

## APPENDIX C. PUBLIC USE DATA COLLECTION PROTOCOLS

*The following describes the general protocols for the public component of the limited use data collection effort.*

- **Schedule for Public Data Collection Efforts** - Interested participants will be recruited beginning at the July 27 public meeting in Highlands, North Carolina through August 15, 2006. The counts will begin August 16, 2006 and continue through August 15, 2007.
- **Public Sign-Up** - Please provide the following information on the sign-up form: name, address, phone number, and email. Please see attached "count card". If you wish to sign up after the meeting, you may send an email to the Louis Berger contact listed below with the required information.
- **Timing and Location of Counts** - Participants can conduct counts as often as they are willing, but we do not need more than two counts for the same area on the same day. If two counts are conducted at the same location in the same day, those should be at least four hours apart. Repeated, systematic counts at an area (same location every day or week at the same time for several weeks or months) are preferred over occasional counts, but all data will be entered into the database and can be analyzed.
- **How to fill out the Count Cards** – Counts will generally focus on the number of cars in a specified location. For a few locations, participants are also asked to count people in view from a single vantage point. Please count every location in an area (e.g., Burrells Ford Area) and don't leave any blanks on the form. Participants can write comments about user activities or other use/impact observations on the back of the card (e.g., recreational activities observed, etc.). Please note that this is not a forum for advocacy positions. We are seeking only observation information at the sites.
- **Completed Forms** - Completed count cards can be dropped off at collection boxes at the Andrew Pickens RD and Tallullah RD offices, or USDA Forest Service Information Center in downtown Highlands, NC. Additionally, count cards can be mailed or e-mailed to the following location:  
  
The Louis Berger Group, Inc.  
1513 Walnut Street, Suite 250  
Cary, NC 27511  
Attn. Leslie Yaukey  
Email: [lyaukey@louisberger.com](mailto:lyaukey@louisberger.com)
- **Need More Forms??** – Go by one of the above Ranger District offices or go to the Forest Service Website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/> and print one out.

### Chattooga River –Recreation Use Monitoring “Count Card”

Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_      Rainy • Cloudy • Part Cloudy • Sunny • Snow  
 Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Location	Count	Time
<b>Grimshawes / Sliding Rock</b>		
Vehicles in parking lot near swimming area		
Vehicles in shoulder (not in parking lot)		
People in view from shore		
Vehicles parked at Chattooga trailhead		
Vehicles parked near County Line trailhead		
<b>Bull Pen Road / Chattooga Cliffs</b>		
Vehicles parked near Fowler/Bad Creek trailhead		
Vehicles parked near Bull Pen Bridge Parking		
Number of Groups at campsite near Bull Pen Bridge		
People in view from Bullpen Bridge (both directions)		
Vehicles parked at Ellicott Rock trailhead		
<b>Fish Hatchery / Cherry Hill Area</b>		
Vehicles parked at fish hatchery		
People using hatchery picnic area or fishing platform		
Vehicles parked at non-fee trailhead area at Cherry Hill		
<b>Burrell’s Ford Area</b>		
Vehicles in parking lot on SC side (campground parking lot)		
Vehicles in parking lot on GA side		
Vehicles parked at/or near bridge/trailhead (not in main lots)		
People in view from bridge (both directions)		
Number of groups (sites occupied) at campground		
<b>Access to Rock Gorge Reach</b>		
Vehicles parked at or near end of Big Bend Road		
Vehicles parked at Thrift Lake / Lick Log Falls trailhead		
<b>Highway 28 Bridge Area</b>		
Vehicles parked at Ridley Fields lot (SC side)		
Vehicles parked near Bridge on GA side (within ¼ - mile)		
Vehicles at Hwy 28 boater put-in		
Vehicles parked along the Long Bottom Ford camping corridor		
<b>West Fork Area</b>		
Vehicles parked in the Big Culvert area		
Vehicles parked at the John Teague Gap parking (TH for Three Forks)		

Vehicles parked at/near the bridge on FS Road 86		
Vehicles parked at FS Road 86 parking area/campground		
Vehicles parked on both sides of the Warwoman Road bridge		
<b>Earls Ford</b>		
Vehicles in parking lot		
People in view from beach		

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Highway 76</b>		
Vehicles in parking lot		
People in view from beach		
People in view at Bulls Sluice view point		
<b>Woodall Shoals</b>		
Vehicles in parking lot		
People in beach area		
<b>Lake Tugaloo Take Out</b>		
Vehicles in SC parking lot		