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Comments on 20 year mgt plan for Pisgah National Forest/Big Ivy

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a resident of Buncombe County NC who regularly visits the Big Ivy area of Pisgah National Forest, I write today to urge you to reject any long-term forest management plan that includes logging or other commercial interests in this wonderful area. Why? Among many other reasons:

- Big Ivy is so unique, wild, and wonderful it was considered for National Park status when Great Smoky National Park was established.
- It is home to multiple threatened species.
- It contains diverse old growth cove forest among other distinct plant communities.
- It is in the view shed of Craggy Gardens and adjacent areas of the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- It contains the upper watershed of the water supply of the town of Weaverville NC and any logging would negatively impact water quality.
- It contains native trout streams.
- The economic impact of fisherfolk, hikers, bikers, birdwatchers, hunters, and other outdoor enthusiasts is substantial and logging would have a serious negative impact on the businesses that cater to this diverse group of people.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard Cebula
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