

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS BY POTENTIAL WILDERNESS AREA September 2008 Public Workshops**

SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - Gum Run, High Knob, Oak Knob-Hone Quarry Ridge, Little River, Ramseys Draft Addition and Shaws Ridge		
What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Opportunity for a large block of intact forest habitat on a scale available no where else in the east on national forests	Special Biological Areas need an option for management	Scenic area from Rt 33 to Rt 250 with embedded wilderness areas as shown on map submitted by the Virginia Wilderness Committee and the International Mountain Bike Association. Keep Shenandoah Mtn Trail open to all users from Rt 33 to Rt 250; keep hunter access; maintain existing game openings. The embedded wilderness would include the portion of High Knob from FS Road 227 over to the state border, the majority of Ramseys Draft Addition except for Mud Lick Ridge area and the core of Little River between Trail 431, Trail 716 and FS Road 427.
Much of this area is priority for protection by the Virginia Dept of Natural Heritage	Mountain biking use	National Scenic Area to preserve the vast remote land and a long distance trail corridor
North River watershed and reservoir that provides Harrisonburg's water supply		Scenic area from Rt 33 to Rt 250 for recreation use
		Need timber management and wildlife habitat and wilderness

**ADAMS PEAK**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Scenic quality and views need permanent protection	Bicycle trail that is maintained by local biking organizations	National Scenic Area
Remote, rugged, biological reservoir	The northern boundary abuts FS 104A, which is the access road to Nature Camp and create increased public access if area is designated wilderness	Manage the area between Adams Peak and Three Sisters as a game corridor
Intact, contiguous forest in mature condition	Bike use is from Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg, Staunton	Supports permanent protection but should adjust boundary off of FS 104A because of its access to Nature Camp
	Access for hunting	Could turn Whetstone Trail (very popular mtn bike trail and part of Adventure Races) into a loop trail
	Wildlife management	Remote backcountry, no roads
		Manage for wildlife, including logging
		Current management is fine, no need for additional protection
		Maintain in roadless condition with no further trail development
		Manage as Jefferson Rx 12C

**ARCHER KNOB**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Old growth west of North Mtn Trail	North Mtn Trail use by mountain bikes	Scenic area to keep access in certain areas
		Create a smaller wilderness that doesn't contain North Mtn Trail on the west side
		Wildlife management

**BEARDS MTN**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
	Existing mountain bike use on all trails	National Scenic Area
	Lots of recreation	Extensive use north and south of Douthat State Park, Adventure Rave MTB Triathlons race route
	Hickman Draft area has roads and has been historically harvested; good wildlife habitat	Timber harvest for grouse habitat
	Includes MA 14 and MA 15 lands which allow wildlife habitat and don't want to lose this	Continue to develop Alleghany Highlands trail system as shared with bikes
	Healthy forest and diversity	Manage as JNF Rx 12 C
	Mountain bike trail maintenance (SVBC/IMBA)	Provide protection from extraction but allow for multiple use trail system
	Potential for prescribed fire on ridgetop communities and dry oak forests	Establish as core biological area; manage as MA 9 Remote Highlands or similar

**BEECH LICK KNOB**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Huge (14,000 ac) public drinking watershed that should be protected	All of this area is existing wildlife habitat and roaded in parts, with historical timber harvests, several wildlife clearing and waterholes. Much of the area is suitable for timber management and is good quality timber	More timber and vegetation mgmt in the MA 14 and 15 areas near Beech Lick Knob, along State Route 818
Old growth areas		Boundary adjustment could be to bring western edge back to the proposed Carr Mtn Trail location to avoid the mineral rights
Easy access from DC, Richmond for those seeking peace and quiet		Good area for wildlife improvements, have joined this block for 30 years and it is not wilderness worthy
Gorgeous hiking, water quality, trout stream, unusual plants		Keep it as is, MA 14 and 15 for wildlife habitat
Huge trees (large for their species)		Old growth at First Point, according to SELC ecologist report

