

# *US Forest Service*

*Caring for the Land and Serving People*



# *National Forest System*

- *193 Million Acres of land (8.5 percent of the total land area of the United States)*
- *155 National Forests and 20 Grasslands*
- *In 44 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands*
- *Divided into nine geographical management regions*

# *Region 8 - Southern Region*



*Southern Region comprised of 14  
National Forests and 2 Special Units*

# *National Forests in North Carolina*





*From the Mountains*



*To the Sea*

# *Forest Facts*

## *FY 2008*



**Acres of National Forests in NC – 1,254,072**

**T&E Species – 29    Sensitive Species -214**

**Timber Sold in FY 2004 –18.2 mmbf**

**Special-Use Permits – 1,376**

**Miles of FS Roads – 2,564**

**Miles of FS Trails – 1,734**

**Miles of Perennial Streams – 5,742**

**Developed Recreation Sites – 190**



*From the Mountains*



*Nantahala National Forest*

## *From the Mountains*

- \* **531,148 acres**
- \* **3 districts**
- \* **3 wilderness areas (28,900 acres)**
- \* **2 wild & scenic rivers (2,950 acres)**

*Nantahala National Forest*



# *From the Mountains*



*Pisgah National Forest*

## *From the Mountains*

- \* **512,670 acres**
- \* **3 districts**
- \* **3 wilderness areas (37,945 acres)**
- \* **1 wild & scenic river (3,168 acres)**

*Pisgah National Forest*

# *Through the Piedmont*



*Uwharrie National Forest*

## *Through the Piedmont*

- \* **piedmont forest**
- \* **50,369 acres**
- \* **1 district**
- \* **1 wilderness area (5,160 acres)**

*Uwharrie National Forest*



*To the Sea*



*Croatan National Forest*



## *To the Sea*

- \* **coastal plain forest**
- \* **159,886 acres**
- \* **1 district**
- \* **4 wilderness areas (31,221 acres)**

*Croatan National Forest*

Home of the Rarest Plant Community on the NFsNC  
& Home of the Largest Roadless Area on the NFsNC





