

# Draft Scenery Inventory: Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests, April 2014

## **Primary Travelways and Use Areas, recommended as Concern Level 1** ***National or regionally important locations largely associated with recreation and tourism use***

Primary roads, trails, areas used by motorists, hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians within national forests, wildernesses, wild and scenic rivers, scenic highways, FS scenic byways and other specially designated areas, also including public transportation systems of national importance, such as interstates, waterways and railways

### **Primary Roads**

#### **Tusquitee District**

- US 64; US129/19; US1310
- SR60; SR294
- FR 56; FR 71 – access to Appalachian National Scenic Trail (Deep Gap)

#### **Cheoah District**

- US 129; US19/74
- SR 28; SR143 to intersection with SR 1116; SR1116; SR1127 (from Santeetlah Gap to FR416); SR1286
- FR41; FR 75 (from PVT to The Junction)

#### **Nantahala District**

- US 19; US19A; US23; US 64; US441
- NC28, NC106, NC107, NC215, NC 281, including south of US64
- SR 1448 from 64 to Wallace Gap, SR 1618
- South Carolina routes 107, 130 and 246
- FR 57, FR 67 to FR 67B, FR 69 (Access road to Wayah Bald); FR 70; FR71; FR 327 (Access road to Appletree Campground)

#### **Pisgah District**

- I-40; I-26 between I-40 and US 25 and NC280
- US19/23; US25; US 64; US 276
- NC 191; NC215; NC 280;
- SR 1129 to Lake Powhatan; SR 1345
- FR 481 btw NC 191 and Lake Powhatan ; FR 1205 (North Mills River RA); FR 481 between NC 191 and Lake Powhatan; FR 475 to FR 809; FR 479 to Ledford Branch TH; FR 812, FR812A; FR 812B FR 816 (Black Balsam RD); Cove Creek access, FR 809

#### **Appalachian District**

- I-40; I-26
- US 19E, US 19W; US 19W/NC 36; US 25/70
- NC 128; NC 80,
- SR 1348; SR 261; SR 1132
- TN 143;
- Hampton Creek Rd in TN

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- FR 130; FR 472 btw NC 80 to Black Mountain CG

### Grandfather District

- I-40
- US 70; US 321 north of Robbins Gap and north of Blowing Rock; US 221 north of US 226
- SR 181 north of SR 1258; SR 1328; SR 1264
- FR 210; FR 116 + 1204 (Access Roads); FR 458 (Access Road)

### Scenic Byways (located within view of national forest lands, all districts)

- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Cherohala Skyway National Scenic Byway (SR 143 and TN 165) and related overlooks
- Little Parkway State Scenic Byway – GFR (US 221) (GFR)
- Pisgah Loop State Scenic Byway – GFR (SR 181, SR 183, SR 1238, SR 126 north of intersection with SR 1238, SR 1240, SR 1258)
- Appalachian Medley State Scenic Byway – APP - NC209
- Mission Crossing State Scenic Byway - APP - SR 194 from 19E to Banner Elk
- Indian Lakes State Scenic Byway – CHE and NAN - US129 from Topton to SR28, then SR28 to Almond at intersection with US19/74; SR 28
- Nantahala State Scenic Byway – CHE and TUS: SR28; US 19/74; US129
- Mountain Trail Scenic Byway
- Waterfall Byway, US 64 and SR 1558, Murphy area
- Mountain Waters NF Scenic Byway (US 74/19; US 64/441/23; SR 1310)
- Forest Heritage National Scenic Byway, US 276 and Forest Scenic Byway, NC215

### Wild and Scenic Rivers (all of these are also Class A Landscapes)

#### Designated

- Wilson Creek
- Chattooga River
- Horsepasture River

#### Eligible

- Big Laurel Creek
- Davidson River
- Linville River
- Mills River, North and South Forks
- Nantahala River
- Nolichucky River
- Puncheon Fork Creek
- Snowbird Creek: Headwaters to SR1115; SR1115 to Owlcamp Branch/Polecat Branch)
- Tellico River (CNF eligible)

#### Eligibility deferred

- French Broad River

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### Potentially eligible (newly acquired parcel)

