

**UWHARRIE NATIONAL FOREST TRAIL STRATEGY
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**Uwharrie National Forest Trail Strategy
Compilation of Information for All Trails**

The following information and tables are compiled by Environmental Planning Strategies, Inc. from all information and data found from the following sources:

- Information documented on the Uwharrie NF website from the Public and Forest Trail Strategy efforts conducted in September 18, 2014, December 10, 2015, and September 24, 2015
- Uwharrie NF GIS maps created October 24-25, 2017
- Uwharrie NF District Recreation Staff Officer Terry Savery and Uwharrie NF District Ranger Michael Spisak
- Uwharrie NF Land and Resource Management Plan 2012 and Final EIS

The Forest Plan and EIS information in Part 1 includes information, guidance, and planning frameworks related to trails and recreation.

The compilation tables in Part 2 are a complete summary compilation of available information regarding all existing trails and proposed additions, rehabilitation, closures, and reroutes identified by Forest staff and the public.

The next decision that needs to be made by the Uwharrie NF District Ranger is: Where do we go from here? This organized compilation, with all necessary information in one place, will assist the Uwharrie NF to make an informed decision on the direction and approach for setting priorities for:

- Modifications to the Uwharrie NF motorized and non-motorized trail systems
- Priorities for trail management
- Archaeological resource and botany surveys
- NEPA compliance strategies for furthering the trail recreation program on the Forest
- Public engagement for the further development and implementation of the Trail Strategy

Part 1A. Uwharrie NF Forest Plan Guidance (May 2012): Trails

3	Niche	Providing outstanding and environmentally friendly outdoor recreation opportunities, with excellent trails and facilities: It is a challenge to provide the kind of experience recreationists want while minimizing impacts to other forest resources and other forest users.
14	DFC REC: - REC-1	Outstanding recreation opportunities draw visitors to the Uwharrie NF, provide opportunities for visitors to experience natural forest settings while enjoying physical activities with family and friends, and provide economic benefits to the local communities. Conflicts among users are rare.

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14	REC-2	Expanded recreation opportunities are provided outside the Badin Lake area.
14	REC-3	The following approximate acreages are maintained in each of the following Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) classes, as shown on the Recreation and Scenery Settings Map [see table]
15	REC-4	For the Badin Lake Recreation Area: the recreation sites are well maintained; the information and fee boards are up-to-date and provide appropriate information to the public; user conflicts on trails, roads, and within the recreation area are minimized; recreation impacts to the natural resources and cultural resources are reduced through improved conservation education programs, signage, and interaction of Forest Service employees with the users of the national forest.
15	DFC: Trails TRL-1	Exceptional trails are available for hikers, horseback riders, off-roaders, mountain bikers, hunters, and anglers. The trails are designed, constructed, and maintained so that a variety of levels of challenge is available and other forest resources such as soil and water are protected.
15	TRL-2	The trail system has trails of varied lengths, including loop trails and trails with multiple access points, and may connect with trails on other ownerships. Trail users are well-informed about the trails and about ways to minimize their impacts on the environment during their visits. Many trails have vistas – points along the trails that allow for long-range views.
15	TRL-3	Trails are safe, and safe vehicle parking is nearby. Trails and trailheads are well-marked and easy to find; trails that cross roads are well marked for safety at all intersections. There are few hazard trees. For added safety, horse use and OHV use occur on separate trails.
15	TRL-4	Recreation use is dispersed across the Uwharrie NF, and there is good trail access for visitors to both northern and southern portions of the national forest.
16	TRL-5	The 50-mile Uwharrie National Recreation Trail is complete and marked for hikers. That portion on national forest system lands has high scenic integrity.
16	TRL-6	Mountain biking occurs only on roads and designated trails and areas in several parts of the forest. Mountain biking does not occur on roads signed as closed to bikes. Bike trails are well designed and maintained to provide varied user experiences (easy to more difficult) while minimizing resource damage. While on the bike trails, visitors seldom see evidence of litter or erosion. No visible sediment is entering streams from the trails.
16	TRL-7	Horseback riding occurs only on a designated system of trails, roads, and areas. Riders are informed about how to ride safely in traffic. Horse trails are well designed and maintained to provide varied user experiences (easy to more difficult) while minimizing resource damage. Trails do not usually coincide with roads and crossings occur at designated locations. While trails avoid wet areas, access is available to horse watering areas. While on the horse trails, visitors seldom see evidence of litter,

