

Question # 1: What is one way you personally benefit from Nantahala and/or Pisgah National Forest?

Recreation – hunting, fishing, hiking, mostly on the Nantahala NF in the Cowee and Nantahala mountains.

Jobs

I want beauty preserved, NFS does it. I want conservation and measured uses of resources, NFS achieves it. I want land planning of the NF- this plants the idea.

Hunting, fishing, hiking, and my everyday job.

I benefit from NFs by having places to fish.

Recreation – hiking, fishing, hunting, biking.

My children – we want our children to have a connection with the land and nature. We do not want them to be nature deficient. Hiking, swimming, discovering, exploring.

Recreational opportunities.

Exercise (hiking, biking). Place to spend time with my family hunting and fishing. Water, clean air.

I have two little girls. The forest is the place where I choose to teach them about nature. Respect of nature.

I live in Asheville because it gives me a way to visit and explore the Appalachian forests alone with family and friends. It is a place where I go to find sanity, to explore the history and discover and learn about the complexity of this place. Inspiration.

It provides me with my livelihood and it is the means through which I support my family. Makes sustaining all forest resources of high personal importance to me!

Outdoor recreation. Hiking, hunting, enjoying nature, peace and quiet.

Enjoy walking in all seasons to enjoy flowers, trees, birds, wildlife, water and waterfalls, trails. Listen to “nothing” or quiet. See ridges without houses.

Horseback riding, hiking, camping, timber sales, hunting, fishing.

Recreational opportunities. Having the national forest in my backyard allows me to go out and recreate all the time. Hiking, camping.

Recreation – horseback riding. Timber sales

Horseback riding, hunting, timber sales.

Horseback riding on forest trails and closed roads, hunting, hiking, and fishing. Cutting firewood.

Provides jobs for the timber industry and related businesses and FS employees. Recreation opportunities for my family. Fishing and hunting.

The National Forests of North Carolina provide a source of clean drinking water.

Open areas for free-range healthy food (permaculture) deer and grouse, rabbits, wild plants and berries. Survival.

Access to public lands for hiking, deeded lands are restricted.

As a whitewater kayaker I benefit from quality rivers that are well managed for access. The watershed services of rivers is a key part of my enjoyment of rivers through kayaking.

Get away from cell phone. Connect to natural world. Appreciate wildlife. Hunting – recreational opportunities. Educational opportunities – biologist.

Hunting, fishing, hiking, working on it.

I hunt and fish on National Forest land.

I get exercise, do nature study and spiritual renewal by hiking and backpacking. Much of this is on Nantahala and Pisgah NF. My opportunity for this benefit would be severely limited without N-P lands. Particularly Cheoah District, Pisgah District. Particularly away from cars, noise, crowds, development.

Recreational hunting and fishing. Local economy.

Recreation such as camping, hiking, fishing.

Hunting ground

Lived off of timber profits as a professional logger since 1968.

Gathering greens (food). We get ramps, sochan, etc.

Work, I log for a living. Recreation – hunting and fishing.

Hiking, horseback riding and camping. Opportunities for solitude. Education for kids. Clean water.

Educational

Buffer from urban sprawl.

Diversity biological

Oxygen to have clean air for health and be able to live.

Collecting traditional food ramps, sochan, branch lettuce, creasy greens.

Hunting and fishing

I want to hike and renew and have a spiritual experience the forest provides for.

Provides a place for my son and I to hunt and fish.

I trout fish on some USFS property.

Access to hunting, fishing, and trapping lands. Source of employment.

Provides a job. Provides great spots to backpack.

I can walk out my door and enjoy having a place to fly fish.

Collecting ramps, sochan.

Wood products to build houses with.

The ride to the mountains to gather greens, ramps, sochan, medicinal plants.

Collecting food for my family.

Question #2: How does western NC as a whole benefit from the Nantahala & Pisgah National Forests?

Scenery, walking and good for exercise and like looking at trees.

Resource protection. Water quality.

Educational

Cleanness in natural beauty, spiritual, insanity. Survival off the earth, clean water, food, homes.