- Thompson River

### Nationally designated Trails

- **Appalachian National Scenic Trail**, including key trailheads: TR 1
- **Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail**: TR 308G; TR308T/SR 1132; TR 193 (Cherokee NF)
- **Mountains to the Sea National Recreation Trail**: TR 440, includes co-numbered Shut-In TR# 345, and others
- **Andy Cove National Recreation Trail**, TR288
- **Art Loeb National Recreation Trail**, TR146
- **Bartram National Recreation Trail**, TR 67, including Bartram TR extension/Valley River TR #153
- **Benton McKaye National Recreation Trail**: TR 2 and TR 217H, TR 45 and portion of TR 42 outside wilderness; TR 48, including TR 48 to TR 40 to Fontana Village
- **Cradle of Forestry Biltmore Campus National Recreation Trail**, TR6
- **Foothills National Recreation Trail**, TR436
- **Whiteside Mountain National Recreation Trail**, TR70

### Other Primary Trails

- **Cheoah District**: TR419 (Huckleberry Knob); Lakeshore Trail, GSMNP
- **Nantahala District**: TR5 (to YM Fire Tower), TR 8; TR24, TR28 btw Standing Indian Campground and Southern Nantahala Wilderness; TR70; TR322, T 373 (to Silas Bald Shelter); TR 373A (To Siler Bald), TR431, TR 435 , Cliffside Lake Trail; Rainbow Falls Trail # \_\_\_\_
- **Pisgah District**: TR101; TR108; Looking Glass Rock TR114; Pink Beds Trail TR118; Black Balsam/Sam Knob complex - TR346 to intersection with TR617; TR617; TR617A; Graveyard Fields Trails - TR356; 356A; 358; 358A; 358B; Moore Cove TR318; Estatoe Trail
- **Appalachian District**: TR 162 (Douglas Falls), TR171, TR179, TR190, TR191 (to Maple Camp Bald), TR191A, TR1000, TR1002; Trails in Great Smoky Mountains Park - Mt Sterling, Mt Sterling Ridge, Baxter Creek and Long Bunk TRs
- **Grandfather District**: TR 224 (Access Trail); TR 214 (Access Trail); Catawba Falls Trail; Upper Creek Falls TR 268B

### Wilderness Primary Access

- **Ellicott Rock Wilderness**: TR 431
- **Joyce Kilmer/Slick Rock Wilderness**: TR 41; TR 42; TR43; TR 44; TR 45, including waterfalls; TR 46; TR 49; TR 53; TR 53A; TR 54; TR 55; TR 56; TR 56A; TR95; including Wildcat Falls; TR 400; Naked Ground Connector Trail
- **Linville Gorge Wilderness**: TR 231, TR241, TR232, TR246, TR240, TR244, TR245, TR248, TR233, TR235, TR236, TR229, TR228, TR247, TR440; access routes SR 1265, FR 210, FR 99
- **Middle Prong Wilderness**: access TR 142; TR 113; TR 126
- **Shining Rock Wilderness**: TR 607; 357; 362; 332; 363; 146 (includes Cold Mountain); 141, 101; 107; 109 and FR 816 (Black Balsam Rd); FR 256 (Big East Fork Rd); SR 1129

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- **Southern Nantahala Wilderness** including TR 13, TR20, TR28, TR34, TR35, TR 378; TR 377; Case Knife Gap Trail (new trail); Beech Creek waterfall
- Trails in **Cherokee National Forest** wildernesses nearby

### Wilderness Study Area Primary Access

- **Craggy Mountain Wilderness Study Area:** Trails
- **Harper Creek Wilderness Study Area:** TR 271-A, TR239, TR266, TR270, TR265, TR260, TR277, TR278, TR440); access routes FR 99, FR 210, FR 210B
- **Lost Cove Wilderness Study Area:** TR 261, TR262, TR271, TR272
- **Overflow Wilderness Study Area,** including TR 4, 44
- **Snowbird Wilderness Study Area,** including TR 63; 64; 64A; 65; 65A; 154 and 415

