



Nantahala and Pisgah National Forest Lands Management Plan Objection Resolution Meeting August 2-4, 2022

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Meeting Objectives:

- Attendees (Objectors, Interested Persons) understand the planning and review processes, how
 the review was conducted, the status of the review process, and how the information from the
 meeting will be used in the final decision.
- The Reviewing Officer has the opportunity to clarify/better understand the topics on the agenda.
- Objectors and Interested Persons have the opportunity to clarify issues and discuss remedies with the Reviewing Officer.
- Attendees have a clear understanding of the next steps in the review process and how the Responsible Official's final decision will incorporate the Reviewing Officer's final response.

Ground Rules:

- Introduce yourself before speaking.
- Let the facilitator know if you can't hear us, as we will let you know if we can't hear you; mute your microphone unless you are speaking.
- Focus on the meeting and avoid distractions such as phones/background noises.
- According to regulation, objectors and interested persons may actively participate, but the meeting is open to observation by members of the public.
- Objection Reviewing Officer Rick Lint will introduce each topic on the agenda. We will ask for input from the primary and/or lead objectors, then dialogue with interested persons.

Agenda – Day 1: August 2, 2022

Time	Topic	Who	
8:30 - 9:15	Welcome and Introductions	Rick Lint – Deputy Regional Forester	
	 Review meeting objectives and agenda 	Nancy Walters – Facilitator	
	Ground rules and expectations	James Melonas – NF's In North Carolina I	Forest Supervisor
	Objection review process		
	 Issues selected for the day 		
9:15 – 10:30	Recreation – Discussion of specific remedies with	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	objectors and interested persons	Greg Warren	Luke Cannon
	National Scenic Trails	Forest Keeper	Julie White
	Multi-Use Trails	Hugh and Janice Irwin	Bill Floyd
	Restrictions on Mountain Biking and	Friends of Big Ivy	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
	Equestrian Use	I Heart Pisgah	Woodcock Society
	Equestrian Osc Equestrian Camping and Group Camping	Backcountry Horseman of NC	Back Country Horseman of NC
	Rock Climbing	Graham County	SORBA/IMBA
	- Nock Chilliang	Carolina Mountain Club	Southern Environmental Law Center
		Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership	Natalie Nicklett
		Southern Appalachian Mineral Society	Appalachian Trail Conservancy
		Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
		(SORBA)/International Bicycling	Northwest North Carolina Mountain
		Association (IMBA)	Bike Alliance
		Access Fund and Carolina Climbers	American Whitewater
		Coalition	Nick Holshouser
		Rob Lenfestey	John Culclasure
		Christopher Rogers	North Carolina Forestry Association
		Christopher Sacco	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
		Richard Bir	
		Robyn Biren	
		Sara Bell	
		Shelby Hodge	

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		Sherrod Brady	
		Jeffrey Graham	
		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
10:30 - 10:45	Break		
10:45 – 12:00	Recreation – Discussion of specific remedies with	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	objectors and interested persons	Greg Warren	Luke Cannon
	 National Scenic Trails 	Forest Keeper	Julie White
	Multi-Use Trails	Hugh and Janice Irwin	Bill Floyd
	 Restrictions on Mountain Biking and 	Friends of Big Ivy	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
	Equestrian Use	I Heart Pisgah	Woodcock Society
	Equestrian Camping and Group Camping	Backcountry Horseman of NC	SORBA/IMBA
	Rock Climbing	Graham County	Southern Environmental Law Center
	_	Carolina Mountain Club	Appalachian Trail Conservancy
		Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
		Southern Appalachian Mineral Society	American Whitewater
		Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association	Nick Holshouser
		(SORBA)/International Bicycling	John Culclasure
		Association (IMBA)	North Carolina Forestry Association
		Access Fund and Carolina Climbers	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		Coalition	
		Rob Lenfestey	
		Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
		Richard Bir	
		Robyn Biren	
		Sara Bell	
		Shelby Hodge	

