



Foothills Landscape Collaboration Update

Happy Independence Day!

We hope you spend this holiday with the ones you love enjoying this great land of ours. We are proud to work with you in this Foothills Landscape process that celebrates diversity of thought, collaboration, cooperation and a willingness to understand and explore the complexities of the issues we face. Thank you for working with us and your fellow citizens to guide the management of your national forest. This is important work, and we are grateful to have your voice.

Foothills Workshop IV - July 11 & 12

We are coming up on our last stop for this leg of the Foothills road trip. Don't miss this one. We are going to look harder at how we will accomplish the goals we have developed together over the last 9 months. Join us at Mulberry Gap in Ellijay (400 Mulberry Gap Rd., Ellijay GA, 30540, <http://www.mulberrygap.com/>) on July 11 from 9:00am - 3:00pm and/or on July 12 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. PLEASE REGISTER HERE so we know how many to plan for.

Lunch Options on July 11th

If you are planning to join us for our full-day workshop on July 11th, please note that Mulberry Gap is about 30 minutes from any lunch options. Consider bringing your lunch and enjoying it in the beautiful setting, or, if you are lunch-challenged like me, Mulberry Gap has offered a "make your own sandwich option" for you to purchase. The spread will include various loaves of bread and wraps, ham/turkey, various cheeses, toppings, sides, dessert, and drink. Please call Mulberry Gap directly at (706) 698-2865 by this Saturday, July 8th, to let them know you are going to take them up on the offer. They ask that you pay when you reserve your plate. Also, be sure to let them know of any dietary restrictions when you call.

Saves the Dates!

We still have a lot going on including focused-issue discussions and field trips. These meetings are intended to explore some of the most complex or controversial aspects of the project. We'll be posting details on our website (www.tinyurl.com/FoothillsLandscapeCollaborate) and sending out reminder emails as details are finalized. For now, please save these dates on your calendar:

July 25 - Old Growth and Woodland Meeting

July 28 - Holly Creek and Bear Creek Dispersed Recreation
August 2 - Right-sizing the Road System Meeting
August 2 - Watershed Health Meeting
August 4 - Canebrake Restoration Field Trip
August 8 - Jake and Bull Trail System Field Trip
August 24 - NEPA for Citizens

If you have questions, email me (Angie Bell) at FoothillsLandscape@fs.fed.us, or give me a call at (770) 297-3095.

Be sure to stay informed by [signing up](#) for our project emails and taking a moment every once in a while to peruse the [Foothills website](#). Everything you find here is cataloged there, plus much, much more. It's your one-stop-shop for everything Foothills.

And remember to visit www.tinyurl.com/FoothillsLandscape to keep up the conversations on the online forum -- the place to continue discussions, start new ones, post ideas and add comments.

Thank you for helping make sure we are working together to do the right work in the right places for the right reasons.

-Angie

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