### Primary recreation areas (vista points, campgrounds, picnic grounds, beaches, visitor centers, trail camps and other

- **Tusquitee District:** Fires Creek Picnic Area; Hanging Dog Day Use Area; Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Complex
- **Cheoah District** Joyce Kilmer Picnic Area and trailhead; Cherohala Skyway overlooks and trailheads; Cheoah River Put-In and Take-Out; Tsali Recreation Area
- **Nantahala District:** Appletree Campground; Balsam Lake and Lodge; Cliffside Lake/Van Hook Glade Complex; Nantahala River put-ins, take-outs and viewing platforms; Standing Indian Complex (excluding Hurricane Creek); Wayah Bald Fire Tower and picnic area
- **Pisgah District:** Bent Creek Trailheads - Hard Times, Ledford Branch and Rice Pinnacle THs; Coon Tree and Sycamore Flats Picnic Areas; Cove Creek and FR 809; Cradle of Forestry Visitor Center; Davidson River Campground; Lake Powhatan Recreation Area; Looking Glass Falls; North Mills River Recreation Area; Pink Beds Picnic Area; Sliding Rock
- **Appalachian District:** Black Mountain/Briar Bottom campgrounds; Carolina Hemlocks Recreation Area; Murray Branch Recreation Area; Poplar Boat Launch; Stackhouse Boat Launch
- **Grandfather District:** Brown Mountain Overlook; Curtis Creek Campground; Linville Gorge sites and facilities - Wiseman's View, Linville Gorge Information Cabin, Table Rock Picnic Area; Mortimer Campground; Old Fort Picnic Area

### Primary areas of fishing, swimming, boating, and other active and passive water recreation corridors:

- **Large and small lakes** including: Appalachia Lake; Bear Lake; Calderwood Lake; Lake Chatuge; Lake Cheoah; Cliffside Lake; Fontana Lake; Hiwassee Lake; Lake James; Nantahala Lake; Lake Santeetlah; Tannasse Lake; Lake Toxaway; Tuckaseegee Lake; Wolf Lake

**Note:** *lake-based recreation incorporates major boat launches and marinas operated through special uses, including*

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Cable Cove Boat Launch; Lemmons Branch Boat Launch, Flat Branch Boat Launch; Tsali Boat Launch; Appalachia Boat Ramp, Jackrabbit Mountain Boat Launch; Hanging Dog Boat Launch; Fontana Dam Boat Ramp

- **Rivers**, including: Cheoah River; Cullasaja River; Hiwassee River; Little Tennessee River; Nantahala River; North Fork French Broad River; Nottely River; Pigeon River (raftable section); South Toe River; Tellico River; Tuckaseegee River
- **Creeks and Streams**, including: Looking Glass Creek
- **Waterfalls with access trails, including:**
  - Big Falls on Elk River
  - Bridal Veil Falls
  - Catawba Falls (Lower and Upper)
  - Courthouse Falls
  - Cullasaja Falls
  - Daniel Ridge Falls
  - Dills Falls
  - Douglas Falls
  - Dry Falls
  - Glen Falls
  - Graveyard Fields Upper and Yellowstone Falls
  - Harper Creek Falls
  - Horsepasture River falls including Rainbow and Turtleback
  - Huntfish Falls
  - Leatherwood Falls
  - Looking Glass Falls
  - Mooney Falls
  - Moore Cove Falls
  - Paradise Falls
  - Quarry Falls
  - Ranger Falls
  - Roaring Fork Falls
  - Rufus Morgan Falls
  - Sassafras Falls
  - Silver Run Falls
  - Skinny Dip Falls
  - All falls in Snowbird WSA, including: Big Falls, Middle Falls, Upper Fall, Tom's Creek Falls
  - Upper Creek Falls
  - Walker Falls
  - Whitewater Falls

### Primary geological areas (except waterfalls) and designated scenic areas

- Black Balsam and access road FR 816

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- Devils Courthouse and access trail off Blue Ridge Parkway
- Graveyard Fields
- John Rock Scenic Area, including FR 475C to FR 5017 and TR # 120; TR 365; TR 120-A
- Looking Glass Rock Scenic Area, including FR 475 and TR 114, 117, 132 and 601
- Panthertown Valley and roads around the ridge
- Richland Balsam - highest point on Blue Ridge Parkway
- Beauty Spot and Unaka Mountain Overlook off FR 230 (Cherokee NF)

