

Stakeholders Forum for the Nantahala & Pisgah Plan Revision
Statement of Good Intent
May 10, 2016

The Stakeholders Forum for the Nantahala & Pisgah Plan Revision (Stakeholders Forum) is a group of people representing diverse interests who each care deeply about the Nantahala & Pisgah National Forests. We have met over the last nine months and each of us has dedicated significant time and energy toward engaging in the plan revision process and learning about each other's perspectives. Although the Stakeholders Forum will not meet formally over the summer, we pledge the following as our "statement of good intent."

- We are committed to continuing to engage constructively in the plan revision process.
- We have built relationships that we will rely upon as we continue to discuss tough issues of conflict. We will assume good intent from others and will depend upon each other for information and feedback.
- We will be respectful even when we do not agree with each other or the Forest Service.
- We will seek to be ambassadors for the plan revision process and represent the constructive dialogue developed within the Stakeholders Forum in our communications with our constituencies and the broader public.
- We are committed to working through conflict to find opportunity for agreement, in search of as many solutions that result from dialogue as possible.
- We agree that all Stakeholders Forum members and the public have the right to advocate for their interests, and recognize that such advocacy should be respectful of the collaborative nature of the Forum.
- As individuals and organizations, we see a continued opportunity to work together beyond the forest plan development and into implementation.