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Comment Cards

Wkshp	Comment	Category	Secondary category
Andrews	Please call about public access to NFS land that is leased and now gated. Could several days/yr this land be opened to public? (J. Miller)	access	seasonal
Andrews	Santeetlah Horse Trail needs to be reopened/opened in Graham County and designated as a bike trail. Trail is developed but needs to be upgraded and maintained. This would encourage more visitors and increase economic activity in a distressed ,tier 1 county in NC.	access	designation
Andrews	Would like to see old trail around lake Santeetlah opened. It was originally opened as a horseback trail, but gets minimal use. Would operate as a good beginner/family biking trail. I myself am willing to help with maintenance and know of others who would help.	access	designation
Andrews	Most trails in the Cheoah and Nantahala NF are hiking only. Could we have more biking allowed in these areas?	access	multi-use
Andrews	Change of L. Santeetlah horse trail designation to bike trail.	access	designation
Andrews	Rim Trail - Fires Creek Bear Sanctuary. This trail needs to stay on the Rim and the Laurel Creek property owners should be denied road construction permit.	access	conflict
Andrews	Keep Tatham Gap Rd. open in winter. Best trails from Gap west of Beaver Creek.	access	seasonal
Andrews	Santeetlah Horse Trail on south side of S. Lake. This trail is not being used much at all and not at all by horseback riders. Am interested in developing this trail as a mountain bike trail. This is a big issue in Graham county that's widely supported. This is the primary reason most of us from Graham County attended. We were encouraged by the Cheoah District to attend this session to speak about this Santeetlah Trail designation.	access	designation
Andrews	Need better access to Tusquitee Bald area.	access	
Andrews	Lots of dead and down trees from Junction to Sassafras Creek . Willing to organize and coordinate team to keep maintained. (R. Davis)	condition	volunteers
Andrews	Interested in improving and enhancing the Cheoah Trail system around the Cheoah Ranger Station.	condition	volunteers
Andrews	Existing trails need regular maintenance. FS roads could be utilized for hiking or horse traffic. This is especially true in Cherohala Skyway. Trails in J.Kilmer-Slickrock are in much need of heavy maintenance.	condition	roads
Andrews	On popular- heavy use trails- need to identify sections of trails that need more regular maintenance than others (such as areas affected by wildfire).	condition	discussion
Andrews	Need more ethnic diversity in this collaborative effort.	discussion	representation

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Andrews	NFS standard hiking trail width primitive -> rural; Scenery-ridgeline; Wilderness like Joyce Kilmer; Opportunity for solitude.	discussion	
Andrews	Who is head of trails in Cherokee County?	discussion	
Andrews	Let users determine trail selection by usage volume and maintenance ability- foster competition for trails and their maintenance.	discussion	conflict
Andrews	Primitive camping. Whether biking, hiking or horseback, primitive camping is often the goal.	discussion	
Andrews	Foreign countries have horse trails completely separated from hiking trails to avoid conflict.	discussion	conflict
Andrews	Preserve aesthetic value of the forest- water quality, old growth timber, natural forest of diversity.	discussion	
Andrews	Canoe trails with access to rivers and lakes.	discussion	
Andrews	Benton Mackaye Trail and Rim Trail are in very remote areas. How is the FS going to keep invasive plants in control when horses are using these trails?	discussion	
Andrews	More cross use trails? i.e. hike-bike-etc.	discussion	multi-use
Andrews	David- control yourself. 20 miles of bike trails in Tusquittee. They have not included the FS roads. This is Hanging Dog campground.	discussion	
Andrews	1. Review existing trail systems to keep or drop-remove from maps. 2. Maintain system trails.	discussion	closures
Andrews	FS should work with local counties encouraging tourism. WNC NFS lands is our major resource.	economic	
Andrews	Trailhead parking and maintenance	facilities	
Andrews	Need help in developing an ADA accessible trail along Valley River from Marble to Andrews (6 miles). Funding needed.	facilities	
Andrews	Mountain bike trails need to be over 10 miles but optimally 15-20 miles +-. Jackrabbit needs a connector trail to campground and add additional trails at existing hiking trail (2-3 more miles) at site of higher elevation to add a challenging trail to accommodate more advanced cyclists.	loops	additions
Andrews	loop trails allowing varied lengths	loops	
Andrews	Upgrade, enhance and maintain Cheoah District Trail and construct connector with existing Fitness Trail at Massey Branch in Graham County. Connection to existing trails in Town of Robbinsville.	loops	connectivity

