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Pisgah-Nantahala National Forest Preservation to protect our Western NC Forests

This present plan is SORRY AS THE DEVIL'S HELL, and I'm not too happy about what is on the edge of happening to our nation's most visited forests, and some the most spectacular and beautiful forests and mountains in the world, and somebody wanting to let the crooks destroy it. It just don't make a lick of since what so ever to me. Knowing we need it for stream quality, air quality, and we need it more than ever for spiritual renewal, which is we need it for tourism and recreation. I am extremely sensitive and very sincere about what happens to our parks and forests. My problem is, when was this screwed up plan established to let these crooks come in and destroy it by logging? I have to have these parks and forests to refresh, from my problems at home and work. I have always seen an extreme importance in wilderness ever since I was in 7th. or 8th. grade, and I've actually worried about it ever since, and I'm 42 years of age today and I'm still worried about our parks and forests being destroyed forever, which I don't want to see happening in my lifetime. And I have ever since my twenties have always hiked and camped in them. We also need them to preserve the awesome views of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and Blue Ridge National Parkway, which is known as the All American Road, it and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are also our most visited national parks in the nation. So every acre of Pisgah-Nantahala National Forest, and that includes every area that was mentioned on the Sierra Club web page under each ranger district, needs to have a DEAD SERIOUS REVISION PLAN, before it gets to where it will be forever too late. So this forest management plan needs to be totally changed to something better than where its at now to stop intruders totally. This issue that is happening to our parks and forests was also the reason I went to a forest ranger in person two years ago to ask about, why we haven't had no more wilderness areas established here in North Carolina since 1984, and he was telling me, it was because of there being too many visitors, is why we hadn't had no more wilderness areas established here to stop the intruders from destroying it. Well if it gets destroyed by intruders, there want be hardly no visitors coming at all anymore. Who wants to travel and recreate in an area that's destroyed by intruders and pollutants. I don't! As far as the need of it for resources such as air and stream quality, we need the stream quality for healthy water source in our homes and businesses, if there's no good stream quality, how is our running water in our homes and business going to be safe enough to drink and use, because of contaminants getting in it. That's what happen when Duke Energy dumped their coal ash waste in the Dan River in north central North Carolina, it contaminated a lot of people's homes' water, and Duke got fined for it. That's like the Pigeon River in Haywood County, NC, which sits right in between the edges of Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, it's been polluted for decades from the waste of the paper mill in Canton, NC, that should had been stopped decades ago, it should've been unlawful to do to the Pigeon River. The paper mill should've been fined for it. That's like Flint, Michigan, they ended up getting lead in their water, and we don't need that crap happening here in North Carolina. Air Quality wise, if we keep on cutting our old growth trees down, I'm afraid the air is going to get thicker and enshrouded by pollutants such as smog in our metropolitan cities, and fossil fuels from coal mining. Not only that's going to make our air quality unhealthy, but will also cause an extreme huge dramatic falling change in our climate and weather forecasts, and we definitely don't need no worse droughts from lack of rainfall than what we've already had. It will make our Summers extremely worse than ever. Our Summers are bad enough as it is now. We need safe harvest time, which is our cold seasons, and plenty of rainfall each year so our farmers can continue growing our crops and people can be able to grow their own gardens at their homes each year. Or our food prices will end up sky rocketing to where we can't afford to eat each week. That's what has happened in California and it has to some degree caused the food prices to sky rocket, because of severe droughts, and we don't need that in North Carolina.

I'm like John Muir, he said in a poem; I would rather be dead, than see the wilderness gone. If this junk of letting loggers come in to destroy our natural heritage continues, it will kill me personally, spiritually, and gradually physically. This is my heritage here, and it's a part of me. Its my second church, and I don't want to see it gone forever. I want to see it forever thrive, so I can thrive. I'm well much positively 100% sure that there are thousands to millions of others that feel the same way that I do about this issue on our parks and forests. For one example, there was an extreme grieved cry over the Globe Forest being cleared back in 2006 in the Grandfather District in Pisgah National Forest, and if it was all lost from both forests, it would put me in that same condition. We need to get more wilderness areas established in Pisgah-Nantahala National Forest, regardless of the number of visitors each year, so that these intruders will not destroy it.

Thank You,

Sincerely Yours,

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