***Tusquitee Ranger District***  
***Murphy, NC***

**\*serpentine barrens (Buck Creek)**

**\*Tusquitee Bald Roadless Area**













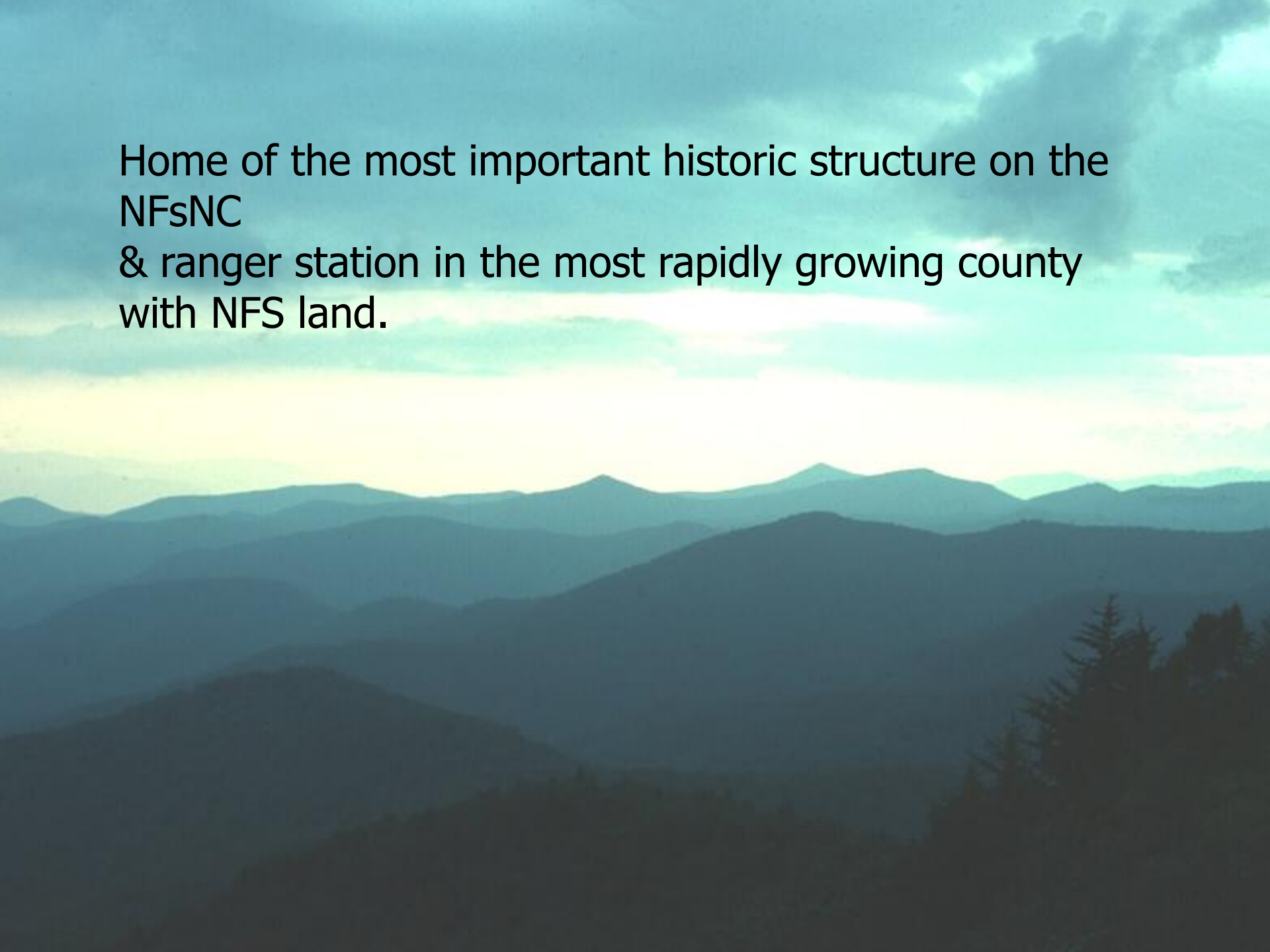


*Beech Creek Seed Orchard*





Home of the most important historic structure on the  
NFsNC  
& ranger station in the most rapidly growing county  
with NFS land.