### Primary historic sites and areas

- Mortimer Work Center (GFR)
- Paint Rock
- Unicoi Gap and Trail of Tears interpretive sites
- Wilson Lick Ranger Station
- Fire Towers:
  - Cowee Fire Tower
  - Frying Pan Lookout
  - Green Knob Fire Tower and TR 182 from fire tower to Blue Ridge Parkway Panther Top Lookout Tower
  - Wesser Bald Fire Tower
  - Yellow Mountain Fire Tower

### Special Places of Regional Importance (including specially-designated areas)

- Bent Creek Experimental Forest and campus (buildings including conference center)
- Biltmore Estate (House, hotel and Antler Hill Village)
- The Blowing Rock
- Blue Ridge Parkway developed sites including Craggy Gardens and Crabtree Meadows areas and Price Lake Campground
- Blue Valley Experimental Forest
- Cowetta Hydrologic Laboratory and Forest
- Cradle of Forestry (MA 11) including Pink Beds Picnic Area; Visitor Center Complex; TR# 6, 319, 118, Discovery Trail (FR 812B)Gorges State Park - visitor center
- Grandfather Mountain, including its access road and Mile High Swinging Bridge and Visitor Center
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, including Mount Sterling
- Headwaters State Forest
- Lake James State Park
- LBJ Job Corps Center
- Linville Falls Visitor Center and Linville Falls (NPS)
- Mt. Pisgah and TR #355
- NC Arboretum
- Pisgah Astrological Research Institute and approach road
- Pisgah Center for W/L Education Smoky Mountain Scenic Railway (Nantahala Gorge)
- Roan Mountain State Park in TN, including the Miller Homeplace
- Schenck Job Corps Center

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- Cheoah Ranger District Office
- Pisgah Ranger Station/Visitor Center

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### **Secondary Travelways and Use Areas, recommended as Concern Level 2** ***Locally important locations associated with all types of use including recreation and tourism***

#### **Secondary Routes, including**

- All Federal, State, and primary county or forest system roads and highways not listed under primary areas
- Secondary county and forest system roads identified as important by constituents and not listed under primary areas
- All roads leading directly to secondary areas of interest and recreation composites

#### **Tusquitee District area**

- SR69; SR 141, SR 175; SR420, SR1307, SR 1311, SR1313,SR1314, SR1322, SR 1324, SR1326, SR1323; SR1325, SR1326, SR 1327, SR1330; SR 1331, SR 1340, SR1467, SR1505; SR1598, SR to Hanging Dog
- FR50; FR304; FR307, FR423, FR340; FR340A, FR340B, FR340C, FR 350; FR420; FR440, FR1310, FR1401, FR1505

#### **Cheoah District area**

- SR143 east to intersection with SR28 (Scenic Byway) and from Cheoah east to SR 28,SR 1120/FR 75 on PVT; SR1127 (including portion from FR416 North to Maple Springs Overlook; SR1134; SR 1147; SR1242; SR1245; SR1246, SR1247, SR1287
- FR62, FR81, FR81F; FR81, FR81-F; FR423; FR 2550; FR 2553section of FR 2624 used as part of TR 157

