

# Nantahala and Pisgah National Forest Forest-wide Desired Conditions

## Transportation and Forest Access

- An ecologically, socially and economically sustainable system of designated roads and trails provides safe, legal, and reasonable access for recreation opportunities and resource management.
- The transportation system and its use have minimal impacts on resources including threatened and endangered species, heritage and cultural sites, watersheds aquatic species, and vegetation.
- Unauthorized roads and trails are not present.
- Access to water is available for water-oriented activities, including fishing, motorized and non-motorized boating and other water sports. Access points are located in areas that do not degrade the aquatic resources and provide safe, reliable access for users.
- Access is designed to minimize conflicts between users.
- Access to the national forest is provided to Tribal members for hunting, fishing and gathering, as well as cultural and religious practices.



## Trails Desired Conditions

- A sustainable trail system provides a range of high quality recreation experiences for different use types, with an emphasis on a quality experience over quantity of trail miles.
- Nationally designated trails maintain the characteristics and conditions for which they were established.
- Unsustainable trails are transitioned to a sustainable condition or decommissioned.
- Trailheads are well-designed and maintained.
- Appropriate connector trails enhance loops within the existing network and/or provide trail access to local communities.
- Unauthorized trails are not present on the forest.
- The sustainability of the trail network is supported by partner groups.
- State-of-the-art information about trails is available and promotes a responsible user ethic.
- Trail use occurs within the ability of the land to support it and with minimal conflict between users.