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		Sherrod Brady	
		Jeffrey Graham	
		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break		
1:00 - 2:00	Land Management Allocations – Discussion of	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	specific remedies with objectors and interested	I Heart Pisgah	Luke Cannon
	persons	Friends of Big Ivy	Kim Porter
	 National Scenic Area (Craggy and Big Ivy) 	Friends of Panthertown	Bill Floyd
	 Backcountry (Panthertown) 	I Heart Craggy Coalition	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
		Hugh and Janice Irwin	Woodcock Society
		Forest Keeper	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		Mountain True	Natalie Nicklett
		Cynthia Simonds	Appalachian Trail Conservancy
		Alicia Hulse	I Heart Pisgah
		Southern Environmental Law Center	Chattooga Conservancy
		The Wilderness Society	Nick Holshouser
		City of Asheville	John Culclasure
		Buncombe County Board of	
		Commissioners	
		William Horton	
		Defenders of Wildlife	
		Sierra Club	
		Rob Lenfestey	
		Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
		Richard Bir	
		Robyn Biren	

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		Sara Bell	
		Shelby Hodge	
		Sherrod Brady	
		Jeffrey Graham	
		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
2:00 – 3:00	Land Management Allocations, Recommended	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	Wilderness – Discussion of specific remedies with	I Heart Pisgah	Kim Porter
	objectors and interested persons	Friends of Big Ivy	Bill Floyd
	 Advocates for additional wilderness 	Forest Keeper	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
	 Advocates for less wilderness 	Chattooga Conservancy	Woodcock Society
		Southern Environmental Law Center	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		The Wilderness Society	Appalachian Trail Conservancy
		Sierra Club	I Heart Pisgah
		Kim Porter	Chattooga Conservancy
		Cynthia Simonds	Nick Holshouser
		Richard Melvin	John Culclasure
		William Horton	North Carolina Forestry Association
		Cherokee County Commission	
		Graham County	
		Southern Appalachian Wilderness	
		Stewards	
		Rob Lenfestey	
		Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
		Richard Bir	
		Robyn Biren	
		Sara Bell	

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		Shelby Hodge	
		Sherrod Brady	
		Jeffrey Graham	
		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
3:00 – 3:15	Break		
3:15 - 3:45	Land Management Allocations, Special Interest	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons
	Areas (North Carolina Natural Heritage Areas) –	Friends of Big Ivy	Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership
	Discussion of specific remedies with objectors and	Friends of Panthertown	North Carolina Natural Heritage
	interested persons	Forest Keeper	Program
	 Additional direction for North Carolina 	Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership	Bill Floyd
	Natural Heritage Areas	Mountain True	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
		Center for Biological Diversity	Woodcock Society
		Southern Environmental Law Center	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		The Wilderness Society	I Heart Pisgah
		Cynthia Simonds	Chattooga Conservancy
		Defenders of Wildlife	John Culclasure
		Sierra Club	
3:45 – 4:45	Land Management Allocations – Wild and Scenic	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	Rivers Eligibility – Discussion of specific remedies	Bill Floyd	Bill Floyd
	with objectors and interested persons	American Whitewater	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
	River Eligibility	Friends of Big Ivy	Woodcock Society
	Chattooga River Management	Forest Keeper	Southern Environmental Law Center
	 Whitewater Paddling 	I Heart Pisgah	Nature Conservancy of North Carolina
	 Water Quality and Fish Habitat 	Chattooga Conservancy	Chattooga Conservancy
		William Horton	American Whitewater
		Friends of Panthertown	Nick Holshouser
		Mountain True	John Culclasure
		Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		Rob Lenfestey	
		Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	

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		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
		Richard Bir	
		Robyn Biren	
		Sara Bell	
		Shelby Hodge	
		Sherrod Brady	
		Jeffrey Graham	
		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
4:45 - 5:00	Close-out	Rick Lint – Deputy Regional Forester	
	 Reviewing Officer's reflections 	Nancy Walters – Facilitator	
	 Questions 	James Melonas – NF's In North Carolina Forest Supervisor	