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Andrews	Need trail from Andrews to Rim Trail on Fires Creek. Either Bear Creek off Junaluska Rd, Phillips Creek or McClean Creek.	loops	connectivity
Andrews	There are many trails (old road) north of Andrews in Snowbird and south in Valley River Mnts need network.	loops	
Andrews	Are there any grants or programs that can employ local youth to help with trail maintenance like the YCC in the 70s and 80s?	resources	volunteers
Andrews	The trail in the Ogreta Community from the end of the FS road that starts at Chambers Rd to the mouth of Beaverdam Creek is full of downed timber and the bridge is washed out bad. This makes it very difficult for trout fishermen to access Beaverdam creek. The trail ends at the mouth of the creek. The only way to navigate the stream is to walk in the streambed. During a thunderstorm the water rises rapidly. It becomes very dangerous . Thick rhodos are on each bank.	safety	
Andrews	Interested in constructing a new and better trailhead at Beech Gap on NC/TN line on Cherohala Skyway. Badly needed. Has existing safety hazard from traffic and no place to park.	safety	facilities
Andrews	The trails on the Cheoah District in Graham County for the most part are overgrown with fallen trees across them. This causes hikers to become lost and/or injured. This also makes search & rescue efforts more difficult.	safety	condition
Andrews	Mile markers, maps, trail condition, direction sign; Put a trail system with information plaques. Tatum Gap in particular	signage	
Andrews	Multi-use trail system signage on major trails. Willing to offer assistance. Reside in Clay County Fires Creek area.	signage	volunteer
Andrews	Need to have organized trail maintenance training in Cheoah District.	volunteers	training
Andrews	I am interested in getting more trails in Graham County, especially bike trails. I am even willing to help organize maintenance groups. Thanks. (J. Sawyer)	volunteers	additions
Andrews	Jackrabbit trails have increased numbers of users (doubled) in short time open-The only repeated comment is the need for additional trails geared toward advanced rider with more challenge-Because of the close proximity to town, it is easily maintained-We have gained new members and volunteers due to Jackrabbit popularity-This trail is ideal in that it is stacked loop, sustainable and well planned- We are willing to write grants and obtain funding if FS can help with NEPA, etc.	volunteers	additions
Andrews	I have the volunteer group in place to improve the Hanging Dog trail system in Murphy and do not feel I have the support of the local USFS. (E. Sylvester)	volunteers	discussion

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Brevard	The gated FS roads that were closed to horses and then designated as wildlife habitat were ideal for horseback riding during winter and wet weather and horseback riders had an alternative to riding regular trail with less impact to the resource.	access	conflict
Brevard	Turkey Pen - Access road recently graveled. Thanks.	access	
Brevard	Access to trailhead at Turkey Pen : improvement needed for access to trails. With private road problems, are there considerations to seek alternate route to access Turkey Pen trails? Anything that can be done to improve private road section to make safer for driving for 2-way traffic? Has been long time problem that with increased usage will only get worse.	access	roads
Brevard	I think the so called "seasonal" trails should be re-considered. Closing several trails to one user group seems unfair. Perhaps some should be closed to one group while other trails are closed to other groups. Or alternating days, weeks or years (Tsali).	access	seasonal
Brevard	Less closed seasonal trails (more bike access)-> Bennette, Cat Gap, North Slope.	access	seasonal
Brevard	Green Mnt Trail - Middle Prong Wilderness- This trail's 1st 1/2 mile from Sunburst toward the Blue Ridge Parkway. This section of trail is not sustainable and meets none of the USF trail designs. Needs a MAJOR reroute.	condition	
Brevard	N. Mills River- Trace Ridge trails lower section. Washed out trail. Can it be re-routed in a more sustainable way?	condition	
Brevard	The reason I live here is because of the trails. I'm a member of Back Country Horsemen of America, Pisgah Chapter, volunteer with Henderson County mounted patrol, Pisgah Trail Blazers, NATRC, long distance riders. I'm always in/on the trails all of Turkey Pen, N. Mills River, Pisgah Forest. I work very hard to help maintain trails available for all non-motorized entities. Lower Trace Ridge is horrible (N. Mills River). Turkey Pen road slightly better need better parking at top. Going tomorrow to clean up a 'homeless area' in Wash Creek area- nasty- I am always cleaning up camp sites- why aren't these monitored by rangers?(T. Tyree)	condition	
Brevard	Water erosion can be better managed. (Black Mnt, Turkey Pen, Vineyard); Users ignoring signage: Horses on wrong trails to make loops. (Squirrel Gap) Bikes on hiking trails to make loops...; Love being able to have dogs off-leash!	condition	
Brevard	Shining Rock Wilderness Area - The old road trail (not Art Loeb Trail) from the parking lot to Shining Rock Mountain is very eroded and difficult to hike because of all the large rocks & boulders.	condition	
Brevard	AT northbound section climbing toward Lovers Leap . AT southbound between Devil Fork Gap & Big Butt , sections of the Shining Creek Trail . Section of Sam Knob Trail nearest to Black Balsam parking area.	condition	

