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### **Forest Service Seeks Volunteers for Bent Creek Experimental Forest**

#### **Visitor Use Survey**

ASHEVILLE, N.C.—

The Forest Service is seeking volunteers to assist in a yearlong survey of visitor use at Bent Creek Experimental Forest adjacent to Asheville.

Volunteers need no previous experience in surveying to participate, and training will be offered. Volunteers will need to commit to 3 hours per survey session. Survey times will occur at randomly chosen periods about three times per week (daylight only). Volunteers can work as few or as many survey sessions as their interests and schedules allow. There will be volunteer orientation session held throughout June.

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The survey will begin in June of this year and will continue through May of 2006.

The Experimental Forest has seen an increase in visitor use in recent years. This survey will provide information to help U.S. Forest Service personnel better manage active research programs and popular recreational activities.

To volunteer, please contact Julia Murphy at the Bent Creek Experimental Forest, at 667-5261 (extension 104), or at [juliamurphy@fs.fed.us](mailto:juliamurphy@fs.fed.us).

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