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		concentrated manure, or erosion. No visible sediment is entering streams from the trails.
16	TRL-8	OHV use occurs only on a designated system. An OHV trail system exists that is well designed and maintained to provide varied user experiences (easy to more difficult) while minimizing resource damage. Trails are available for full-size OHVs as well as other types of off-highway vehicles. Designated OHV routes are clearly defined on maps and on the ground, and off-highway vehicles are operating only on designated routes and during the established open season. Trails are free of litter, and no visible sediment is entering streams from the trails.
16	TRL-9	Well-trained partners and volunteer groups are working to maintain or improve the trail systems.
16	DFC FAC: FAC-2	Parking areas and trailheads exist for users at convenient locations and are well-designed for their intended use, including parking for vehicles towing trailers to the OHV area and horse trails. Forest users are parking in a safe manner along roads: not blocking roads, and not impacting adjacent landowners.
18	DFC: VIN VIN-1	Visitors have access to accurate maps and detailed information so they can have a safe, positive experience in the forest. Information on trails includes distances, difficulty, and trailhead locations.
19	VIN-4	Visitors are informed about ways to lessen their impact on the environment, including the importance of staying on trails; minimizing impacts to soil, water, vegetation and wildlife; not littering in the forest or leaving trash at campsites, parking areas, or the shooting range.
19	DFC LND-2	The land base is adequate to accommodate completion of the Uwharrie National Recreation Trail.
23	Obj:	During the planning period approximately 10 road or trail crossings are maintained to improve water quality. Controlling erosion from roads and trails is crucial in preventing sedimentation of streams.
26	REC approaches	The strategy for trails and dispersed recreation includes developing site-specific recreation plans (separate from the Revised Land and Resource Management Plan) as funding permits. We will work to bring all trails to a sustainable standard by redesigning and reconstructing the trail system as necessary to accommodate the designated type of use and to eliminate impacts to resources. This work may include rehabilitating trails in place or relocating trails as necessary. In this regard, the Forest Service recognizes the need to establish and maintain relationships among forest personnel and user groups. Our focus first will be on correcting long standing problems with the trail systems in the Badin Lake Recreation Area, to reduce impacts to water quality and cultural resources, and provide a better experience for users of the horse and OHV trails. One way to facilitate trail improvements is to apply for trail improvement grants on a regular basis. It will also be increasingly important to develop strong partnerships with trail users to help with maintenance of trails and to help share information about proper trail use with new users. Another recreation priority is completing the Uwharrie National

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		Recreation Trail as opportunities become available. Volunteers and cooperators are actively working to secure funds and identify land suitable for sale, exchange, or easements that would fill in the gaps between national forest system parcels. The main strategy for developed recreation is to finish current construction projects and fix or maintain current facilities. Another strategy is to encourage more consistent use of existing facilities, including on weekdays. Some facilities are full on weekends, but remain sparsely used during the week. Additional facilities will be provided only after evaluating the financial sustainability, environmental sustainability (including capacity of use), and operational effectiveness of the potential facility, as well as the Forest Service’s ability to adequately clean and maintain additional facilities.
30	Obj:	We support establishment of a ‘Friends of Uwharrie National Forest’ group.
36	S&G SWF-G-6	New or re-routed roads or motorized trails should be located at least 100 feet from perennial streams and at least 50 feet from intermittent streams, except for designated stream crossings.
36	G-7	New or re-routed non-motorized trails should be located at least 33 feet from perennial and intermittent streams, except for designated stream crossings and horse watering sites.
36	G-7	Where roads or trails cross streams, crossings should be at right angles where possible.
36	G-9	The design of stream crossings should first try to simulate the natural stream bottom through use of a bottomless culvert, bridge or other spanning structure. If this isn’t feasible, crossings should incorporate the appropriate outlet drops and culvert slopes.
37	CR G-1	When mitigating adverse impacts to cultural resources associated with authorized roads and trails, the least restrictive effective and affordable means should be used from among the following (listed in order from least restrictive to most restrictive): i. Road or trail maintenance to eliminate disturbance or erosion of site; ii. Access barriers (natural appearing) and stabilization of site; iii. Relocation of road or trail; iv. Closure of road or trail; v. Site excavation and salvage
37	TRL G-1	When improving trails or mitigating adverse impacts from trails, consider improving user experience and user safety through reroutes or connectors to make loops.
37	TRL G-2	Project designs to construct or improve trails should incorporate ideas and suggestions from trails users as much as practical.
37	TRL G-3	New or relocated trails should avoid mine tailings, which have the potential to leach dangerous substances.
37	TRL G-4	As trails are maintained, existing vistas should be maintained where appropriate to provide long-distance views and opportunities for new vistas should be considered.
37	TRL G-5	When constructing or relocating trails, consider the following when selecting the location: ☑ Avoiding damage to cultural resources; ☑