Timber industry: sales, jobs

Fishing

Camping

Wild classroom for habitats

Source of affordable food harvest

Spectacular forest landscapes provide inspiration for the artist community

Tourism/ economically

Oxygen

Habitat quality for wildlife

Economy – fishing, logging, tax benefits, hunting, recreation

Benefits personally and as a whole is more recreation oriented than economically. There is not a good balance. Recreation heavily out-weighs the economic benefits.

Jobs – recreation, tourism, timber. Clean water, clean air, rural living.

Tourists bring money. I have been told several times a year we live in the prettiest place in the nation.

Provides extensive natural landscape that supports native wildlife and plant diversity including endemic and rare species.

Recreation

Timber sales

Our mill is 120 miles from Robbinsville – we are having to procure wood from as far as 250-300 miles to provide for the mill. We have 350 people that depend on the Forest Service timber resource: we need desperately more timber sales.

Is important for recreation, bike, hike, hunting.

Job in timber industry. Clean water. Recreation

Tourism

Ecological services – water, wildlife, air, open space.

NFS provides a foundation for conservation. Many important Cherokee cultural sites exist on NFS lands. The NFS is in a position to protect them. Hiking walking trails provides tourists something to do.

The scenery is protected.

Jobs

Western NC has gained a reputation of clean water, clean air because of the vast area of NF.

Recreation

Jobs

Low pollution

Tourism revenue

Tourism economy

Timber jobs

Timber sales

Jobs

Recreation: campgrounds, trails, hunting, fishing

Timber sales

Quality of life for those who use the forest for human powered outdoor recreation. Public health benefits from being engaged in active recreation. Jobs and economic benefits from nature based sustainable tourism products.

To be free from the stress of the 9 to 5 jobs. To know we have food we don't have to buy in stores. Fresh air and clean streams.

A sense of place, rare today. NFS makes it possible to have a sustainable economy for our communities and contribution could be enhanced. The NP provides clean water for not just WNC, but (illegible purple sticky)

Economically NC receives tourism moneys from visitors to the NF.

Clean environment. Wilderness helps to preserve the water and air for communities.

We benefit with the recreational opportunities. We have a large area of recreation chances.

Areas that are undeveloped. We can go to areas without people and to be by ourselves.

Recreation

Natural resources

Economics

Provides an economic benefit to community

Previous payments to the county with logging receipts.

Forest Service lands help provide higher quality of life – attracts employers.

It benefits from economics, timber and employment. It also benefits the people by providing a place to hunt, fish, hike and camping. Quality of life.

The forest affords an image of our state as green, beneficial, life-extending, and life-supporting.

Life expectancy is extended by clean air and the forest is greatly beneficial, as opposed to developed areas with many automobiles. Millions in tourism income.

Timber harvest

Quality of life

Wildlife diversity – birds, mammals, salamanders, aquatic species.

Clean water

Lower cost of living

Rural living experience

Tourism

Forest products (all types). Recreation inputs – revenue. Quality of life (health, water, air, spiritual).

Traditional and cultural – food, roots, medicine. Recreational – hiking/tourism.

Clean water

Tourism benefits economy

Timber sales benefits economy

Beauty

Forest buffers, business/urban sprawl.

WNC benefits from recreational opportunities

WNC benefits from NF's providing clean water

Jobs – tourism, recreation, timber.

Western NC benefits from the numerous streams which provide fishing opportunities.

Quality of life – clean water, clean air, rural living

Recreation helps drive thousands of jobs for WNC. The National Forest is at the core of the recreation economy.

Income from timber resources. Income from visitors using the trails and water-ways. Enjoyment for folks to see.

Provides habitat for a wide array of wildlife species.

Ensures that about a million acres will be managed responsibly and protected from development.

Provides a source of timber.

Economic benefit to local mom and pop shops.

Recreational opportunities and economic benefits.

High water quality

Wildlife habitat – for hunting, fishing and ecological integrity.

Clean water and opportunities to observe nature. Tourism. Timber related jobs and jobs from supporting businesses.

Hunting

Jobs

Educational

Multi-use for the public

Job opportunities

Word Clouds

The responses that we received from the two benefits questions on the previous pages have been compiled into word clouds. A word cloud is a visual representation of text data that can be useful for quickly identifying the most frequently used terms. The larger the word font, the more frequently it was used by meeting participants in their answers to the two questions. There is a separate word cloud for each question. Word clouds were created using Wordle.net.