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Brevard	Better bridges-> Cove Creek, Avery Creek, Big Creek , etc...Every trail -> ridable bridges	condition	
Brevard	Joyce Kilmer Trails - Need major restoration work. Shining Rock Trails suffer from human impacts (lack of LNT). Training & certifications need to be streamlined.	condition	
Brevard	Wilderness Falls trail in Panther Valley needs to be rerouted- much erosion in present location.	condition	
Brevard	Make sure trails are designed for all users not just one group (bikes).	discussion	multi-use
Brevard	We need more multi-use trails to lesson the impact of what we have now.	discussion	multi-use
Brevard	NC is the 4th largest horse ownership in the nation & 80% report they trail ride. So FS users are prob. Higher than 1%.	discussion	
Brevard	Two Wilderness areas in the Pisgah, Middle Prong and Shining Rock. Question: Why is there only one horse trail in both Wilderness areas? At one time this area was used as free range and roads- now one designated horse trail.	discussion	more
Brevard	I go to "Long distance riders" NATRC events all over- Uwharrie is closest. Why not here in our forest= bring in \$.	discussion	
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Brevard	Shortcutting of trails, i.e. bikes riding around obstacles. Hikers cutting switchbacks.; All users making mud puddles bigger. ; Survey tools & flaws [?].	discussion	education
Brevard	Keep Squirrel Gap a level one trail!	discussion	
Brevard	Federal money should be used for much more urgent needs (i.e. schools, Medicaid/Medicare, social security, defense) before recreation. Make the volunteer process easy and don't spent \$ until more urgent needs are fully funded. Strongly suggest not dividing groups by user. Promotes "us vs. them" not collaboration.	discussion	

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Brevard	I feel trail work should be prioritized as follows: 1. Rapid aggressive erosion needs to be addressed, including relocation. 2. Resource impact (i.e. water quality or habitat damage) must be addressed, including possible relocation. 3. User experience should be below the above two. 4. Minor archaeological sites should not impact work. Failed homesteads and old logging camps are everywhere.	discussion	condition
Brevard	Mountain bikes tear up trails. Muddy places in trails get churned up by bikes going right through the middle.	discussion	
Brevard	Good to promote understanding between groups, but trail sustainability, safety and blending in with the environment should be most important.	discussion	
Brevard	Would like to see more accurate trail use data. More camping facilities and more horse trailer parking that is safe.	discussion	procedure
Brevard	No horse crap on trails. Require horse diapers.	discussion	conflict
Brevard	Diversify and publicize the availability of trails to minimize overuse of popular trails.	discussion	education
Brevard	Concerned about what seems to be a pattern of old roads that have become defacto trails being turned back into roads on the system.	discussion	roads
Brevard	Sustainability definition needs to include a phrase on support (what's needed to support sustainability).	discussion	
Brevard	All trails serve a purpose. Some are more primitive. Some are more natural. Some are easier, not technical.	discussion	
Brevard	The ones here care. The missing ones are those, the general public.	discussion	
Brevard	Accepting risk and assuming responsibility is key. Wild is good.	discussion	
Brevard	Trails that are here and will be around. There will be change. Changing nature is okay.	discussion	
Brevard	Signage; technical trailside features; options; epic single-track.	discussion	
Brevard	There are not enough multi-use trails in the Pisgah N.F. The existing trails suffer from over use. There is plenty of land area for more trails.	discussion	multi-use
Brevard	A signed, one way, bike only downhill specific trail with sustainable, safe-well thought out and executed jumps, berms and features would do the area some good. The southeast is years behind in trail design. It works in the west, it can work here. We have the man power and the drive.	discussion	additions
Brevard	Too many non-motorized trails are becoming motorized. i.e. Woody Ridge & Colbert Ridge in the Blacks.	discussion	roads
Brevard	Get local TDAs [Tourism & Development] and Chambers of Commerce groups behind usage as an incentive to increase tourism & economic development.	economic	resources
Brevard	NC Horse Council has done an economic impact study on horse use.	economic	resources