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		Minimizing conflicts between different uses; ☑ Minimizing damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, and other resources; and ☑ Operational feasibility (desired user experience, infrastructure needs, size of usable area, and financial sustainability).
40	Lands G-1	Consider the following when setting priorities for land adjustment and acquisition: filling ownership gaps along the Uwharrie National Recreation Trail;
Forest-Wide MA Prescriptions		
43	Gen For	All the management direction in Chapter 2 applies to the General Forest unless it specifically refers to one or more of the other management areas. Most of the restoration of oak-hickory forests would occur in this MA.
45	Badin Lake Rec Area	The Badin Lake Recreation Area: This refers to the area on the Uwharrie NF that is adjacent to the east side of the Narrows Reservoir and Badin Lake, west of NC Highway 109 North, south of SR 1156 (Blaine Road) and north of the confluence of the Uwharrie River and the Yadkin-Pee Dee River. This area is special to the Piedmont Region of North Carolina for the recreational opportunities it offers to the people of North Carolina. This area provides camping in both developed campgrounds and in primitive, dispersed locations. The trail systems within this area provide for motorized recreation, and non-motorized recreation in the forms of horseback riding, mountain biking, and hiking. The Badin Lake Recreation Area is the main place that people come to when they want to recreate on the Uwharrie NF. This MA overlaps with other MAs. Direction for all relevant MAs will be met. (Refer to Revised Forest Plan Map – Badin Lake Recreation Area.)
48	Rec Suitability	All MAs are suitable for outdoor recreation. Wilderness is unsuitable for motorized recreation and developed recreation. Off-highway vehicle use is limited to the designated road and trail system. The plan has an objective to limit horses and mountain bikes to a designated system. There are standards and guidelines that would apply to the location of trails, particularly near water, but no MA is unsuitable for these uses.
49-56	Special Interest Areas	Table and S&G for each specific area
57 Monitoring and Evaluation		
58	TRL-1	Exceptional trails are available for hikers, horseback riders, off-roaders, mountain bikers, hunters, and anglers. The trails are designed, constructed, and maintained so that a variety of levels of challenge is available and other national forest resources such as soil and water are protected.
58	TRL-2	The 50-mile Uwharrie National Recreation Trail is complete and marked for hikers. That portion on national forest system lands has high scenic integrity.

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59, 64	Trail Objectives Table 4-1	<p>TRL-1: Objective: Each year until the maintenance backlog is depleted, an average of 10 combined miles of substandard hiking, bike, horse or OHV trail are improved, with the emphasis being horse trails and OHV trails in the Badin Lake area.</p> <p>TRL-5: The 50-mile Uwharrie National Recreation Trail is complete and marked for hikers. That portion on national forest system lands has high scenic integrity.</p>
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Part 1B. Trails Information in Uwharrie NF LRMP Final EIS		
3/143-145	Recreation Baseline	<p>The USDA Forest Service’s National Visitor Use Monitoring program estimated that in 2008 there were close to half a million visits to the Uwharrie National Forest. The percentage of visitors that came to the Uwharrie NF for varying recreational activities was estimated from the 2010 Montgomery County Tourism Development Authority Survey of Visitors to the Uwharrie National Forest. The percentages indicate that the majority of visitors to the Uwharrie NF camp and use the trail systems. The trail use from highest to lowest order is hiking, horseback riding, OHV or 4-wheel driving, and mountain biking. With the majority of the campgrounds, OHV trails, and equestrian trails being concentrated in the Badin Lake Recreation Area, these figures indicate that there is a lot of recreation use in a relatively small area on the Uwharrie National Forest. \$-wheel Driving 11.2%; mountain biking 1.8%; horseback riding 13.5%; hiking 17.1%</p>
3/145	Trails Baseline	<p>There are currently 121 miles of designated system trails on the Uwharrie NF. Of this total, approximately 17 miles are designated as motorized OHV routes for the full range of OHVs, 40 miles are designated as equestrian/mountain bike and hiking trails combined, 16 miles are designated as hiking/mountain biking trails, and 48 miles are designated as hiker-only trails. The majority of equestrian use occurs in the Badin Lake Recreation Area on the 40 miles of designated trails, as well as, cross-country throughout the national forest. The majority of the mountain bike use occurs on the trails in the Wood Run area. All these uses have become increasingly popular on the Uwharrie NF, especially equestrian and OHV use because of limited opportunities elsewhere in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. Based on the Montgomery County Tourism and Development Authority User Survey displayed in the table above, the total percentage of visitors that utilize trails or cross-country riding during their visit to the Uwharrie NF is 43.6 percent.</p> <p>The Uwharrie National Recreation Trail (Uwharrie Trail) is a hiking trail that follows a north-south route through the national forest. Several conservancy organizations and the</p>

