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Nantahala-Pisgah National Forest Plan Revision Must Incorporate Plan for Non-Timber Forest Products

Dear Kristin Bail, USFS North Carolina Forest Supervisor,

I have been informed that your management plan is being revised and that this will guide management of North Carolina's largest unit of public land for at least 15 years. It is critical that the new plan include a plan for an ever-growing natural products industry that includes non-timber forest products, the precious resources found on the forest floor that get overlooked due to the demand for timber.

As owner of Red Moon Herbs, an herbal extracts company in Asheville NC, we encourage the use of prolific species some consider weeds instead of at-risk or rarer plants. We also encourage our growers and wild harvesters to practice seed scatter, root division and sustainable wild harvest to proliferate the less common plant species.

Please include more action in this plan to bring awareness to the rich resources in herbal medicine found in the forest in the form of plants, trees and fungi... traditions of healing with plants passed down through folk medicine and the native healers that hold these grounds in reverence.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Dunn