***Nantahala Ranger District  
Franklin, NC (Macon CO)***



**\*Wilson Lick Ranger Station (circa 1913)  
First Ranger Station in the Southern Region**





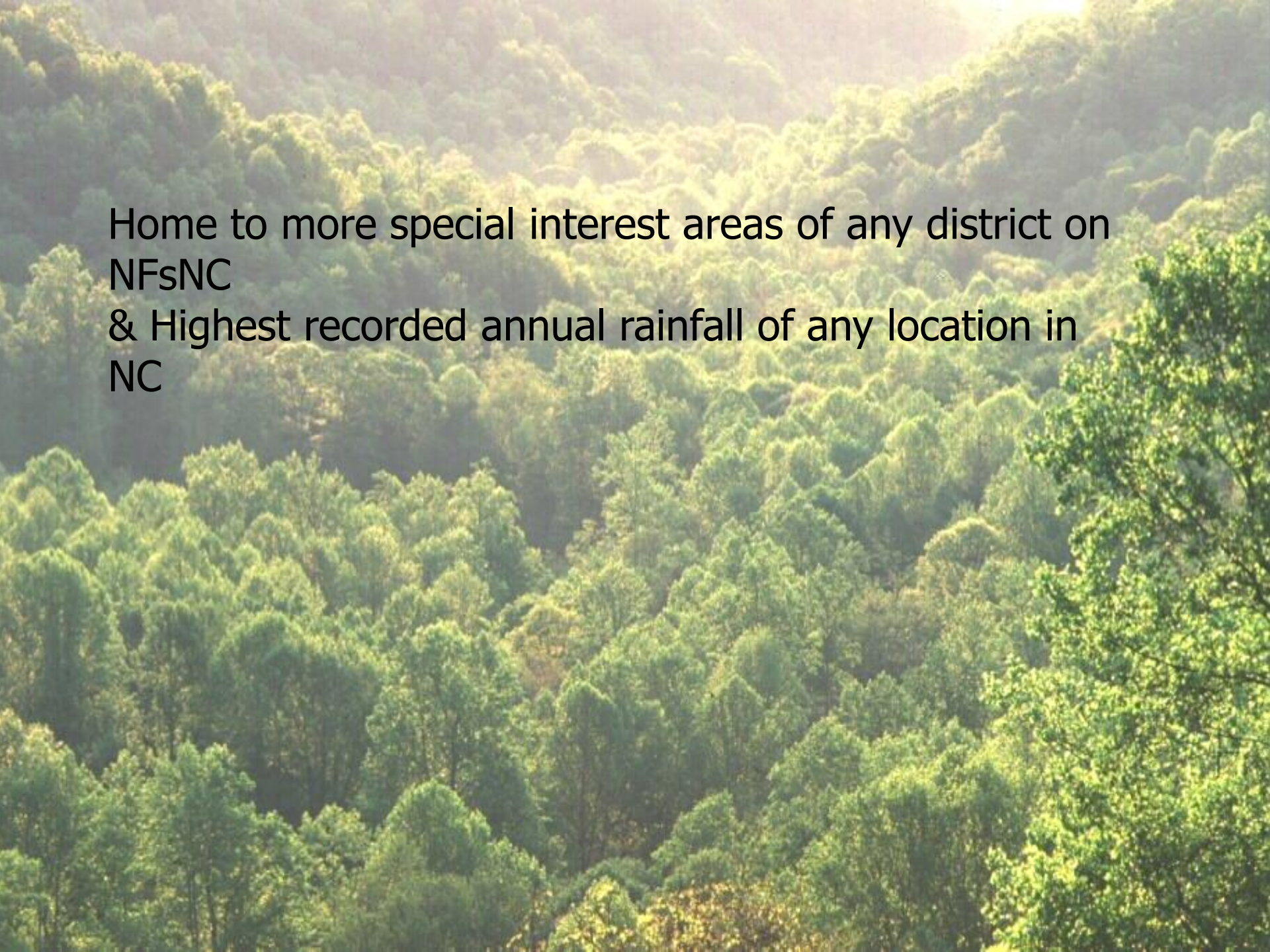