Agenda – Day 2: August 3, 2022

Time	Topic	Who	
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome and Introductions	Rick Lint – Deputy Regional Forester	
	 Review meeting objectives and agenda 	Nancy Walters – Facilitator	
	 Ground rules and expectations 	James Melonas – NF's In North Carolina Fo	rest Supervisor
	Objection review process		
	 Issues selected for the day 		
9:00 - 10:00	Soil and Water – Discussion of specific remedies	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	with objectors and interested persons	Nick Holshouser	Luke Cannon
	 Riparian Management Zones – ephemeral 	Center for Biological Diversity	North Carolina Natural Heritage
	streams, identification of riparian areas	Southern Environmental Law Center	Program
	 Steep Slopes/Soil Protection 	Friends of Big Ivy	Bill Floyd
	 Soil Impairment Standard (85/15) 	I Heart Pisgah	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
	 Base Cation Depletion 	Friends of Panthertown	Woodcock Society
	 Sedimentation and water quality 	Forest Keeper	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
	 Municipal Water Supplies 	The Wilderness Society	North Carolina Wildlife Federation
	 Best Management Practices 	Ruffed Grouse Society/American	Nature Conservancy of North Carolina
		Woodcock Society	Natalie Nicklett
		North Carolina Forestry Association	I Heart Pisgah
		I Heart Craggy Coalition	Chattooga Conservancy
		Cynthia Simonds	Nick Holshouser
		Buncombe County Board of	John Culclasure
		Commissioners	
		Bill Floyd	
		Mountain True	
		Defenders of Wildlife	
		Fish and Wildlife Conservation Council	
		Sierra Club	
		Rob Lenfestey Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	

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		Rebecca King Richard Bir Robyn Biren Sara Bell Shelby Hodge Sherrod Brady Jeffrey Graham Finn Harlan River Harlan Rachel Robinson Zax Milkereit	
10:00 - 10:15	Break		
10:15 - 11:00	Soil and Water – Discussion of specific remedies with objectors and interested persons Riparian Management Zones Ephemeral streams Identification of riparian areas Steep Slopes/Soil Protection Soil Impairment Standard (85/15) Sedimentation and water quality Municipal Water Supplies Best Management Practices	Primary Objectors: Nick Holshouser Center for Biological Diversity Southern Environmental Law Center Friends of Big Ivy I Heart Pisgah Friends of Panthertown Forest Keeper Sierra Club The Wilderness Society Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society North Carolina Forestry Association I Heart Craggy Coalition Cynthia Simonds Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Bill Floyd Mountain True Defenders of Wildlife Fish and Wildlife Conservation Council Rob Lenfestey Christopher Rogers Christopher Sacco Courtney Fincher	Interested Persons: Luke Cannon North Carolina Natural Heritage Program Bill Floyd Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society NC Wildlife Resources Commission North Carolina Wildlife Federation Nature Conservancy of North Carolina Natalie Nicklett I Heart Pisgah Chattooga Conservancy Nick Holshouser John Culclasure

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		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
		Richard Bir	
		Robyn Biren	
		Sara Bell	
		Shelby Hodge	
		Sherrod Brady	
		Jeffrey Graham	
		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
11:00 - 11:30	Roads – Discussion of specific remedies with	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	objectors and interested persons	Friends of Big Ivy	Bill Floyd
	Road Construction	Forest Keeper	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
	Road Maintenance	I Heart Pisgah	Woodcock Society
	Travel Analysis	Mountain True	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership	North Carolina Wildlife Federation
		Southern Environmental Law Center	Nature Conservancy of North Carolina
		Center for Biological Diversity	I Heart Pisgah
		The Wilderness Society	Nick Holshouser
		Richard Melvin	John Culclasure
		Greg Warren	North Carolina Forestry Association
		Graham County	
		Defenders of Wildlife	
		Sierra Club	
		Win Southworth	
		Rob Lenfestey	
		Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	