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		Forest Service are working toward protecting the entire length of the trail with the goal of eventually putting as much of the route as possible on public land. This need was identified in the public collaborative planning process. At present, only about 50% of the desired route is on public land.
3/145	Trails Baseline	Increasingly, adjacent private landowners are creating their own trails from their private property onto the national forest. These trails may be for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), dirt bikes, mountain bikes, horses, or hikers, depending on the individual landowners and their preferred type of recreation (note that OHV use – which includes ATVs – is only authorized on the designated system so adjacent landowners accessing the national forest from their property by ATV or dirt bike is in violation of law). These adjacent private landowners are currently enjoying a freedom to access the national forest directly from their homes, which they highly value.
3/146	Trails Baseline	There are approximately 54.5 miles of non-system trails in the Badin Lake area alone that are causing issues for trail users and impacting natural resources. Table 3-27 shows the amount of system and non-system trails in the Badin Lake Recreation Area. There are approximately 117 miles of system and non-system trails in the three watersheds that make up the Badin Lake Recreation Area. While system trails are managed and maintained by the USDA Forest Service, non-system trails do not receive maintenance funding and often have issues related to poor construction and upkeep.
3/146	Trails Baseline	Resource damage and user conflicts are occurring in some places as a result of the abundance of non-system trails, and can impact the recreation experience by causing unsafe trail conditions. Additionally, safety concerns during the hunting seasons are increasing as the level of use on the trails increases. The myriad of non-system trails through the Uwharrie NF makes it difficult for hunters to know what areas to avoid. With increasing trail use, many trails of all types are in need of heavy maintenance, reconstruction, or relocation. Trails that might have sustained the lower levels of use that existed when they were established are unable to sustain today’s higher levels of use. Some trails are so entrenched, rocky, or steep, that use of the trail is unpleasant and unsafe for some users while other users actually value these conditions as providing a challenge. Limited trail maintenance and management funding is available for maintenance of system trails; however, dedicated trail volunteers have donated hundreds of hours of time to trail maintenance and have improved conditions in

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		many locations.
	Table 3- 27. Badin Lake Recreation Area Trail Data*	Total NFS Acreage: 34,910 # System Trails w/ Points of Hydrologic Connectivity: 70 # Non-System Trails w/ Points of Hydrologic Connectivity: 117 Total of Points of Hydrologic Connectivity: 187 Miles of System Trails: 61.5 Miles of Non- System Trails: 54.5 Total Miles of System and Non-System Trails 116 *This table includes all non-system and system trails found in the Badin Lake Recreation Area through contractor trail condition survey by D. Mattocks, 2011. This data is summarized for the National Forest System lands included in the 3 watersheds that make up the Badin Lake Recreation Area.
3/152	Impacts	Impacts to recreation from management actions
3/153-156	Impacts	Improving or limiting access to recreationists
3/188	Socioeconomic contribution of NF uses, including recreation.	Total PNV \$1,106,646; Present Value of recreation: \$976,854; PNV of costs: total \$49,614; recreation/engineering/facilities: \$16,479

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Part 2. Trail Strategy Compilation Table

Part 2A. Non-Motorized Trails (rows in italics are proposed additions to trail system)

Birkhead Mountain Wilderness Area (Uwharrie NF GIS map dated 10/24-25/2017)	
392 Hannah's Cr Trail [L]	From Robbins Br 393 connecting to TR 100 Birkhead Mtn Trail
393 Robbins Branch Trail [H]	From Robbins Branch TH near Lassiter Mill Road at south connects to Thornburg Trail TR394 at north
<i>Add Cooper Mtn Mtn Trail [H]</i>	<i>From Robbin's Br TR 393 to southern boundary of W/S to connect to UNRT from Walker's Cr/MacArthur Tract to the south; potentially add after land acquired btw W/S and High Pines Church Rd/MacArthur's Tract, could be added to UNRT; depending on land acquired, determines whether the UNRT connects to the Birkhead Mtn Tr (loop) or to the east closer to Robbins Br Trailhead. Parallels TR 392 Hannah's Cr TR 0.3 mi from Robbin's Branch TH, turns south to S boundary of W/S, could be northern connector to UNRT; may not be needed if TR100 can connect to UNRT in MacArthur Tract to the south after land acquisition; High Pines Church Road SR 1143 to south to Thayer Road SR1108 continuing to Hwy 24/27, after acquisition of Walker's Cr/MacArthurs Tract fall 2019, and Mill's Creek Tract near future, to connect to the Birkhead W/S</i>
<i>Add Cooler's Knob Mtn Trail [E/H] 4.9 mi</i>	<i>From Robbins Br TH easterly to/across TR 100 Birkhead Mtn Tr to E boundary of wilderness. This would create a long loop from/to Robbins Br TH when connected to proposed Camp Three Trail/North Prong Hannah's Cr TR, while providing connection to NCWRC connector to eastern FS tract and connector to Birkhead Mtn TR 100. The Cooler's Knob Mtn TR & North Prong Hannah's Cr TR would be E & H and Camp Three Trail would be just H</i>
<i>Add North Prong Hannah's Creek Trail [E/H]</i>	<i>Connector from proposed Cooler's Knob Mtn Trail near crossing with TR100 Birkhead Mtn Trail connecting to eastern leg of Cooler's Knob Mtn Trail and then onto the proposed NCWRC connector trail to the east. This trail would be south of the proposed Camp Three Trail and would parallel it to loop back to Cooler's Knob Mtn TR.</i>
<i>Add Camp 3 Trail [H] 2.3 mi</i>	<i>Connector from TR100 Birkhead Mtn Tr easterly to jct with Cooler's Knob Mtn TR and North Prong Hannah's Cr TR proposed trails at eastern boundary of W/S; to connect to proposed NC Wildlife Resource Commission NCWRC trail across state land to access High Pines Church Road</i>
<i>Add NCWRC Connector [E/H]</i>	<i>Connect from eastern boundary of W/S at proposed North Prong Hannah's/Camp Three Trail/eastern end of Cooler's Knob Mtn Trail across NCWRC state land to High Pines Church Road FR 6534; it may connect to the</i>

