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RE: RE Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership

Thanks, Nicole. I understand the clarification you are making. I'm forwarding your note below to the formal planning inbox for a record of your input. -Michelle

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Subject: RE Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership

Hi Michele.

Thank you for taking the time to attend and listen to the dialog at our last Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership meeting on 9/28. I certainly appreciate your and the FS planning team's willingness to consider the group's input and creative ideas about the plan's building blocks.

As you saw, the final vetting and real time editing of the google doc was proceeding at a fast pace that day. I'm contacting you about an issue regarding the Terrapin Mountain Wilderness Inventory Area in the Highland Domes GA, that the Partnership discussed on 9/28, with a resulting agreement that would be stated in the consensus document submitted to the FS. Please refer to the 10/1 Partnership document - p. 20, number 4, which reads, "Terrapin Mountain in USFS proposal to backcountry." This should say "Terrapin Mountain Wilderness Inventory Area in USFS proposal to backcountry."

This distinction is very important because the Terrapin Mountain Wilderness Inventory Area includes, of course, Terrapin Mountain, as well as the larger wilderness inventory area on both sides of the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River. Endorsing the entire Terrapin Mountain Wilderness Inventory Area as "backcountry" was what was agreed upon by the Partnership, as you may recall from the discussion that day (and as a point of order, this would appear in the meeting notes as well). However, the words identifying the Terrapin Mountain Wilderness Inventory Area were not fully transferred into the final narrative of the Partnership's input.

Will you please note this as the FS planning team considers the Partnership's input in the days and weeks ahead. Please advise.

Thank you,

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On Sun, Oct 1, 2017 at 3:37 PM, Aldridge, Michelle -FS <maldridge@fs.fed.us <mailto:maldridge@fs.fed.us> > wrote:

Thank you to all those who contributed to these thoughts about plan building blocks. We appreciate your intense effort in sharing this input, and your creative ideas. The FS will be spending time with these in the days and weeks ahead. -Michelle

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