#### **Nantahala District area**

- Old US 19/23
- NC 107; NC 281, including north of US64
- SR 28, including section east of Little Tennessee River), SR1001, SR 1100, SR 1103, SR 1104, SR 1107, SR 1110, SR 1113, SR 1114, SR 1115, SR 1120, SR 1121, SR 1122, SR 1127, SR 1128, SR 1130, SR 1131, SR 1137, SR 1140, SR 1142, SR 1143, SR1152;SR 1448, SR 1177, SR 1178, SR 1301; SR 1309 to intersection of 1311; SR 1309, SR1311; SR 1312, SR 1313, SR 1315, SR 1338, SR 1340, SR 1341, SR 1343, SR 1345, SR 1346, SR 1349, SR 1350, SR 1364, SR 1365, SR 1372, SR 1387, SR 1392, SR 1395, SR 1397, SR 1401, SR 1409, SR 1434, SR 1442, SR 1448, including portion east from Wallace Gap, SR 1457, SR 1535 (including portion to intersection with 1538); SR 1538, SR 1606, SR 1620, SR 1678 from FR 4522 south, SR 1756, SR 1760, SR 1762, Bull Pen Rd, Entrance Road to Nantahala RD Office,
- FR 67, including portion south of FR67B, FR 70 (including section west to intersection with FR 86); FR 79, FR 79C, FR 83, FR 86, FR 308, FR 388 from SR 1310 to TR#27, FR 422; FR 437, FR 440, FR 711 from 1310 to Wine Springs Horse Camp, FR 1178, FR 1409, FR (SR?) 1618, FR 4522, FR 4662 from SR 1140 to horse trailhead; Loop road to Yellow Mountain Fire Tower

#### **Pisgah District area**

- NC 112; NC 151, including portion from BRP to 19/23); NC 281

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- SR 112; Lake Logan Road, SR 215; SR 1111; SR 1119; SR 1152; SR 1309; SR 1310; SR 1321, SR 1324; SR 1325; SR 1326; SR 1327; SR 1335; SR 1338; SR 1341; SR 1345; Pennsylvania Road/SR 1348; SR 3439 (new residential development); SR 3446; SR 3447; SR 3449; SR 3452; SR 3464; SR 3466; Avery Creek Rd/SR 3496
- FR 97, FR 140 to Courthouse Falls; FR 297; FR 450 (access to Frying Pan); FR 471; FR 475B; FR 475C (Bracken Mountain Trail?) - new trail, no GIS; FR 476; FR 477; FR 479 (Powhatan to BRP); South Ridge Road FR 479M from intersection w/ TR6 62 to FR #481; North Boundary RD # 485 to intersection with Green Slick TR # 139; FR 1206 (Yellow Gap RD, including portion from US 276 to bridge over N Mills River near RA; FR 2058 to Kuykendal; Wash CR RD #5000 (BRP to FR 1206); FR 5061 and 5061A (Black Mountain Trail area); New ownership - Access to Thompson River - FR # ??? and Corbin Creek Roads

### Appalachian District area

- NC116; NC197; NC226; NC261; NC1330; NC194S
- SR70; SR197; SR208, SR212, SR 1002; SR1102; SR1109; SR 1158; SR1166; SR1167; SR1173; SR1175, SR1181, SR1182, SR1183, SR 1225; SR 1301; SR1304; SR1319, SR1325; SR1330; SR1332, SR1334, SR1338; SR1395; SR1397, SR2173; SR2178; Reems Creek Rd; Ox Creek Road; Shope Creek Road; Riceville Road; Long Branch Road; Bee Tree Road
- TN 352; TN53261; TN107; TN 2680
- FR63; FR74; FR111; FR148, FR 148A, FR467, FR472 from Black Mountain Campground to Blue Ridge Parkway; FR 3526 btw Cold Springs and Harmon Den Horse Camp; FR 1501, FR1502; FR2074; FR5506; FR 5511; FR230 (Cherokee NF)

### Grandfather District area

- US 321 south of Robbins Gap; US 321; US 221 south of US 226; US70, US 226; US 221 (south of Woodlawn);
- NC 90; NC 126; NC 80 (Between Blue Ridge Parkway and US 70), NC 80 south of BRP
- Mayview Park Road and Laurel Park Road in Blowing Rock; Wolf Pit Road (# unknown; Access Road to Wolf Pit TH- Wilderness)
- SR 1367, SR 1537, SR 1362, SR 1369 to intersection of SR 1370, SR 1370, SR 1368; SR 1514, SR 1515, SR 1514, SR 1516, SR 1511, SR 1401, SR 1522, SR 1518; SR 1236, SR 1552, SR 1237, SR 1560; SR 126 south of intersection with SR 1238; SR 181 South of SR 1248; SR 1263; SR 1440, SR 226 - Between US 221 and Blue Ridge Parkway, SR 226A, SR 1443, SR 1421, SR 1556 to end of pavement; SR 1434; SR 1274 (Access to Catawba Falls Trailhead); SR 1407, SR 1400, SR 1227, SR 80; SR 1368, SR 1356, SR 1396, SR 90, SR 1405, SR 1337; SR 1349; SR 1370; SR 1443; SR 1518
- FR 4068, FR 45, FR 2055 to Boone Fork Pond; FR 981, FR 464, FR 45, FR 29; FR 210 (Beg. @ 496 and heading south), FR 496, FR 982, FR 464, FR 210; FR 469, FR 469A, FR 482, FR 2055,