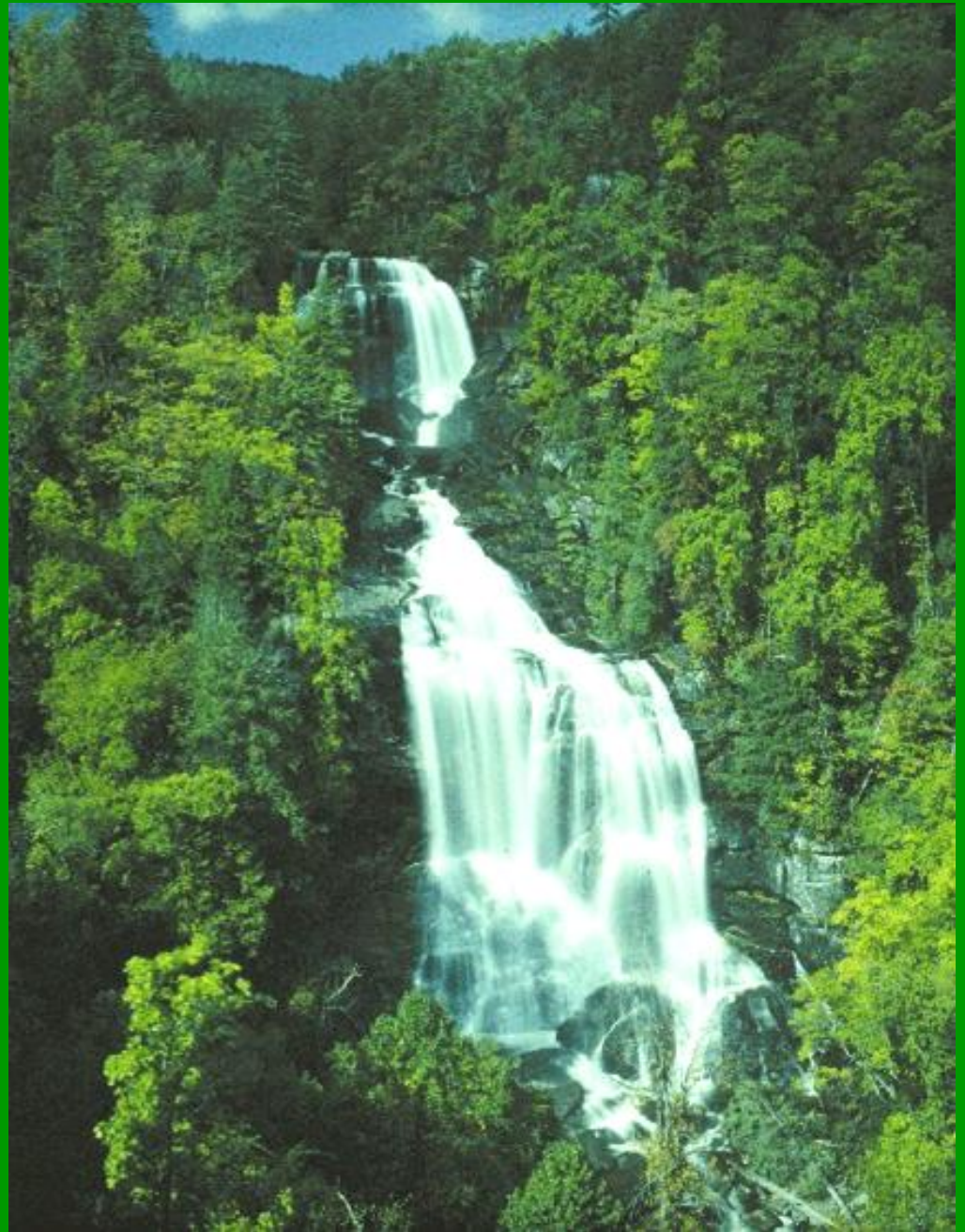
Home to more special interest areas of any district on  
NFsNC  
& Highest recorded annual rainfall of any location in  
NC