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	<i>FS tract to the east if horse trails are allowed by the State Wildlife Commission in that tract, or just make a loop without access. This depends the NCWRC and if they will allow horses onto their property to the east.</i>	
394 Thornburg Trail [H]	Connects from Thornburg TH at SR1107 (Lassiter Mill Road) to TR393 Robbins Br. Trail to N-S TR100 Birkhead Mtn Trail	Already routed around private land
100 Birkhead Mtn Trail [H]	Main N-S hiking trail through Birkhead W/S; connects at the N to Tot Hill Farm Rd at Tot Hill TH and at S to at the southern boundary of the Birkhead Wilderness. Need to close & decommission the southern end of trail after the intersection with Hannah's Cr Trail TR392.	Needs connection to UNRT at southern end – ends at Birkhead Wilderness (doesn't quite go to SR 1108 now); Create reroute around private land at north end to Tot Hill TH through Klaussner Tract or get easement over 0.5 mi of private land near N end

Walker's Creek/MacArthur Tract North of Jumping Off Rock TH (Uwharrie NF GIS map dated 10/24-25/2017)		
276 Uwharrie NRT [H]	From Joe Moffitt TH at SR 1108 Thayer Rd at S end northerly to north end of the trail near High Pines Church Rd	Reroutes completed; acquisition of northern end at MacArthur Tract to be completed fall FY 2019
<i>Add TH and land acquisition/ROW</i>	<i>Acquire land/ROWs in MacArthur Tract (complete in FY 19 or 20) at north end of UNRT from High Pines Church Road to the W/S, and create TH at High Pines Church Rd (Walkers Creek TH); add equestrian access from State Wildlife Commission tract on E side of W/S if the Commission agrees to equestrian access</i>	
<i>FR 6520 (Luther Spur Road) old roadbed</i>	<i>Connects UNRT to Thayer Road SR 1108 at eastern FS boundary from gate at UNRT; could delete roadbed from UNRT and keep admin access on road</i>	
<i>FR6522 Walker's Creek TR [H]</i>	<i>Starts at UNRT south of the Walkers Creek TH, goes easterly & loops back to connect to UNRT, and connecting at west to FR 6521; create connector from UNRT from the south to the UNRT to the north using FR 6522, to provide access from the UNRT to the west. No TH on FR 6522. Potential to connect to the Grissom Property to the south.</i>	

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Morris Mountain Area South of Jumping Off Rock TH (Uwharrie NF GIS map dated 10/24-25/2017)			
276 Uwharrie NRT [H]		Connects Jumping Off Rock TH to 109 TH on SR 109 to Yates Place Camp on Dusty Level Road	
West Morris Mtn CG Connector to UNRT [H]		From Ophir Road at West Morris Mtn CG around S portion of Pvt land, includes FR 6655 and TR 95	
<i>Morris Mtn Trail 1.0 mi [E/H/B]</i>		<i>From existing TH for hiking, new TH to the east on SR 109 for horses, biking and hiking paralleling UNRT to new TH on Tower Road SR 1134 north of East Morris Mtn CG. Connects 6653 and 6652, using old roads and adding new trails in between the existing roads, potentially connecting to the Tower Road. Maybe add a TH to the south of the 109 TH.</i>	
<i>Dark Mountain Tr and TH at SR 109 [E/H/B]</i>		<i>Connects to Morris Mtn Trail near N end, crosses UNRT and Tower Road SR 1134 easterly to Forest Land east of Dark Mtn to forest boundary, with a loop trail toward forest boundary to FR 6658, with possible TH at end of FR 6658, which is accessible from Flint Hill Rd west of Lovejoy Rd. Needs some minor reroutes to avoid wet areas; use some of FR 6657 to 6658.</i>	
<i>Buck Mountain Tract [E/H/B]?</i>		<i>Investigate public access to Buck Mountain tract in the future east of River Rd; only have administrative access across private land to FR 552. Not sure what type of trail use would be appropriate there but would focus on non-motorized trails.</i>	

