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Shope Creek Project Open House Meeting

USDA Forest Service National Forests in North Carolina Pisgah National Forest Appalachian Ranger District

The USDA Forest Service has scheduled an open house meeting at the Riceville Community Center on Thursday April 26, 2007, to discuss options for access management, and wildlife habitat and timber stand improvement in the Shope Creek area of Buncombe County, North Carolina. Members of the public are free to drop by the community center from 4 pm to 7 pm. The Riceville Community Center is located at 2251 Riceville Road – access is via US Highway 70 to the Riceville Road (State Road 2002).

A scoping notice containing details of the proposed action for the Shope Creek project is available at

http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/nepa/appalachian/shope_creek_scoping.pdf.