***Nantahala  
Ranger District,  
Franklin, NC***

**\*12 special interest  
Areas**

**\*93 inches annual  
precipitation**













Big Trees, Small Bats,  
& located in NC counties with the highest  
percentage of public land





**Cheoah Ranger District  
Robbinsville, NC  
\*Joyce Kilmer  
Memorial. Forest**





***Myotis sodalis***



**a.k.a. Indiana bat**













Home to the highest mountain range on the NFsNC  
Plus kyanite, mica, and beryl



*Appalachian Ranger District, Burnsville, NC*



**The Black Mountains**









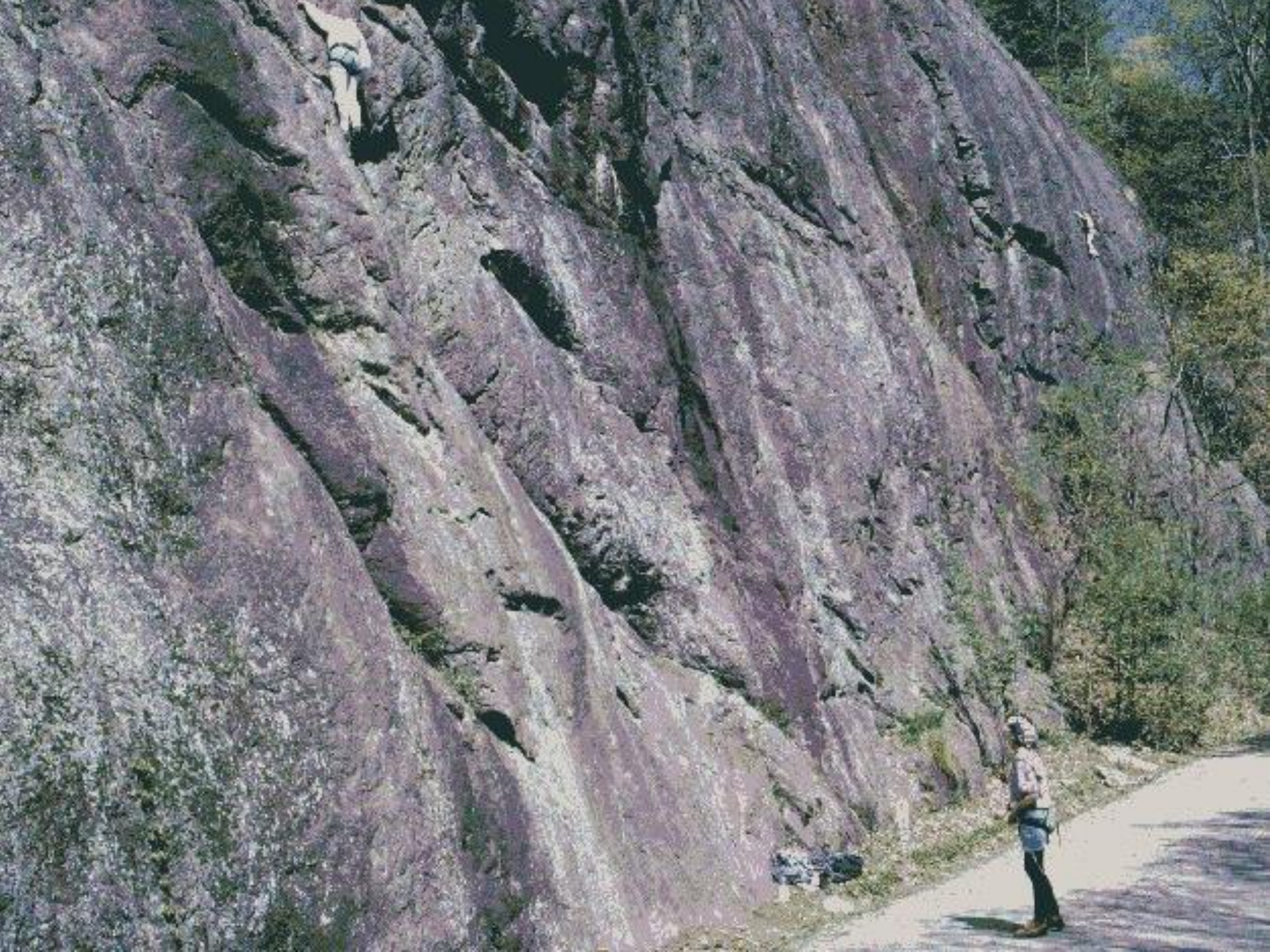














**Home of the largest wilderness area on the NFsNC  
& a mountain that inspired a bestseller**





# *Pisgah Ranger District, Pisgah Forest, NC*



**Shining Rock – 18,483 acres**



***Pisgah Ranger District, Pisgah Forest, NC***

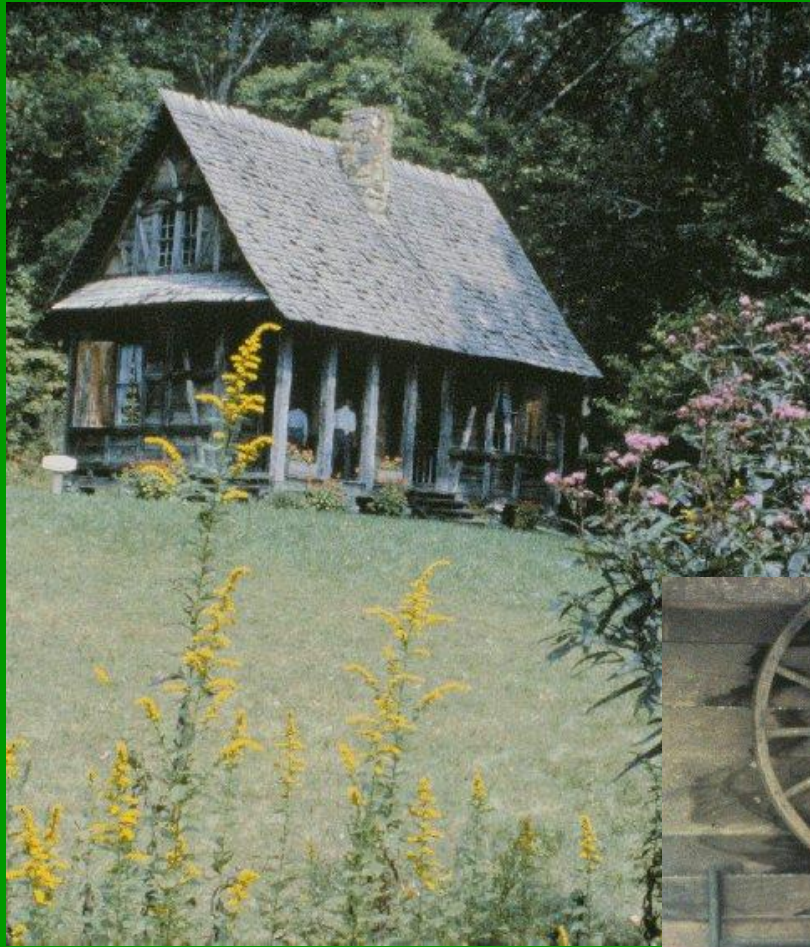


**Cold Mountain**

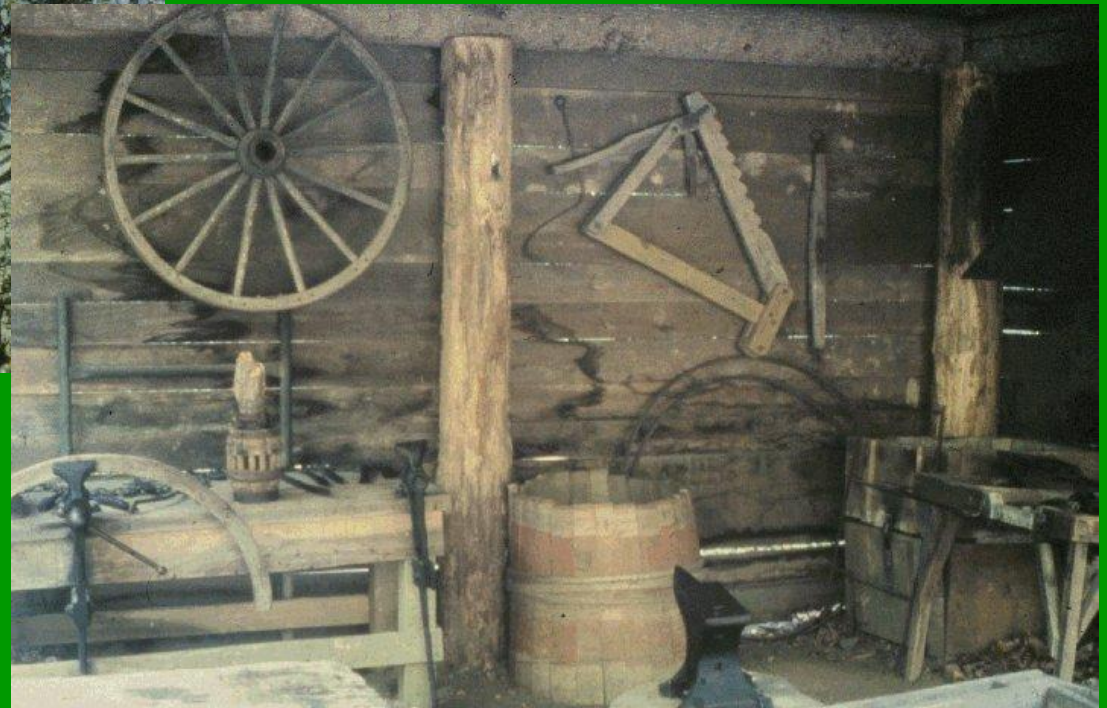