Wood Run/UNRT area (Uwharrie NF GIS map dated 10/24-25/2017)			
276 UNRT [H]		From Yates Place CG on Dusty Level Road to south to NC Hwy 24/27	
396 Wood Run Tr [H/B]		From FR 517 at Wood Run TH (at vault toilet), south and connects to back to Wood Run Road 517 at the NC Hwy 24/27 TH	Trail extension at south end to Hwy 24/27 TH completed in the winter of 2019

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98 Dutchman's Creek Tr [H]	11.17 mi	Loops with UNRT at Hwy 24/27 TH to UNRT at northern end just west of Yates Place CG	
395 Super Tree Tr [H/B]		S end starts at Wood Run TH (at vault toilet), includes FRs 6681 and 6687, connects at FR 517 Wood Run Road, crosses the road to Keyauwee TR 395A; follows utility corridor, crosses Dutchman's Cr Trail a few times; Connects FRs 6681 and 6687	All reroutes completed
395A Keyauwee Trail [H/B]		From Wood Run TH (at vault toilet), to Walker Mtn Road (FR 6672) to cross upper Wood Run Creek, connects at FR 517 Wood Run Road crosses road to Super Tree TR 395 at FR 517	All reroutes completed
Yates Tr/ [H/B]	<i>Possible: Start at N end at Yates Place CG and proposed Yates Place TH on Dusty Level Road SR 1146, connects to proposed Liberty Hill Tr; Start on FR 6744 near Yates Place Camp and parallel FR 6744 then go west cross over FR 6746 and turn south to connect to the end of FR 6680 to connect to Liberty Hill Tr – Combination of new trail construction and existing forest roads.</i>		
Liberty Hill Tr [H/B]	<i>Possible: Start by connecting to Yates Tr (where it is parallel to FR 6744) then go south on FR 6744 south of Yates Place CG, and build new trail to connect to FR 6746 & go southerly to FR 6680 and follow to the west and then build new connector trail to FR 517A and making the existing roads part of the trail FR 517A then to 517, then to connect to Island Creek Trail</i>		
Whitetail Trail [H/B]	<i>Possible: User-created trail 1.6 mi connects from southern Super Tree Tr SR 6681, crossing Dutchman's Cr Trail to reconnect to Super Tree at FR 6687; gullying in the saddle needs rehabilitation</i>		
Island Creek Tr [H/B]	<i>Possible: Start at Keyauwee Trail (TR395A) and build new trail to the north to connect to the end of FR 517 (future Liberty Hill Trail); continue north and east with new trail construction and connect to future Yates Trail. This would be all new trail construction.</i>		

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<i>Add Dusty Level Rd TH [H/B]</i>	<i>Add a TH at Dusty Level Rd next to Yates Place CG for day use parking area, connecting Wood Run Biking from the south to Yates Place Campground, and access to UNRT to south. Day use next to Yates Place campground. Improve Yates Place Camp and request fees when the improvements are done.</i>
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Pekin Section (Uwharrie NF GIS map dated 10/24-25/2017)			
TR397/397A FS Ranger Station Uwharrie Fitness Trail [H]		Trails, including loop trail, west of SR1324 connecting on TH at SR1332 and at Ranger Station	
TR 97/97A FS Ranger Station Denson's Cr Tr 1 mi (97A) with 2 mi loop [H]		Loop trail east of SR1324, connects to TR 397 at north end at SR 1324 and at SR1324 at S end	
<i>Lewis Mill Pond Loop Trail [E/H]</i>	<i>4.7 mi; uses FR 6719, with proposed TH at McCallum Road (SR 1516). Add Trailhead on the northside of McCallum Road.</i>		
<i>Polly Branch Trail [E/H]</i>	<i>New TH FR 6726A at SR 1005 Pekin Road, Uses FR 6726/6747 new trail connecting to FR 6747 and 6748 loop with McCallum Road SR 1516, then connecting across McCallum Road to proposed Lewis Mill Pond Loop Trail</i>		
<i>Flora MacDonald Trail [E/H] - Mike Spisak's idea</i>	<i>Instead of starting on FR6726A and SR 1005 Pekin Road with the Polly Branch Trail maybe start on FR6768 near the Flora MacDonald area and the Jacob Stone Quarry. Put a TH there instead and then connect to the end of 6726 and connect over to what is show as Polly Branch Tr and to FR6747 & FR6748 back up to McCallum Rd - this is not on the maps yet.</i>		

Badin Lake Recreation Area - Non-Motorized Recreation (Uwharrie NF GIS map dated 10/24-25/2017)			
94 Badin Lake Trail [H]	6.13/easy	Flat hiking only trail encircling Badin Lake; 2 loops at Arrowhead CG	Dispersed camping on trail needs to be eliminated; needs trash pickup and better signage, especially to prohibit equestrians that