**BIG SCHLOSS**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Three High Heads area (the northern portion of the area) should be wilderness; is as remote an area as any in the forest. No mineral rights. QMD management could be kept out of the boundary = buffer with core area. One small trail. Very scenic and likely to need little maintenance because of the lack of trails. Could work to create compromise for road boundary.	Prime mountain biking technical trails on the Mill Mtn and Stoney Run Trails, Half Moon Mtn, Little Sluice, Tuscarora, Little North, Tea Mtn, Pond Run, Buck Trail cutoff, Little Stoney Trails	As a scenic area
Old growth in the upper northern portion of the area	Mtn bike trail maintenance done by volunteers	Support protection but not as wilderness because of mtn bike use; National Scenic Area designation is a good alternative
Huge watershed that is critical to drinking water so needs protection	Wilson Cove Deer Study Area in the Wardensville Wildlife Mgmt Area in Hardy Co, WV (Paddy Mtn end) would be impacted by lack of maintenance of established boundary area and access	Possible 12C or 4F Rx as in Jefferson Plan (Backcountry remote recreation or Scenic area)
Paddy Mountain would be good for wilderness; few trails that would be lost to mountain biking	Part of a large network of mtn biking trails (all the way up to Rt 55 and then down to Basore)	Protect from extraction and roads while still providing for mountain biking and economical trail maintenance
Rich in biological diversity according to Va Natural Heritage Program	Old Dominion Horse Association has several events (including 100 mile)	The area is inventoried roadless area now and currently allows very limited access so no need for wilderness
Part of North Fork Shenandoah River watershed which is a source of drinking water for Woodstock, Strasburg and Winchester	Habitat management on a large expanse of land for nongame and game wildlife populations	Allow even-aged cutting along the perimeter for early successional habitat, i.e. grouse habitat
Once the largest intact, unfragmented roadless area in the east until management fragmented it, could reconnect and restore	Need to preserve existing trail networks and trailer access for equestrian use	
Stony Creek area should be wilderness		

**BIG SCHLOSS Cont'd**

Its roadless characteristics offer watershed protection, the intent of establishing the GWNF under the Weeks Act		
Lee District needs a wilderness		
Great North Mountain to the west of the Three High Heads area should be added		

**CRAWFORD MTN**

<b>What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?</b>	<b>What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?</b>	<b>If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?</b>
Should be wilderness from Rt 250 to SR 688; very few invasive plants	Mountain bike trails could not be maintained and trails would be lost	Build a mountain bike trail system through Elliott Knob and Crawford Mtn roadless areas
Support wilderness	Very popular mtn bike trails include North Mountain, Chimney Hollow, Crawford Mtn and are regularly used by people from Harrisonburg, Staunton and Charlottesville	National Scenic Area
	Wildlife management	Could adjust boundary to accommodate mountain bike access by making just the northern half of the area wilderness
		Wildlife management - clearcuts, prescribed burns, water
		Manage as Jefferson Rx 12 C

**DOLLY ANNE**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Special biological areas	Existing mountain bike use	Maintain as roadless; no road building or logging
Non-used for remote recreation and little recreation use	Horse use is ok but will require extensive maintenance	Not appropriate for timber harvest
	Alleghany Highlands, multiple use trails, trail maintenance	Need chainsaw access for volunteer trail maintenance and multiple use trails
	Alleghany Horse trail that extends from Dolly Anne to Douthat to Hot Springs	Would like to rehab existing trails with mechanized equipment
		Happy with the current mgmt of the area
		Complete the Alleghany Highlands trail system as shared use, open to bikes
		Manage as Jefferson Rx 12C or 4F

**DUNCAN KNOB**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
None	Prime mountain biking technical trails	Support protection but not as wilderness because of mtn bike use; National Scenic Area designation is a good alternative
Its roadless characteristics offer watershed protection, the intent of establishing the GWNF under the Weeks Act	Mtn bike trail maintenance done by volunteers	
Primitive backcountry		