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Brevard	Education of user groups from out of state not familiar with multi-use trails (bikes) signs at trailheads.	education	signage
Brevard	Internet- how easy is it for cyclists, equine and hikers to find info on trails online?	education	
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Brevard	Lack of parking limits equestrians in Pisgah Forest.	facilities	trailers
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Brevard	There are tons of old logging roads and trails in Pisgah that could be made into loop trails which would create a better trail experience in the forest. With a horse trailer there is always is a concern with parking- it would be nice to have more places to park. Loop trails for Panther town Valley for horses.	facilities	trailers
Brevard	Would like to see more accurate trail use data. More camping facilities and more horse trailer parking that is safe.	facilities	trailers
Brevard	Need a parking lot at Salt Rock entrance to Panther town Valley.	facilities	
Brevard	Over use in Shining Rock Wilderness . Need for more remote, overnight hiking destinations. Hiking only trails. Interconnection to create longer, 50+ mile, hiking and backpacking opportunities.	loops	discussion
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Brevard	I'd like to see more shorter (<5mi) loop trails, possibly using connectors between existing, longer trails or loops.	loops	

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Brevard	Manway [?] from Pisgah Inn to Thompson Creek to Yellow Gap- Excellent short leg finishing a nice loop trail.	loops	
Brevard	Augment the good new recently completed contract work on Moore Cove trail . The work was only to the waterfall from the trailhead. In the past Carolina Mt. Club has done maintenance on the loop. Trail needs to be re-routed away from old quarry wall on US 276. otherwise, it's a great loop! and should be kept open- Access for loop is currently deliberately obstructed.	loops	access
Brevard	Creating loops is necessary. A trail paralleling Turkey Pen Ridge would re-route fall line trail, alleviate poaching on Wagon Rd Gap and create a loop varying in style and difficulty.	loops	poaching
Brevard	Data source: IMBA	resources	
Brevard	Homeschooling Associations are a volunteer resource.	resources	volunteers
Brevard	The roads around Avery Creek and Cathy's Creek have some pretty shady characters camping & using those areas. Our attention to these areas on a regular basis (patrolling) should be a priority.	safety	
Brevard	As much as possible would like horse, bike, & hike trails to be kept separate to ensure safety.	safety	designation
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Brevard	It seems much more difficult for cyclists to help with trail maintenance than it is for hike/horse groups. Only 9 or so volunteers for all of 2011?	volunteers	conflict
Brevard	I have found volunteer trail work around here to be far less accessible compared to other parts of the country. All trail designs need to be maintained. Utilize more volunteer help.	volunteers	
Brevard	After traveling the country several times over I have found Pisgah to hold something special. It has this wild feel to it and I have found no other place that draws me back to ride like it. The bike trails here are world class and the community loves to maintain trails.	volunteers	

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Brevard	Non-shared trail coordinator needed. Make it easier to volunteer.	volunteers	
Franklin	Deep Creek Trails- multiple access. More access to bikers and hikers with dogs.	access	multi-use
Franklin	We want to ride bikes on Cowee Mnt and access roads from Greens Creek, Connelly Creek, Alarka, etc	access	additions
Franklin	We want to ride bikes on Apple Tree trails. Rarely used. Good distance and terrain.	access	designation
Franklin	Our family of four is very concerned about the possibility of the closing of horse trails. As lovers of these mountains we want to raise our children with an appreciation of the area. There are such few opportunities for our youth to enjoy the mountains. We ask that the existing horse trails continue to be enjoyed.	access	
Franklin	Bonas Defeat Gorge - it is one of a handful of places in NC where canyoneering is possible. This tract is truly one-of-a-kind. Access to this gorge is almost non-existent. Duke Power owns all access to this area. One must trespass to gain access to the FS land. Please take steps to ensure public access to this parcel.	access	
Franklin	Courthouse Creek trail (NC15)- This trail has been decommissioned, but is in relatively good shape and easy to follow except the upper half mile.	condition	closures
Franklin	Wesser Creek Trail- large landslide about a mile and a half up from the TH.	condition	
Franklin	Shut-in Creek Trail- (near hot Springs) needs to be brushed and mowed. Upper section near the AT is very hard to follow.	condition	
Franklin	Deep Creek Trail - (Joyce Kilmer Wilderness)- upper section is hard to navigate at the 2nd switchback.	condition	
Franklin	Haoe Lead (J.K.)- trail side hills are in bad need of grading. Falling off the mnt. In places.	condition	
Franklin	Would love to use Panther Creek/Shellstand Rd. area more. Panther Creek side needs cleaning/ditching.	condition	
Franklin	Panther town Valley - some trail users ignore the usage designations on maps and signage.	discussion	conflict
Franklin	Sharing hike trails with horse trails and allowing dogs where horses are allowed.	discussion	multi-use
Franklin	"Gorge"ous trail to "disney-esque".	discussion	
Franklin	Tsali - getting the word out to bikers and horse people to respect each others days of use.	discussion	conflict
Franklin	Tsali rec area would benefit from addition of a family/kids level trail. Lemmons Branch area?	discussion	additions
Franklin	Tsali - limited parking and no H2O access for horse trails. Were told to not get water or bathroom use at bike lot. Have never ridden on horse trail that bikes were no on them.	discussion	conflict