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			use the trail to access TR703 Lake Trail and human waste
700 Greg's Loop [E/H/B]	1.7/easy	TH on northern Badin Lake Road; loop connects to 701 Blackburn Loop	Recently rehabbed for resource protection and user satisfaction
<i>Kaitlyn Trail</i>	<i>On N end of Badin Lake RA; Connect from Badin Lake Road to Gregg's Loop 700; user-created trail – provides access to adjacent private land; seasonally wet in old roadbed, with big rocks; close to/reroute away from the Crump Mine private land east of the trail; New TH and primitive camping area</i>		
<i>Badin Lake Peaks Tract</i>	<i>Proposed long loop in northern end of Badin Lake RA deleted from consideration; may be considered in future</i>		
701 Blackburn Trail [E/H/B]	2.2/easy	701 Blackburn connects to 702 Josh Trail; user created trail	Rehab existing user created trails/reroute and new trail construction/entrenched roadbed; lots of seeps, wet in roadbed and lower third; creek crossing needs improvement; big holes, rocky uphill climb and downhill; first third in good condition
<i>Blackburn Reroute/Laurel Hill Trail [E/H/B]</i>	<i>Potentially close part of trail N from Josh Creek TR702 to avoid wet and damaged areas; create reroute to east of closure connecting to Josh TR702, and connect to proposed Blue Hole Trail; not surveyed for archaeology or NEPA. Use what horse people call the Laurel Hill Trail as the Blackburn Reroute.</i>		
<i>Blue Hole Trail [E/H/B] 1 mi</i>	<i>User-created trail; Connect 701 Blackburn Trail to jct with Josh Trail TR702 near proposed closure/reroute of Blackburn Trail; connecting to TR 710 Home Trail to Badin Horse Camp</i>		
<i>708 Indian Trail [E/H/B]</i>	<i>Close Indian Trail TR708 because trail is in really bad condition, in favor of use of existing and proposed trails</i>		
<i>Short Trail [E/H/B]</i>	<i>User-created trail – connected to Kaitlyn Trail on N end, connecting to Blackburn Trail TR701 on east end, with loop; further connects to private land to east, needs ROW across private land; pretty creek and hardwoods; entrenched in old roadbed; good creek crossing</i>		
702 Josh Trail [E/H/B]	2 mi/easy	Connects to 701 Blackburn to N and 703 Lake Trail to west and 708/Indian Tr/710 Home Trail to E	Needed to get to Lake and north trails; some areas need to be rerouted; low wet areas; section btw canebrake and FR597; area btw FR 597 and lake trail recently rehabbed in good condition
<i>702 Josh Trail</i>	<i>Needed to get to Lake and trails to the north; some areas need to be rerouted; low wet areas protected</i>		

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703 Lake Trail [E/H/B]	1.1/easy	Connects from 94 Badin Lake Tr and crosses Badin Lake Rd FR597 to 708 Indian/709 Megan Trail [note: Indian Tr proposed to be closed, below]	Good condition with new long turnpike and trail rehab; trash closer to lake from campers/boaters; rutting has been rehabilitated; <i>needs signs to keep equestrians off Badin Lake Trail TR94</i>
704 Leslie Trail [E/H/B]	1.2 moderate	Connects to Todd Tr 707 to N and Big Rock Loop Tr 707/Tony Trail 706; crosses Cove Road FR597B	Existing user-created trails needs rehabilitation, reroutes, and new trail construction; reroute away from sprayfields and lagoons at Arrowhead CG, move to rocky areas; reroute to better road crossing to get to Todd and Big Rock Trails; no archaeological surveys or NEPA
<i>704 Leslie Tr [E/H/B]</i>	<i>Existing user-created trails needs rehabilitation, reroutes, and new trail construction; reroute away from sprayfields and lagoons at Arrowhead CG, move to rocky areas; reroute to better road crossing to get to Todd and Big Rock Trails; no archaeological surveys or NEPA</i>		
705 Big Rock Loop [E/H/B]	1.2 Mod	Trail and “lollipop” loop north to dead-end at Badin Lake around a rocky knob with good views of the lake and island/peninsula	Boaters/campers leave trash and human waste; propose to use trail to access a user trail that goes around Nifty Rocks and Lakeside, then to Tony Tr. – decided not to consider the connector trail to Nifty Rock Loop in favor of boat access
<i>Nifty Rock Tr loop trail around Nifty Rock [E/H]</i>	<i>Add the user-recreated trail extending from Big Rock Loop FR 705 and making a loop around Nifty Rocks; no archaeology surveys or NEPA yet; 1 mi; No Bikes on this proposed trail</i>		
706 Tony Trail [E/H/B]	1.8/Mod	Jct of 704 Leslie/705 Big Rock Loop, south to Moccasin Cr Rd to jct of 707 Todd Tr/724 Robbins Tr	Reroute closer to big rocks to eliminate dead-end to the rocks; past repairs still in good condition; no archaeological surveys or NEPA
<i>706 Tony Tr</i>	<i>Reroute closer to big rocks to eliminate dead-end to the rocks</i>		
<i>Add Oak Loop Trail [E/H] 1.5 mi</i>	<i>New trail towards Badin Lake south of proposed Nifty Rocks Loop Trail, west of FR576, with new TH at FR576 to help disperse recreationists – Near FR6740; No Bikes on this proposed trail. Potential TH at FR 576 or or on FR 6740</i>		