**ELLIOT KNOB**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Support wilderness	Watershed protection	National Scenic Area
	Mountain biking and trail maintenance	More intensive management for birds, bear and grouse
	Wildlife management	Avoid including mtn bike trails
		Manage as Jefferson Rx 12 C
		Boundary adjustments to MA 9 so can still manage in MA 17 areas
		Wildlife management
		Add southern block of North Mountain to be consistent with the Va Mtn Treasures Report

**GALFORD GAP**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Good candidate	Loss of wildlife clearings	Limit surface occupancy for existing gas leases
Rugged, inaccessible, remote	Loss of timber mgmt and wildlife habitat improvements	Would like to see area remain as is for management MA 14
Could combine with lands on the adjacent Monongahela National Forest	Hunting values	
Chance to protect remaining area from gas leases		
High elevation habitat		

**GUM RUN**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Public drinking watershed for Dry and North Rivers that supplies Harrisonburg and Bridgewater	Existing mountain bike use	National Scenic Area
		More OHV opportunities
		Include in Shenandoah Mtn Scenic Area (with wilderness in Skidmore, Little River, Ramseys Draft Addition)

**HIGH KNOB**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Great opportunity to preserve old growth, remote recreation	Existing mountain bike use via Railroad Hollow and in Skidmore	WV side of Shenandoah Mtn next to Skidmore - maintain early successional habitat
Boundary to the west of Dunkle Hollow up to top of Shenandoah Mtn	4 wheel drive access	Protect municipal watershed
Important municipal watershed for Harrisonburg - Skidmore area		National Scenic Area
Preserve habitat for Cow Knob salamander		Would support mix of wilderness and National Scenic Area with boundary adjustments to accommodate mtn bike use

**JERKENTIGHT**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Support this area for wilderness	National IMBA trail through the area and MA 14 north of the area (Shenandoah Mtn Trail and Jerkentight Trails are national/regional destinations for mtn bikers	Maintain as roadless
	Highlands Wildlife Management Area located in the northwestern part	No logging or road building, keep remote habitat and backcountry hiking
	Special biological areas need an option for management	Could consider wilderness but with boundary adjustments to support continued mtn bike use
		Wildlife management
		Make the MA 9 portion as a National Scenic Area to maintain mtn bike trails; make the MA 14 portion wilderness

**KELLEY MTN**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Protection of watershed as it is a public water drinking source for Coles Run Reservoir; great brook trout spot.	Cole Road - need to keep open for motorized travel, including 4 wheel drive	National Scenic Area
Va Natural Heritage Program has identified seral natural communities and rare species, some of which are ranked B1 - highest biodiversity rank	Heavily used by mountain bikes, people from Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg, Staunton; trails include Torry Ridge, Slacks, Mill, Jeep trail, connector trails to Torry Ridge	Suggest parallel trail to the Cole Road
	Horseback riding	Some OHV ridgetop trails with a dead end, could create a closed loop

**KELLEY MTN Cont'd**

		Maintain the special biological areas and scenic viewshed along Coal Road
		Watershed protection
		Keep bike use
		Manage for wildlife, including clearcuts, openings and water
		Manage as Jefferson Rx 12 C
		Move boundary away from the Cole Road

**LAUREL FORK**

<b>What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?</b>	<b>What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?</b>	<b>If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?</b>
Remote and unique spruce forest; no similar area in Virginia; species unusual for Virginia, two rare dragonflies seen there	serves many recreation uses	leave it managed as it is now
Good wilderness candidate - a "Crown Jewel"	energy uses	Returned to prior inventoried roadless area stature
Forest is typical of northern forests - unique	hunting access	Wilderness study area
Virginia rare species	wildlife clearings	Manage for unique biological significance
Keep in a wild state and free from human intrusion	highest value timber (cherry and red oak)	
Beautiful, remote	logging	
Primitive recreation	windmills	
More valuable than other close by areas	timber management with a diversity of habitat for birds and wildlife	
Has less impacts of timber mgmt and active mgmt; more remote primitive and healed over	lost opportunity to protect one of Virginia's most valuable places	
Great salamander habitat		