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Franklin	Look at all existing roads and trails to determine suitability for each use. Need wagon and buggy rds.	discussion	designation
Franklin	Please don't mix horses and bikes on trails.	discussion	conflict
Franklin	Only 14 miles of bike trails in Nantahala, lots of trails that can be multi use. Biking will bring major tourism to area. Local bikers will maintain and have large pool of volunteers.	discussion	multi-use
Franklin	There are many footpaths (unofficial trails) in Panther town that are well used and offer incredible recreation opportunities, loops and long-distance backpacking access that should be added to our trail system. Single-track bike in north, hike in south. Thanks. 1) Flat Creek Path (Off Turkey Knob) for single-track bike. 2) West Fork Way/Big Pisgah (off Devil's Elbow) for backpack. 3) Hogback Mountain (off Mac's Gap trail). 4) Great loop: Carlton's way (off overlook trail and north Rd), per many users.	discussion	additions
Franklin	Tsali - hunters are scary when you come up on them fast, especially on a MtBike. Can we alternate days/times for hunting?	discussion	conflict
Franklin	Equine parking- remains inadequate- and some places gotten smaller in order to enjoy the beautiful mnts & woods- we need access.	facilities	trailers
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Franklin	My main concerns with existing trailheads on FS land is lack of sufficient safe parking for trailers.	facilities	trailers
Franklin	I like reservation only horse camps, i.e. Wine Springs .	facilities	
Franklin	Nantahala forest and private owned land- would be good to have connector trails in Macon County to the AT- especially for 6-8 mile hikers.	loops	connectivity
Franklin	Separate horse trails and hiking trails. Example- Beech Gap in Standing Indian. Erosion from horses + H2O makes it a hazard in places.	safety	conflict
Franklin	Pearcy Creek Trail - the large number of dead hemlock trees make camping in the area hazardous.	safety	
Mars Hill	Re-evaluate seasonal trails for year-round use based on traffic, sustainability, etc, based on current usage patterns (specifically Bennett/Coontree).	access	seasonal

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Mars Hill	We need bike trails in the Hot Springs Area. The App RD only has 25% of its trails open to bikes as compared to approx. 50% of trails in Pisgah and Cherokee.	access	additions
Mars Hill	Linville Gorge Wilderness area - there is a Linville Gorge Yahoo Group which is coordinating the creation and maintenance of a non-standardized, not FS approved trail network. This includes trail flagging, cutting, maintenance, and advertising (through their website).	access	
Mars Hill	AT northbound section climbing toward Lover's Leap is very badly eroded beyond maintenance volunteer capability.	condition	
Mars Hill	AT southbound section between Devil Fork Gap and Big Butt is diminished to a rock slide and beyond maintenance volunteers capability.	condition	
Mars Hill	Shining Creek trail is badly eroded.	condition	
Mars Hill	The section of the Sam Knob Trail nearest to the Black Balsam parking area is badly eroded.	condition	
Mars Hill	Big Ivy trail complex need maintenance.	condition	
Mars Hill	Curtis Creek - Trail opposite campground also a mess and needs maintenance.	condition	
Mars Hill	Trail maintenance work on Sycamore Cove Trail- PRD very poorly executed- stream armoring poorly done and getting water off the trail- overall a waste of \$\$.	condition	
Mars Hill	Crabtree trail - PRD- a real mess- erosion, etc.	condition	
Mars Hill	Please fix Kitsuma . New work is unsustainable and will require major maintenance in the future.	condition	
Mars Hill	User-created trails to waterfalls are probably inevitable, and promoting those to full, official status should be a priority (in addition to making them sustainable and safe.) Otherwise...closures :(- Upper Catawba Falls! - Moore Cove #2 (waterfall) - Flat Creek Falls :)	condition	designation
Mars Hill	IMBA definition of sustainability: Community use of natural resources in a way that does not jeopardize the ability of future generations to live and prosper.	discussion	
Mars Hill	IMBA definition of sustainable trails: Low maintenance trails that have minimal impact on natural systems	discussion	
Mars Hill	Connect highest mountain in the East, Mt. Mitchell, to the AT as originally envisioned by Benton Mackaye!!	discussion	connectivity
Mars Hill	The multiuse trail system in the NFsNC needs to be expanded to prevent overuse of existing trails.	discussion	additions
Mars Hill	Forest Service needs to consult with trail maintenance clubs to keep up-to-date with trail issues that require expertise by FS contractors.	discussion	volunteers

