Nantahala and Pisgah NFs – All NFS lands

1,040,000 acres
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Congressionally Designated Wilderness

- Linville Gorge
- Shining Rock
- Middle Prong
- Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock
- Southern Nantahala
- Ellicott Rock
Wilderness
Managed to protect their wilderness characteristics pending legislation as to their classification

Currently have 5 designated Wilderness Study Areas

Any new recommendations for wilderness will also be in this Management Area
Wilderness Study Areas
Cradle of Forestry

“The birthplace of forestry and forestry education in America” was designated “to promote, demonstrate, and stimulate interest in and knowledge of the management of forest lands under principles of multiple use and sustained yield...”
Wilderness
Wilderness Study Areas
Cradle of Forestry
Experimental Forests

- Includes the 3 existing Experimental Forests
  - Bent Creek,
  - Coweeta, and
  - Blue Valley
- Lands dedicated to experimentation, education, and demonstration
- Research takes precedence over other multiple use objectives
Backcountry including Inventoried Roadless Areas

- Remote and primarily unroaded areas
- Areas are primarily shaped by natural processes
- Older forest conditions are most apparent
- Large tracts of backcountry recreation opportunities
- Will include many of the Inventoried Roadless Areas
Research Natural Areas and Special Interest Areas

- Managed to perpetuate the rare species, conditions, or features for which the area was designated
- Research Natural Areas are managed as reference conditions for scientific research
- An additional 15 Special Interest Areas are being considered (approx. 6,000 acres)
Wilderness
Wilderness Study Areas
Cradle of Forestry
Experimental Forests
Inventoried Roadless Areas
Research Natural Areas
Special Interest Areas
• Managed to perpetuate existing significant plant and animal species and to protect the area’s scenic and aesthetic attributes
• Significant rare communities
Wilderness
Wilderness Study Areas
Cradle of Forestry
Experimental Forests
Inventoried Roadless Areas
Research Natural Areas
Special Interest Areas
Roan Mountain
Administrative Sites

- District Offices, work centers, Job Corps Centers, seed orchards
Concentrated Recreation Areas

• Developed recreation areas and areas of concentrated recreation use
Wilderness
Wilderness Study Areas
Cradle of Forestry
Experimental Forests
Inventoried Roadless Areas
Research Natural Areas
Special Interest Areas
Roan Mountain
Administrative Areas and Concentrated Recreation Areas
Significant Recreation and Heritage Corridors

- 4A – Appalachian Trail
- 4B – National and Forest Scenic Byways
- 4C – National Heritage Corridors
- 4D – Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers

Provide for the conservation and enjoyment of the significant scenic, historic, natural and cultural qualities of the land through which these corridors pass.
• Wilderness
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• Roan Mountain
• Administrative Areas
• Concentrated Recreation Areas
• Appalachian Trail Corridor
• Scenic Byways
The fate of the green?

- Active management
- Backcountry
- Recommended wilderness
- Other Special Designated Areas
Forest Habitat Diversity

- Diversity of forest age classes and conditions
- High-quality wildlife habitat, including both early successional habitat and some old growth conditions
- Forest management, including timber production and prescribed fire, plays an important role in the maintenance of the forest
- More roaded access compared to other MAs
Restoration and Connectivity

- Opportunities for restoring a diversity of forest age classes and conditions
- Less emphasis on young forest and more emphasis on connectivity of habitats
- New road construction is limited to low