**LAUREL FORK Cont'd**

One of the best trout streams in Virginia		
Not currently overused		
Recognized by Va Natural Heritage Program as having the highest biodiversity ranking and conservation site		
Great bird habitat - provides a corridor for migratory species		

**LITTLE ALLEGHANY**

<b>What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?</b>	<b>What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?</b>	<b>If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?</b>
No trail conflicts	Mineral resources	Habitat for high elevation migrant bird species, possibly add MA 15 to the east across Rt 601 and MA 14 on the north and it could be one larger area
Lack of roads	Transmission lines	Low access on Little Mountain to enjoy it as wilderness so maintain it as roadless
Very remote, wild	MA 14 and 15 wildlife habitat loss	
Old growth	Loss of roadside management or edge mgmt without a buffer	
Very small mineral rights conflict	Fire control at the private land interface	
Great habitat for migrating birds, seen threatened species while hiking there	Central private land ownership breaks up wilderness potential	
Intact watershed	Lost opportunity to protect a very large wilderness area	
Very thinly populated area		
Expand the boundaries to those identified in the Virginia Mtn Treasures book		

LITTLE MARE MTN

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Large mountain	Extensive use north and south of Douthat State Park, Adventure Race MTB Triathlons race route	Continue to develop Alleghany Highlands Trail system as shared with bikes
	Loss of MA 14, 15 and 17 that is suited for timber mgmt	National Recreation Area
	Good roads to manage timber off of, and historically this area has been harvested	Can include in Scenic Area with Beards Mtn
	Westvaco mill is close by and would facilitate timber mgmt	Avoid bulldozing trails for prescribed burns, work with local users to use hand tools for needed firebreaks
	Many wildlife clearings and waterholes exist	Establish as part of core biological area; manage as MA 9 (Remote Highlands) or similar; ok to allow some MA 14 and 15 along the perimeter; shift from MA 17 in some areas to less intensive multiple use
	A healthy, diverse forest with periodic timber harvesting is better than a mature forest	
	Cooperative prescribed fire project (Fire Learning Network?) between FS and the Nature Conservancy	
	Horse use along FS Trails 714 and 714A	

LITTLE RIVER

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Special biological areas are a large part of the area	Existing mountain bike use spread throughout	Large (10-25 acre) cuts for grouse habitat needed in this area
Support this area for wilderness		Watershed protection
Definitely a huge part should be protected as wilderness to protect drinking water		Scenic backcountry for recreation (hikers, bikers, horses)
Since it's bordering Ramseys Draft Wilderness, it would create a huge contiguous Wilderness area (only 4% of GW is wilderness and the average in the east is 13%)		Draw boundary to avoid most mtn bike trails (Little River watershed and Middle Mtn)
Old growth adds to solitude and peace and quiet		Need off highway horse trailer parking
250 bird species		Adjust boundary to preserve much of the mountain bike access but also consider National Scenic Area to protect area around Little River wilderness (look at map - see also Friends of Shenandoah Mtn proposal)
Critical watershed for municipalities in the Shenandoah Valley		
Area is subject to flooding, not suitable for management		
Historic trail built by the CCC		
High scenic values from Reddish Knob and from Shenandoah Valley		
Trail maintainers in this area support wilderness designation		
Historic fire warden system started in this area		
Species need habitat protection - salamanders and more		
Cultural significance - valley people have been enjoying this area for generations as a wild beautiful area - keep it like it is		

NORTHERN MASSANUTTEN

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
This area is too narrow for a wilderness	Eastern ridge is prime mountain biking technical trails used by many mountain bikers from all over (Buzzard Rocks, Veach Gap, Duncan Hollow, Waterfall Mtn, Scothorn Gap, etc)	As a National Scenic Area
Primitive backcountry	Mtn bike trail maintenance done by volunteers	Support protection but not as wilderness because of mtn bike use; National Scenic Area designation is a good alternative
		National scenic area or JNF Rx 12 C (Backcountry with remote recreation)
		Continue multiple use recreation and protection of scenic integrity
		Area deserves special designation that recognizes the use of trails by mountain bikers
		Firmly against wilderness designation of this particular area but ok for National Scenic Area
		Special bicycle area - Stephens Trail and Kennedy Peak

