

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO PORTIONS OF THE NANTAHALA AND
PISGAH NATIONAL FORESTS DECISION NOTICE ON A NEW LAND
MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners previously submitted unanimous bipartisan resolutions supporting the protection of the entire Craggy/Big Ivy area by Resolutions #16-09-02 and #20-04-13;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County supported the protection of the entire Big Ivy area not only because of its incomparable scenic value, but also because of the entire area's importance for protecting water quality, its old-growth forests and other biological values, and its world-class recreational setting and experience;

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the Forest Service decision in this matter failed to consider the impact of its management allocations on Buncombe County; failed to properly analyze as a reasonable alternative the protection of the entire area for its scenic, water, biological, and recreational values; failed to include these key conservation and recreation areas in its Forest Scenic Area designation; and failed to fully consider and analyze the proposed Craggy National Scenic Area with embedded wilderness designation for an expanded Craggy Mountain Wilderness Area; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that it is the best interests of the citizens and residents of Buncombe County to Object to the Revised Nantahala and Pisgah Forest Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Record of Decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the Chair, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and file an Objection to the Revised Nantahala and Pisgah Forest Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Record of Decision, a copy of which is included with this agenda item.
2. That the Chair, or his designee, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.
3. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

4. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the 15th day of March, 2022.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney