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Dear Interested Members of the Public:

As the three District Rangers for the Pisgah National Forest, we have decided to host three separate meetings for discussing specific analysis areas (AA) on the Appalachian Ranger District (Area 5 AA); Grandfather Ranger District (Headquarters AA); and Pisgah Ranger District (Courthouse AA)—please see enclosed maps.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide current information for each AA and then to hear from you on specific values/concerns you may have within each and identifying resource enhancement and restoration opportunities within each. One of our objectives is to collectively seek future actions that could be implemented in each AA that achieve Forest Plan objectives and the Region 8 Strategic Framework (www.fs.fed.us/r8/framework.php).

To host these meetings we have established the following locations, dates, and times:

Ranger District	Analysis Aare (AA)	Meeting Location	Meeting Date	Meeting Times
Pisgah	Courthouse	NC Co-op Extension in Brevard (www.transylvania.ces.ncsu.edu)	February 24, 2009	10 am – 2 pm
Appalachian	Area 5	Town Center in Burnsville (www.burnsvilletowncenter.com)	February 25, 2009	10 am – 2 pm
Grandfather	Headquarters	The Old Depot in Old Fort (www.mcdowellnc.org/contact.htm)	February 26, 2009	10 am – 2 pm

Our proposed agenda for each meeting is for each of us to begin our meeting by providing a short presentation on our respective AAs followed by responding to any general questions you may have. We will then open up the meeting to work together as a group to meet our purpose and objectives by reviewing maps and specific AA data.

It is our hope you will be able to attend one or all of these meetings as your interests and abilities allow. Maps displaying resource information in each AA is currently available on our website at: www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/resources/resources.htm - additional tabular information is expected to be placed on this site within the next week, so please be sure to check back to it periodically. Please take a moment to review this information and identify locations/methods for meeting Forest Plan objectives along with opportunities for enhancing and restoring resources within each AA. We would then like you to provide your information back to us at each meeting.



If you have any questions before the meetings, please feel free to contact Michael Hutchins, Pisgah National Forest NEPA Coordinator at 828-682-6146. We thank you for your continued interest in management of the Pisgah National Forest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