**OAK KNOB-HONE QUARRY RIDGE**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
	Mtn bike use exists	Develop more OHV opportunities
		National Scenic Area
		Would support mix of wilderness and National Scenic Area if mtn bike use is preserved

**OLIVER MTN**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Protect Lake Moomaw watershed	There are more trails in this area than what shows on the map	Could provide recreation trail opportunities to meet demand from Lake Moomaw visitors; 'frontcountry' mtn bike trail area along southwest border of lake
Southern portion might be ok for wilderness but north part has too much noise from boats on the lake	Mountain biking use	Develop trails in the 'frontcountry' area near the lake
Good old growth		Sensitive viewshed
No private mineral rights issues		Sustainable loop system like "FATS" on the Sumter NF or "Tsali" on the Nantahala NF at the northern part next to Lake Moomaw
Very few trail issues		Could adjust the boundaries to exclude trails on the upper west and east sides of the area

**PADDY KNOB**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Support	Lot of wildlife clearings	Change boundary to drop areas of active mgmt
Special biological resources	Wildlife habitat improvements	
Not a lot of historical use showing on the map		
Remote area, very remote high elevation		

**POTTS MTN**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Adjacent to existing Barbours Creek Wilderness; would be more viable for species and wilderness values if a larger block	Childrens Forest Trail maintenance and time capsule.	Adjust the boundary to remove the northern part from the private land inholdings up and make the rest of it wilderness
No trails issues or private mineral rights	There is a timber sale but has not been sold	Adjust the boundary to have wilderness to the south of FS Road 351C and manage the northern part as roadless
	Leave Potts Mtn Jeep Trail out of any wilderness proposal	
	Question about mineral rights and whether the road (5036) can be closed	

**RAMSEYS DRAFT ADDITION**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Make it wilderness but move the boundary to exclude mountain bike trails	Mountain bike trails that are user maintained	Make it wilderness but move the boundaries around existing Ramseys Draft wilderness to exclude mountain bike trails
Support area as wilderness	National IMBA trail runs through Jerkemtight and the lower part of Ramseys Draft Addition	Scenic area to keep access in certain areas
One of the best candidates for wilderness	Mtn bike use very important here	Protect old growth
Increasing the size of magnificent forest around Ramseys Draft will only increase its value to all species in the future		Boundary adjustment to open full length of Shenandoah Mtn Trail to mtn bikes
Is a B2 (second highest rating for biological diversity) Va Dept of Natural Heritage site		Make Lynn Hollow a stand alone wilderness
		Adjust boundary to allow mtn bike use on Shenandoah Mtn from Rt 33 to Rt 250
		Manage as Jefferson Rx 12 C
		Expand southern boundary at Fish Hollow down almost to the trail
		Adjust boundary on eastern side to include the MA 9 portion but exclude the MA 13 and 15 areas to keep management there
		Preserve mtn bike use on south side of Ramseys Draft (Road Hollow, Bridge Hollow, Braley's Pond etc)
		Wildlife management

**RICH HOLE ADDITION**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
include Short Mtn to make a larger Rich Hole and Rough Mtn Complex	Need wilderness boundary to exclude FS 362 (remain open for hunting)	Protect the area between Rough Mtn and Rich Hole Wildernesses where it is now MA 14 to create a larger block of wilderness-like area
Could be a large block of wilderness - see boundary on map	Trail 466 is used for mountain biking	Need to hunt, harvest timber and do game mgmt in MA 14 areas
	Popular hunting and fishing area	Remove from suitable timber harvest
	Wildlife clearings and timber work has been done off of these roads	Adjust boundary to exclude Trail 466
		Leave open for bikes
		Manage for hunting, with fire and timber harvest allowed

