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Regarding the plan revision for the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, I would like to see the majority (over 90 %) of the forests remain as natural areas that is trees, trees, and more trees. Trees provide a cooling effect plus they absorb the multitude of carbon dioxide produced in our country and area. They provide natural beauty and solitude and are important for the health of our surrounding areas. Clean water, clean air, and economic benefits result from well-functioning natural areas.

The Kudzu and other exotic species that have begun to take over some areas of our forests especially near the Blue ridge Parkway need to be removed. This will be an ongoing effort; however, the beauty of our natural forest needs to be protected.

Please do not ever allow motorcycles to infringe on the silence of our National Forests. They not only destroy the grounds but also kill and destroy wildlife. It is important to protect wildlife, not only those species that hunters want to kill but all wildlife for posterity. Special interests should not be allowed to interfere and destroy the beauty and peace of our forests.

Walking Trails are an asset if people will just remain on the trails and not destroy the fragile plants within the forest. That goes for biking trails also. This means education for the ?users? of the trails to stay on the trails and respect the trees and forest plants. This should not be a main object. The natural forest must take precedent over all. Core habitats areas should remain and be protected along with planned connections to other core areas for migration corridors. This is needed for continuation of our multitude of species within our Nantahala and Pisgah Forests.

Sincerely,

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