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		Zax Milkereit	
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch Break		
12:30 – 2:00	Forest Management & Ecological Integrity – Discussion of specific remedies with objectors and interested persons • Natural Range of Variability • Old Growth • Early Seral Habitat • Timber Suitability & Timber Harvest • Fire and Fuels	Primary Objectors: Southern Environmental Law Center Center for Biological Diversity Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society North Carolina Forestry Association I Heart Pisgah Friends of Big Ivy Friends of Panthertown Forest Keeper The Wilderness Society Kim Porter Cynthia Simonds Mary Ellis Chattooga Conservancy Graham County Clay County Commissioners Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Audubon North Carolina Mountain True	Interested Persons: Luke Cannon Martha Brimm Gina Diggs Don Lendle Sue Hayden Jane Thomas Ryland Bowman Timothy Downs Will Jared Matthews Eli Celli Michael Sullivan Juliana Henderson Kim Porter North Carolina Forest Service Bill Floyd Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society NC Wildlife Resources Commission North Carolina Wildlife Federation Nature Conservancy of North Carolina Natalie Nicklett

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		Hugh and Janice Irwin	I Heart Pisgah
		Stacy MacDonagh	Chattooga Conservancy
		William Horton	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
		Win Southworth	Nick Holshouser
		Defenders of Wildlife	John Culclasure
		Sierra Club	North Carolina Forestry Association
		Rob Lenfestey	
		Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
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		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
2:00 – 2:15	Break		
2:15 – 4:45	Forest Management & Ecological Integrity –	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	Discussion of specific remedies with objectors and	Southern Environmental Law Center	Luke Cannon
	interested persons	Center for Biological Diversity	Martha Brimm
	 Natural Range of Variability 	Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership	Gina Diggs
	Old Growth	Ruffed Grouse Society/American	Don Lendle
	Early Seral Habitat	Woodcock Society	Sue Hayden
	Timber Suitability & Timber Harvest	North Carolina Forestry Association	Jane Thomas
	Fire and Fuels	I Heart Pisgah	Ryland Bowman
		Friends of Big Ivy	Timothy Downs
		Friends of Panthertown	Will Jared Matthews

Time	Topic	Who	
		Forest Keeper	Eli Celli
		The Wilderness Society	Michael Sullivan
		Kim Porter	Juliana Henderson
		Cynthia Simonds	Kim Porter
		Mary Ellis	North Carolina Forest Service
		Chattooga Conservancy	Bill Floyd
		Graham County	Ruffed Grouse Society/American
		Clay County Commissioners	Woodcock Society
		Buncombe County Board of	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		Commissioners	North Carolina Wildlife Federation
		Audubon North Carolina	Nature Conservancy of North Carolina
		Mountain True	Natalie Nicklett
		Hugh and Janice Irwin	I Heart Pisgah
		Stacy MacDonagh	Chattooga Conservancy
		William Horton	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
		Win Southworth	Nick Holshouser
		Defenders of Wildlife	John Culclasure
		Sierra Club	North Carolina Forestry Association
		Rob Lenfestey	
		Christopher Rogers	
		Christopher Sacco	
		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
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		Jeffrey Graham	
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		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	

Time	Topic	Who	
		Zax Milkereit	
4:45 - 5:00	Close-out	Rick Lint – Deputy Regional Forester	
	 Reviewing Officer's reflections 	Nancy Walters – Facilitator	
	 Questions 	James Melonas – NF's in North Carolina Forest Supervisor	