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Mars Hil	Hikers want separate trails for hikers, bikers and horses in high use areas to ensure user safety, allow for enjoyment of the serenity of nature and avoid erosion and other sources of ecological degradation amplified by some trail users.	discussion	conflict
Mars Hil	Urge the FS to provide buffers between trails and forest management projects to protect the scenic and recreational values of trails.	discussion	
Mars Hil	Oppose the decommissioning of hiking trails and oppose converting hiking trails, including trails with dual trail/road designations, to roads.	discussion	designation
Mars Hil	Not motorized use, Automotive enthusiasts (BRP users).	discussion	
Mars Hil	It would be good to address the needs/desires of tourists in this exercise. Those needs and desires may differ, to some extent, from those of local residents.	discussion	representation
Mars Hil	More Wilderness	discussion	additions
Mars Hil	*Larger Wilderness Areas*	discussion	additions
Mars Hil	Working with surrounding states.	discussion	connectivity
Mars Hil	Trail connecting without the need to be on paved roads for long periods of time.	discussion	
Mars Hil	Working with private land owners.	discussion	connectivity
Mars Hil	Bent Creek Trails - bikers-> too many and too fast-rarely give warnings to hikers about Bike traffic! This is a problem on many bike/hike trails throughout the forest--> How can we bridge this "conflict". Bikers need some form of bell-voice "warning", i.e. "Bike on your right".	discussion	conflict
Mars Hil	We need more non-motorized trails (and bike free). Safety concerns and environmental impact- I hike, run and ride horses- wheels + horses don't mix.	discussion	conflict
Mars Hil	User activity percentages: numbers may be affected by how useful trails are for a certain group- e.g. horseback riders may use trails less because they are not "horse friendly".	discussion	access
Mars Hil	Better maps! PRD new map is good, would like to see that in APP and GRD.	discussion	maps
Mars Hil	We need to reclassify trails that are in the FS inventory as roads as trails. Example: all trails in Bent Creek are classified as Roads.	discussion	designation
Mars Hil	We need TMOs that can be effectively applied to existing trails. Current TMOs do not seem to be working.	discussion	procedure
Mars Hil	We need long distance bike trail opportunities. Much like backpacking many cyclists like to cover long distances over many days. Examples: Colorado Trail & Arizona Trail.	discussion	
Mars Hil	Limiting use of LWOs [linear wildlife openings] to certain user groups to improve hunting should be looked at closely as this policy can be counter productive to other goals.	discussion	conflict
Mars Hil	Trails should be constructed with materials endemic to the area to preserve the ecology and not trucked in from outlying areas, i.e. gravel, concrete.	discussion	

