vegetative condition which is more beneficial for various wildlife species.</i>	<i>Scoping: 11/10/98 - 12/14/98 Notice and Comment: 1/19/99 - 2/19/99 Decision: 3/25/99 Appeal Period: 4/1/99 - 5/15/99</i>

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<p>1. Horse Camp and Trail System Comp. 58, 62, 81, 97, 98 Mgmt. Area: 1B, 3B, 4C</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to construct a new horse camp with restroom, horse stall, etc. Develop a horse trail system adjacent to the camp using existing woods roads and .94 mile new trail construction.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 1996 - 1997 Notice and Comment: 4/3/99 - 5/3/99 Decision: Appeal Period</i></p>
<p>2. Lambert Cove Decision Memo Comp. 54 Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to remove leave trees from a 9 year old shelterwood unit. Also thin "from below" two young yellow poplar stands. Reconstruct approximately one mile of existing FS Road #7272, and seed as a linear wildlife opening after use. Obtain a permanent easement from Nantahala Power and Light Company across Nantahala Dam Road.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 12/96 - 3/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>3. Upper Fontana Project Comp. 1-3, 5, 6 Mgmt Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action includes timber harvesting, road construction/reconstruction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvement in the Fontana Lake area.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 3/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>4. Trimont Ridge Comp. 68 - 70 Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action includes timer harvesting, road construction/reconstruction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 1/97 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>5. Ray Branch Comp. 63, 64 Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action includes timber harvesting, road construction/reconstruction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 1/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</i></p>

<p>6. Blazed Creek/Mica City Comp. 27, 28, 38, 39 Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action includes timber harvesting, road construction/reconstruction, associated site preparation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat improvements.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 3/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>7. Harry Parton Exchange Comp. Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange approximately 50 acres of National Forest land for approximately 80 acres of private land in Swain County, North Carolina.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 1993 Notice and Comment: 6/20/98 - 7/20/98 Decision: 2/18/99 Appeal Period: 2/27/99 - 4/12/99</p>
<p>8. Lowery Land Exchange Comp. Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to exchange a 13.27 acres private tract in Willis Cove for an adjacent National Forest tract of equal value.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 9/98 Notice and Comment: 1/29/99 - 3/3/99 Decision: 4/2/99 Appeal Period: 4/7/99 - 5/21/99</p>
<p>9. Waldo Spruce Bog Trail. Comp. Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to construct a new trail in the Allergy Laurel tract in Macon County.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 9/98 and 2/99 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>
<p>10. Relocation of Highway 19 and US 74 Comp Mgmt Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to allow the North Carolina Department of Transportation to construct a retaining wall and add a turn lane to a new bridge constructed over the Nantahala River just below the existing steel bridge on State Road 1180.</i></p>	<p>Scoping: 11/98 Notice and Comment: Decision: Appeal Period:</p>

<p>11. Alarka Horse Trail Comp.: Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to construct the Alarka Horse Trail. The trail will contour the mountain from long Creek to Alarka Creek for approximately one and a half miles to connect with old roads in the Alarka Laurel fields.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 1/99</i> <i>Notice and Comment:</i> <i>Decision:</i> <i>Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>12. Native Wildlife Openings Comp. Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action is to remove the existing vegetation from 41 wildlife openings (about 35 acres) with herbicide, and replace it with native warm-season grasses, to provide more overhead cover for young wild turkey broods. This action would occur on the Cheoah, Wayah, and Tusquitee Ranger Districts.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 4/99</i> <i>Notice and Comment:</i> <i>Decision:</i> <i>Appeal Period:</i></p>
<p>13. Devil's Cove Comp. Mgmt. Area:</p>	<p><i>The proposed action includes tree harvesting through a commercial helicopter-logging timber sale, and associated site preparation, regeneration, and wildlife habitat improvement activities in compartments 88 and 152. No road construction or reconstruction will be needed.</i></p>	<p><i>Scoping: 4/99</i> <i>Notice and Comment:</i> <i>Decision:</i> <i>Appeal Period:</i></p>

