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Big Ivy Protection

My family and I live at the base of little snowball mountain. I am a biologist and a nurse and am writing to ask you to please once again consider stronger protection for this amazing jewel, Big Ivy. There is so much that can't be controlled in this world and in our current political climate, the environment and the scientists on the ground have taken a back seat. After having met many of you at one of the town hall meetings, I understand that you all have so many perspectives to manage, but this is an opportunity to change something that you can control...to promise a space for our grandchildren and their children to go and experience an environment that is so unique and important as a reservoir for so many species as well as clean water for our communities.

Designate Big Ivy's trail-less, high-elevation forests as wilderness as recommended by the Buncombe County Board of commissioners and Designate Big ivy's trail network and the old-growth forests of Coxcomb Mountain and Snowball Mountain as backcountry. The power y'all hold is quite extraordinary.

Thank you for your time,

Mary Lucey