### Secondary recreation areas (vista points, campgrounds, picnic grounds, etc.)

- **Tusquitee District:** Cherokee Lake and associated Picnic Area; Fires Creek Camp and trailhead; Micken Branch Boat Launch (on Unaka Quad?); Buck Bald in TN; Waucheesi Mountain Lookout in TN

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- **Cheoah District:** Swan Cabin; Horse Cove Campground, Rattler Ford Campground, Stewart Cabin, Santeetlah Hunt Camp; Cable Cove Campground, Maple Springs Overlook; Snowbird Picnic Area; Big Fat Gap TH, Wolf Laurel TH; Avey Branch Boat Launch
- **Nantahala District:** Hurricane Creek Campground/Horse Camp; Wine Springs Horse Camp, Ammons Branch Campground, Overlooks off FR 711: Sawmill Gap Overlook, overlook near Rocky Bald and overlook off Indian Camp Branch; Arrowwood Glade Picnic Area (currently closed)
- **Pisgah District:** Sunburst Campground; Kuykendal Group Camp; White Pine Group Camp; Wash CR Horse Camp; Wolf Ford Horse Camp; Stony Fork Picnic Area;
- **Appalachian District:** Harmon Den Horse Camp; Rocky Bluff Campground; Lost Cove Picnic Area; Cold Springs Picnic Area
- **Grandfather District:** Jarrett's Creek Fishing Pier; Boone Fork Fishing Access

### Secondary uses fishing, swimming, boating, and other water bodies, such as streams or lakes

- **Lakes**, including Waterville Lake
- **Rivers**, including Elk River; North and West Forks French Broad River; Little Tennessee River, Pigeon River, Thompson River; Tuckaseegee River; Whitewater River;
- **Streams and creeks** including Cataloochee Creek
- **Waterfalls**, including Lanning Falls with FR 5046

### Secondary trail systems

All non-motorized trails not cited as **Primary Trails**, including

- **Tusquitee District:** Trail leading to Waucheesi Mountain. Lookout in TN; TR637 Billy Top Trail; TR72; Bartram Trail extension; Valley River Trail; Jackrabbit Bike trails
- **Cheoah District:** Tsali Trails; TR47; TR48 from intersection with Benton McKaye Trail to A.T.; TR 153 (undesignated part of Bartram TR near Nantahala Put-in); TR 157; TR421
- **Nantahala District:** TR 26 (to Wesser Bald); TR 64;
- **Pisgah District:** FR 346 from intersection with #617 to NC 215; N. Slope Trail #359; Turkey Pen trail complex; Bent CR trail complex not including primary access points (trailheads); Trace Ridge Trail Complex; FR 142 from FR 5000 to Hendersonville Reservoir, including Trailhead; Fletcher Creek/Wash Creek/Laurel Mountain/Pilot Rock Trail Complexes
- **Appalachian District:** TR187; TR 315; trails in the Corner Rock area
- **Grandfather District:** China Creek Trail, Thunderhole Creek; Point Lookout Trail (new trail which may not be in GIS); old Mt. Mitchell Toll Road

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**Areas recommended as Concern Level 3, where interest for scenery is low, including specified types of developed recreation and infrequently seen or visited by recreationists and tourists**

**Two types of developed recreation, however, are included in this Concern Level category:**

- Shooting Ranges, including Atoah, Dirty John, Moss Knob, Panther Top
- OHV Trail Complexes, including Brown Mountain and Wayehutta

Most gated system roads and all other areas in the general forest not specifically listed and not within the viewing distance from Concern Level 1 and 2 travelways and use areas are recommended for classification as Concern Level 3.