## **Cradle of Forestry: First Forestry School In America**

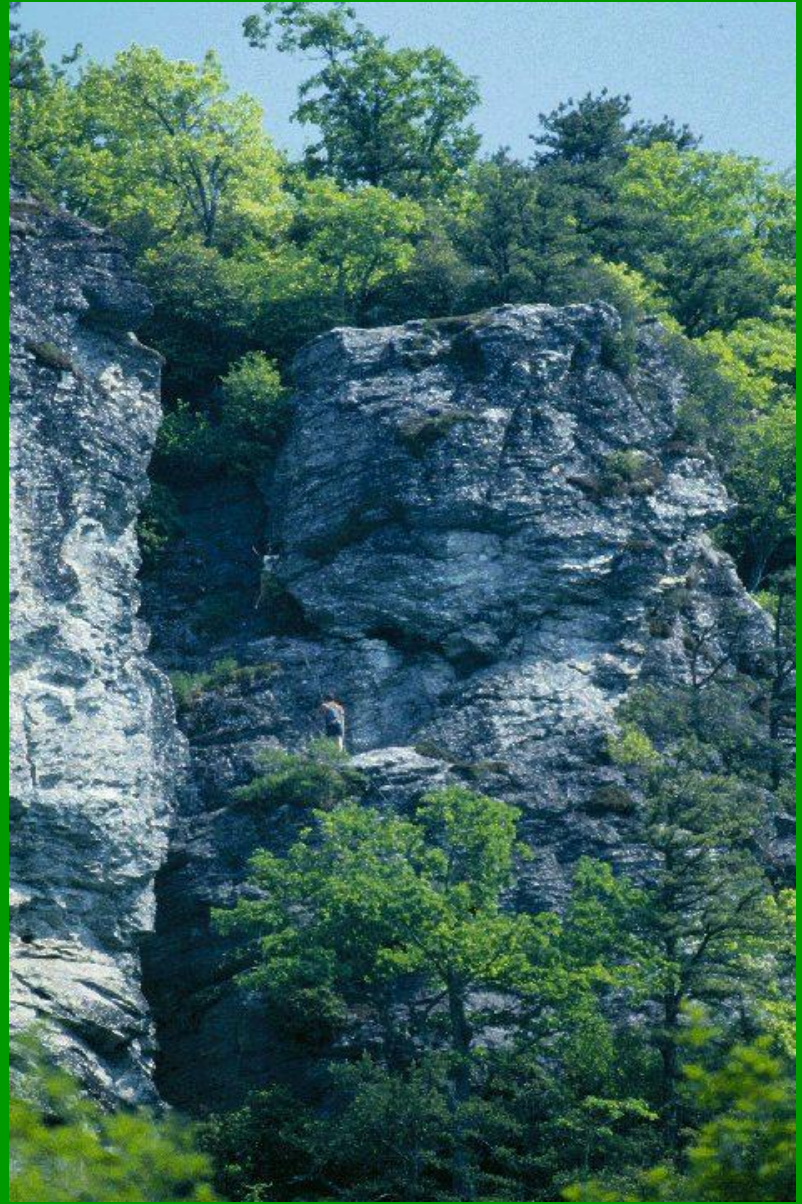






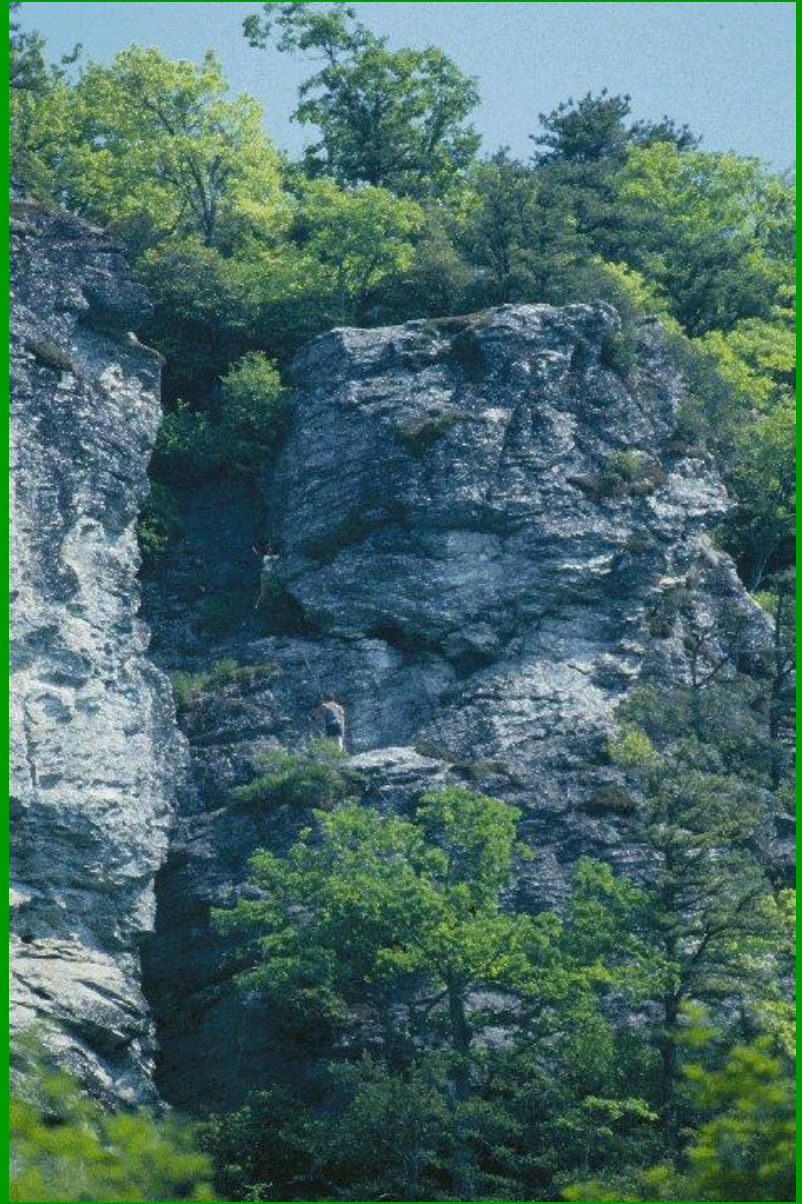


**Site of the first  
land purchased to  
become National  
Forest under the  
Weeks Act**

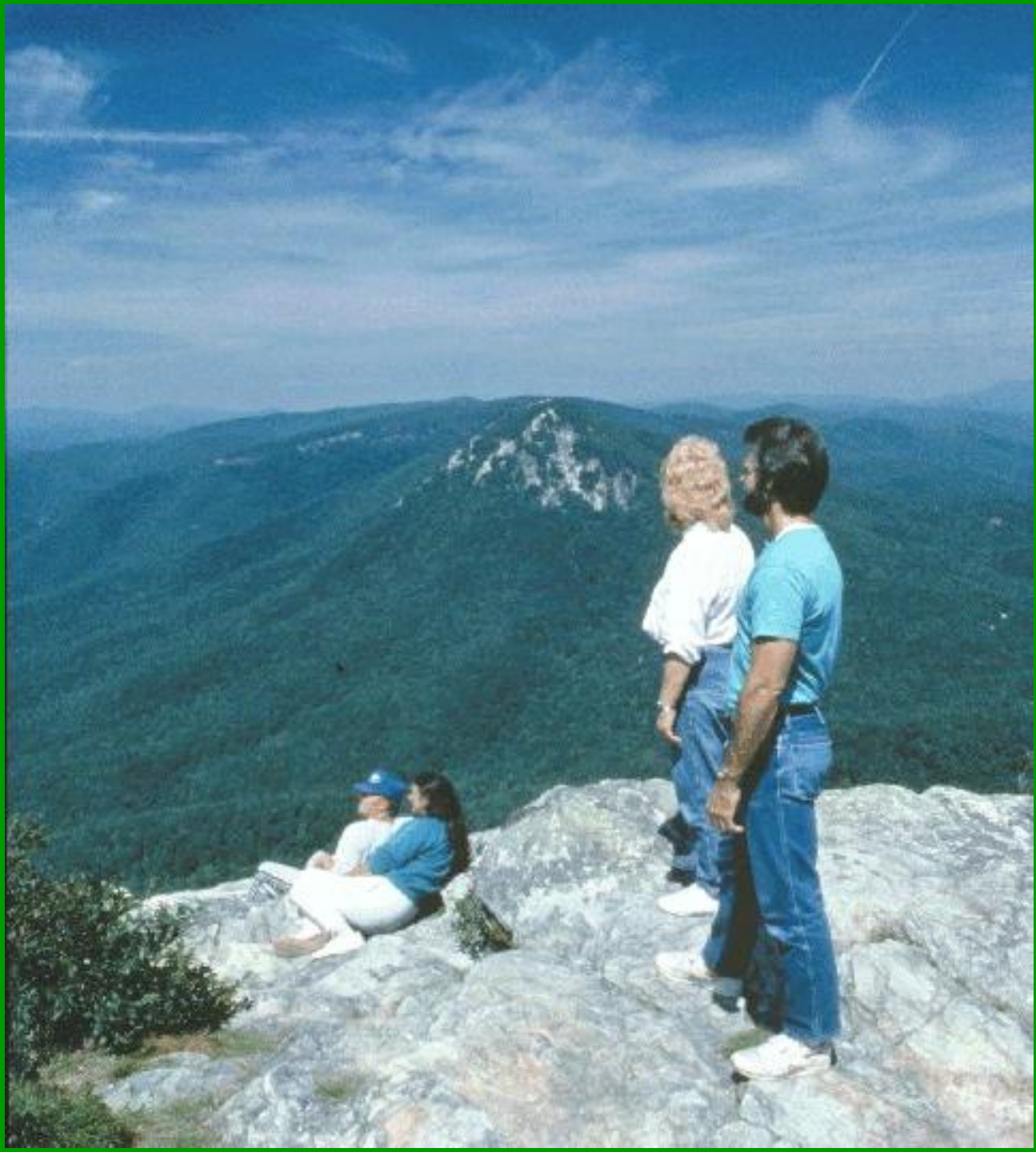




***Grandfather  
Ranger District  
Nebo, NC***













# *Pisgah National Forest*





**Site of the first documented  
discovery of gold in the  
United States. . .**





# *Uwharrie National Forest*













**It's name attributed to the "lost colony" of Sir Walter Raleigh, now our National Forest most associated with fire and water**



# *Croatan National Forest*





















# *Career Opportunities*

**Region 8 Trainee Program**  
**Region 8 - Student Career Experience Program**  
**Interns**





# *Research Opportunities*

**Thesis and Dissertation Topics**  
**Subject specific research**