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Mars Hill	Provide for multi-day experiences not only to backpacking, but to all user groups, i.e. mnt bikers.	discussion	additions
Mars Hill	In terms of your data on use it would be helpful to take into consideration miles open to each activity. This may give insight into how much use there is on the various designations of trail and may give insight into whether or not you have enough miles of trails open to various uses.	discussion	multi-use
Mars Hill	All Black Mountain Trails - poor maintenance low signage, few blazes. Treated as an after thought by local managers. It is the highest value backcountry resource in NC and is not blazed, signed, or kept cleared. Trail mileage is being lost. Trail mileage should be increased. It is the cheapest form of economic development in our region. The trail network in the Black Mountain region needs to be formally expanded. Local hunters are creating their own bootleg trails in The Blacks. In addition, the FS has tried to take other formal trails out of service (Woody Ridge) as well as closing forest service roads.	discussion	
Mars Hill	We need more equestrian trails.	discussion	additions
Mars Hill	Preserving [?] the challenge of the trail length, tread, elevation.	discussion	
Mars Hill	On/at shared trails- educational kiosks explaining multi user etiquette.	education	signage
Mars Hill	Education with youth camps/programs. Work with NC Youth Camps Association. (B.Williams)	education	
Mars Hill	Information sharing is critical! People have to know what trails are open, what to expect, and where not to go. People invent their own names because of lack of signs, maps, etc. which causes some confusion (especially visitors). I love the inventory and GIS efforts.	education	signage
Mars Hill	More loops, 1/2 day loops, day loops, multi-day loops, week-long loops, month-long loops? Why not!!	loops	additions
Mars Hill	New trails and connectors- Big Ivy loop opportunities- Lots of possibilities to N and E of FS Rd in Coleman Boundary old trails to re-establish old logging roads--> new trails? New trails potential from Stoney Fork Rd to Blackberry Inn area- lots of old trails on old maps...	loops	additions
Mars Hill	Would love more connectivity/loop options-e.g. Ranger Station to Fish Hatchery in PRD or Heartbreak Ridge area.	loops	
Mars Hill	Black Mountain Loop Trail - Combine Black Mountain Crest Trail, section of MTS Trail, Big Butt Trail and then about 10 miles on private land.	loops	connectivity
Mars Hill	FS needs to ask hiking/user clubs for maintenance crews to form regular crews to repair trails.	volunteers	

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Mars Hill	Big Ivy Amblers- Coleman boundary trail users that travel by foot, hoof and paw. An organization of volunteers to educate to promote safety and sustainability of trails in Big Ivy for non-mechanized trail users.	volunteers	
Mars Hill	PLEASE make it easier to volunteer for trail work!	volunteers	procedure
Mars Hill	We could really use a full time volunteer trail coordinator with the USFS. There are more people who want to volunteer than can currently be managed.	volunteers	discussion
Mars Hill	The process for allowing volunteer work (esp. on the Pisgah RD) has become so cumbersome that it has discouraged volunteerism.	volunteers	procedure
Morgantown	Trying to access the gorge from Hwy 126 is a little tricky, but I guess that also adds to the challenge.	access	
Morgantown	County Rd 1261 , Burke Cnty- This is a county road that allows access to FS land. Private land owners on this road are trying to intimidate people that use this road. They are trying to insinuate that the road is private and that using the road is trespassing.	access	roads
Morgantown	Does the FS have any input (you all are landowners) about the closure of SR1261 (Table Rock Mnt Rd)? Private landowners are closing this access to NF. The aggressive landowners claim to have worked out a deal with FS.	access	roads
Morgantown	The Lower Steele Creek trail beyond the first creek crossing is very hard to follow after the wildlife field. The trail I'm referring to is the one from God's Country down to Dick Loven's land. (W. Beam)	condition	
Morgantown	I quit riding Raider Camp years ago because the erosion and horse damage makes it unenjoyable.	condition	conflict
Morgantown	Kitsuma Trail - Great Job!	condition	
Morgantown	Raider Camp Trail , Wilson Ck Drainage, Chestnut Mountain to Harper Creek Trail- This trail suffered huge erosion during the '04 hurricanes. The trail has never recovered.	condition	
Morgantown	Raspberry Ridge off Gingercake Rd down to FS 496- This trail used to be wonderful , but was eroded by the hurricanes in '04. It has never recovered.	condition	
Morgantown	Lost Cove Creek -Hunt/Fish Falls-Gregg Prong- MST from Gragg to Beacon Heights (NPS): Lack of maintenance and some serious erosion/lack of run-off affecting important tribs of Wilson Creek.	condition	
Morgantown	Snooks Nose Trail (segment near Curtis Creek Rec Area)- Trail is too steep, eroded, unsustainable to manage.	condition	
Morgantown	Mackie Mnt Trail (from FS road to summit)- Trail is unmaintained and often obstructed with down woody.	condition	