**RICH PATCH**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
	Too many trails in there including an National Recreation Trail. Too many conflicts with mtn bike use for good wilderness	Trails
		Same Rx as in the Jefferson Plan since most of it is on the Jefferson (Rx 4K2, Hoop Hole Special Management Area)

**ROUGH MTN ADDITION**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
No roads therefore no invasive species		
Critical watershed		
Very remote and beautiful		
Area is not used for bicycles, no existing trails		
Makes sense to add it to existing		

**SHAWS RIDGE**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Special biological areas with many threatened shale-barren species	Wildlife management	No minerals surface occupancy
	Historic timber and wildlife management around FS Roads 501 and 501A	Make suitable for timber harvest
		Maintain as roadless
		Wildlife management

**SHAWVER'S RUN ADDITION**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Makes sense to add it to existing Shawver's Run		

**ST MARYS ADDITION - NORTH**

<b>What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?</b>	<b>What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?</b>	<b>If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?</b>
Easy access; popular hiking and camping area for Washington and Lee students/Outing Club.		National Scenic Area

**ST MARYS ADDITION - SOUTH**

<b>What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?</b>	<b>What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?</b>	<b>If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?</b>
Sensible to enlarge St Marys Wilderness	None	Manage for wildlife - clearcuts, openings, water, prescribed burns
	Wildlife management	

**ST MARYS ADDITION - WEST**

<b>What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?</b>	<b>What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?</b>	<b>If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?</b>
Sensible to enlarge St Marys Wilderness	None	Manage for wildlife - clearcuts, openings, water, prescribed burns
	Wildlife management	

**THREE RIDGES ADDITIONS (three total areas)**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Sites recognized by Va Natural Heritage Program	Wildlife management	Manage for wildlife - clearcuts, openings, water, prescribed burns
Sensible to enlarge Three Ridges Wilderness		
Support area as wilderness		

**THREE SISTERS**

What are the characteristics that make this a good wilderness?	What are the uses that might be foregone if this became wilderness?	If not wilderness, how would you like to see this area managed?
Support wilderness here	Wildlife management	Move boundary back from roads one mile so that wildlife management can be done economically
Remote area in proximity to other popular wilderness areas on the Pedlar	Belle Cove is and has been used for adventure competitions including ropes courses and competitive events	National Scenic Area
Would like to see the wilderness area encompass adjoining areas. Happens through roads south of Adams Peak going toward Three Sisters (i.e. Coates Mtn, Whites Peak and Chimney Mtn)		Keep open to mountain bikes
		Adjust boundary on eastern side to end at the Appalachian Trail
		Keep it remote backcountry
		Like Jefferson RX 12C
		Wildlife management

### **SOUTHERN MASSANUTTEN INVENTORIED ROADLESS AREA**

The high visibility of the S Mass area makes it important to keep it as a roadless area.

Maintain the integrity of the viewshed from I-81, 340 and Shen National Park. Protect from extraction and development while allowing for spectacular backcountry recreation (hiking, hunting, bicycle and equestrian).

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mountains have rich native plants and few invasive species.

Maintain as roadless area.

Manage under the 2001 Roadless Rule direction.

Make it a National Scenic Area.

Need habitat diversity in this area, allow even-aged cutting along the perimeter for early successional habitat, i.e. grouse habitat.

Mtn biking trails should stay open and available for trail maintenance by motorized equipment.

This area is conveniently located to Harrisonburg and offers future potential trail and recreation opportunities. Consider future, sustainable trails development - possibly in partnership to link to private trail system like Massanutten.

### **FRIAR INVENTORIED ROADLESS AREA**

Makes a good corridor/block with the Priest and Three Ridges.

Manage as roadless

Manage under the 2001 Roadless Rule

Roadless characteristic is the single most important quality for maintaining watershed protection and meeting the intent of the Weeks Act