Agenda – Day 3: August 4, 2022

Time	Topic	Who	
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome and Introductions	Rick Lint – Deputy Regional Forester	
	 Review meeting objectives and agenda 	Nancy Walters – Facilitator	
	 Ground rules and expectations 	James Melonas – NF's in North Carolina Fo	rest Supervisor
	Objection review process		
	 Issues selected for the day 		
9:00 - 11:00	Wildlife, Plant and Aquatic Species – Discussion of	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	specific remedies with objectors and interested	Center for Biological Diversity	Luke Cannon
	persons	Southern Environmental Law Center	Martha Brimm
	Coarse Filter and Fine Filter	Ruffed Grouse Society/American	Melissa Coe
	 Threatened and Endangered Species 	Woodcock Society	Gina Diggs
	 Persistence of Species of Conservation 	Access Fund and Carolina Climbers	Don Lendle
	Concern	Coalition	Sue Hayden
		Friends of Big Ivy	Jane Thomas
		I Heart Pisgah	Ryland Bowman
		Mountain True	Timothy Downs
		Forest Keeper	Will Jared Matthews
		The Wilderness Society	Eli Celli
		Cynthia Simonds	Michael Sullivan
		Richard Melvin	Juliana Henderson
		Defenders of Wildlife	North Carolina Natural Heritage
		Sierra Club	Program
		Rob Lenfestey	Bill Floyd
		Christopher Rogers	Ruffed Grouse Society & American
		Christopher Sacco	Woodcock Society
		Courtney Fincher	NC Wildlife Resources Commission
		Jill Pyrz	Una Jean Harrison
		Joy Lew	North Carolina Wildlife Federation
		Megan Bennett	Nature Conservancy of North Carolina
		Meredith Dowling	I Heart Pisgah

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		Paula Bell Rebecca King Richard Bir Robyn Biren Sara Bell Shelby Hodge Sherrod Brady Jeffrey Graham Finn Harlan River Harlan Rachel Robinson Zax Milkereit	Chattooga Conservancy Nick Holshouser
11:00 - 11:15	Break		
11:15 – 12:00	Tier 1 and 2 Objectives – Discussion of specific remedies with objectors and interested persons • Triggers for Tier 2	Primary Objectors: Nantahala Pisgah Forest Partnership Southern Environmental Law Center Sierra Club	Interested Persons: North Carolina Forest Service Bill Floyd North Carolina Wildlife Federation Nature Conservancy of North Carolina Nick Holshouser North Carolina Forestry Association NC Wildlife Resources Commission
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 – 1:45	Climate Change – Discussion of specific remedies with objectors and interested persons Carbon Storage and Sequestration Climate Modeling	Primary Objectors: Chattooga Conservancy Kim Porter Forest Keeper I Heart Pisgah Mountain True Center for Biological Diversity Southern Environmental Law Center The Wilderness Society Defenders of Wildlife Sierra Club Rob Lenfestey Christopher Rogers Christopher Sacco	Interested Persons: Bill Floyd Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society North Carolina Wildlife Federation Nature Conservancy of North Carolina I Heart Pisgah Chattooga Conservancy Nick Holshouser NC Wildlife Resources Commission

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		Courtney Fincher	
		Jill Pyrz	
		Joy Lew	
		Megan Bennett	
		Meredith Dowling	
		Paula Bell	
		Rebecca King	
		Richard Bir	
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		Sara Bell	
		Shelby Hodge	
		Sherrod Brady	
		Jeffrey Graham	
		Finn Harlan	
		River Harlan	
		Rachel Robinson	
		Zax Milkereit	
1:45 – 2:15	Monitoring Program – Discussion of specific	Primary Objectors:	Interested Persons:
	remedies with objectors and interested persons	Audubon North Carolina	Gina Diggs
	Specificity/Connection to Plan Components	Southern Environmental Law Center	Don Lendle
	 Monitoring Questions 	Chattooga Conservancy	Sue Hayden
	Best Available Scientific Information	Defenders of Wildlife	Jane Thomas
		Sierra Club	Ryland Bowman
		The Wilderness Society	Timothy Downs
		Mountain True	Will Jared Matthews
			Eli Celli
			Michael Sullivan
			Juliana Henderson
			Bill Floyd
			Ruffed Grouse Society & American
			Woodcock Society
			NC Wildlife Resources Commission
			North Carolina Wildlife Federation
			Nature Conservancy of North Carolina
			Chattooga Conservancy
2.45 2.05	1.0		Nick Holshouser
2:15 - 3:00	Meeting Closeout	James Melonas – NF's in North Carolina For	rest Supervisor

Time	Topic	Who
	 Partnering and Collaboration Discussion Reviewing Officer's Reflections Questions Meeting documentation, how and when available Next steps in the review and planning processes 	Rick Lint – Deputy Regional Forester Nancy Walters – Facilitator