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Morgant	I'm a hiker, but I'm sympathetic to the trail needs of horsemen and bikers- the rapidly growing group of bikers face a diminishing number of bike-accessible trails. Thus, those that are so designated are very over-used, which makes the experience of a hiker very unpleasant.	condition	conflict
Morgant	I'm a hiker, but I'm sympathetic to the trail needs of horsemen and bikers- logs need to be cut out	condition	
Morgant	Fires Creek Rim Trail near Hayesville. Multi-day backpack opportunities. Trail needs a lot of attention and maintenance.	condition	
Morgant	Jackrabbit Mnt Bike Trail System- well designed and constructed; sustainable stacked loop system for variety of difficulties.	condition	
Morgant	Many trails in the Curtis Creek area aren't under any volunteer group for maintenance. They still suffer greatly from the ice-storm two winters ago.	condition	volunteers
Morgant	Highly recommend that procedures for getting trail designations changed is discussed. Many people want to know the process- even if it means talking to congressmen. What would we be asking for? I realize that this is addressed in the sideboards, but this should at least be discussed briefly.	discussion	designations
Morgant	Communicate to us how to propose reroutes . How can we fix things? What are the steps? How do we initiate the discussion? How do we get things funded? Can USFS apply for grants?	discussion	procedures
Morgant	Is there any way trail work can be incorporated with prescribed burn firebreak construction/maintenance?	discussion	procedures
Morgant	How do we propose new trail ? Not just reroutes, but a potential connector? Is there a trail priority list? Or can there be a proposed list of small and large ideas?	discussion	additions
Morgant	Could some clarification be given to trails not in Fs inventory? Are trails that pass through private land now off-limits?	discussion	access
Morgant	We need to involve fish and aquatic specialists to provide input on erosion and siltation issues.	discussion	representation
Morgant	Some trails will need to be closed . Lessen the mileage and improve the experience. Close trails in poor condition, dead ends, etc.	discussion	closures
Morgant	Increased mileage for mountain bikers and equestrians by utilizing existing hiking miles of trails. Consider this in designing and constructing new reroutes, loops, etc. Fulfill the need of more by designating existing for more users.	discussion	multi-use
Morgant	The trails strategy affects lots of users of trails beyond just hikers, bikers and horseback riders. Hunters, anglers, bird-watchers, nature photographers and other use trails and are impacted by use and over-use. These folks need to be included in the meetings.	discussion	representation

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Morgant	Mountain to Sea Trail Mission Statement- Bring together communities and volunteers to build a simple footpath connecting NC's natural treasures for the enjoyment and education of people.	discussion	
Morgant	MST - some sections on BRP which are primarily single track constructed for foot traffic only receive use by bikes and horses which causes erosion and general deterioration of the trail. Greater education should help greatly, but also designated use would help. (Central Blue Ridge Task Force- Black Mnt campground to Beacon Heights.)	education	poaching
Morgant	Pisgah off Hwy 105 - More area/space for horse trailer parking to access trail.	facilities	trailers
Morgant	Off Fish Hatchery Rd (Pisgah)- Back Irish Creek- more parking for horse trailers.	facilities	trailers
Morgant	I'm a hiker, but I'm sympathetic to the trail needs of horsemen and bikers- large parking areas are needed for horse-trailers.	facilities	trailers
Morgant	A connector trail from Big Lost Cove Cliffs to Lost Cove Creek . You get the views and the water all in one trip and between FR464 and 464-A a shuttle is easy. (W. Beam)	loops	
Morgant	Upper Creek into a multi-use loop trail with access to the BRP and the town of Blowing Rock. (B. Prater)	loops	connectivity
Morgant	Woodlawn off 221, near Marion- To make this ride a loop, you have to ride down an almost shoulder less four lane highway. Please make a loop.	loops	
Morgant	Need for loop trails and additional trail opportunities in Mackey Mountain/Curtis Creek area. Trails dropped from system in recent years that completed loops limit opportunities. (H.Irwin)	loops	additions
Morgant	Greentown Trail (NC Hwy 181 to Upper Creek)- Some safety concern due to mnt biking use down steep slope and hiker/angler pedestrian use...and...erosion/lack of run-off mgt.	safety	conflict
Morgant	MST - section 181 to Breen Town (Upper Creek) steep downhill grade use by bikers jumping "tank traps" which creates safety issues for hikers and maintenance crews. Again education (signage may help). (Central Blue Ridge Task Force MST)	safety	education
Morgant	I can't remember which trails, but some are designated hiker-only, but due to lack of adequate signage, bikers use trails and we (hikers) are un-prepared to watch out for them.	signage	poaching
Morgant	Closer and better coordination between NF & volunteers. In the past this has been a problem. It has improved, but still needs to be addressed. We don't want to alienate volunteers. (Coming from 32 years of experience as a volunteer)	volunteers	
Morgant	More training needed. Advertise saw classes and trail training. Hire Tim Johnson (he may be free), Woody, or other FS trail specialists for user group training.	volunteers	training