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<i>Add Bobcat Trail E/H 1 mi</i>	<i>New trail east of FR578, connecting to proposed TH for Oak Creek Trail W of FR 576, connecting to Tony Trail 706; No Bikes on this proposed Trail.</i>		
707/Todd Trail [E/H/B]	2.1/ Mod	Jct of 706 Tony Tr/724 Robbins Tr N to jct of 704 Leslie Tr near jct with 703 Lake Tr	Potentially close part of trail due to archaeological concerns, reroute away from shooting range, with south end of reroute beginning FS576 connecting north to connect back to Todd Trail 707; decision is no change- keep trail where it is.
708 Indian Trail [E/H/B]	1.1/Easy	Jct of 703 Lake Trail/709 Megan Trail east to jct of 702 Josh Tr/710 Home Trail	Potentially close entire trail; needs lots of work in entrenched part, at stream crossings and along flat; needs several reroutes from FR544 to Walmart/ TR707/709 jct; last section from old road to Home Tr is entrenched; if don't close, improve section in field at stream crossing from FR544 to Home Trail behind canebrake horse camp
<i>708 Indian Trail</i>	<i>Close trail, use other trails instead to connect to Josh, Lake and Megan Trails</i>		
709 Megan Trail [E/H/B]	1.7/easy	Jct 703 Lake Tr/708 Indian Trail S to 711 Larry's Link Trail; "Walmart" southeast to Home Trail 710/Larry's Link 711, & back to Home Trail 710	Major connector from "Walmart" to Home Trail; nice hill climbs; in good shape; <i>reroute somewhere near the timber sale?</i>
<i>Canebrake Overflow Connector Trail [E/H/B]</i>	<i>Connector from Megan Trail 709 northeasterly to Canebrake Overflow Horse Camp on FR 554</i>		
710 Home Trail [E/H/B]	2.5 mi/easy	Badin horse camp south to Moccasin Cr to Moccasin Creek Rd/near 709 Megan Trail/711 Larry's Link Trail	Close part of trail needs lots of work; reroutes around old horse camp and new connector to Helen's trail; very entrenched from Blue Hole to Canebrake; high use trail needs work, including from canebrake to Larry's Link Trail; loop around CG connects to Home Trail to Overflow

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			horse camp, needs to fix overflow section; NEPA complete, work FY 2019-20
<i>Badin Horse Camp</i>	<i>Potentially close the camp to camping, to only be a day use TH; new horse camp potentially near northern end of Kaitlyn Tr</i>		
711/Larry's Link Trail [E/H/B]	1.5 easy	Crosses 709 Megan Creek from Moccasin Cr Rd N to 712 Loop	Potentially reroute part of trail that needs work near FR544 crossing; maintenance needed where 711 crosses FR 544
<i>711 Larry's Link</i>	<i>Potentially reroute part of trail that needs work near FR544 crossing; maintenance needed where 711 crosses FR 544</i>		
712 Helen's Loop [E/H/B]	2.2 easy	Loop following W Branch Moccasin Cr and N to Mullinex Rd	Rehab/maintenance trail along creek - muddy and braided along trail and crossings; gated forest road in good condition; maintenance conducted FY 2019
<i>Mill's Trail 0.4 mi [E/H]</i>	<i>User-created trail between Helen's Loop 712 east to access private land</i>		
<i>4B Farm Connector Trail [E/H]</i>	<i>User-created trail may be rerouted and added to the system – find a better location for this trail</i>		
713 River Trail [E/H/B]	3.6 easy	Connects to S 712 Helens Loop S to 720 Buttermilk along Uwharrie River	Needs improved stream crossings of McLean's Creek or reroute to other side of road; below ground water collapses parts of trail - reroute parts and improve with turnpikes; needs improved watering area for horses
<i>713 River Trail</i>	<i>Needs improved stream crossings of McLean's Creek or reroute to other side of road; below ground water collapses parts of trail - reroute parts and improve with turnpikes; needs improved watering area for horses</i>		
<i>River Trail Extension</i>	<i>From Flatwoods OHV TH on west to FR 6586, continues to FR 555, connects to River Trail TR713 on east; close the gate at the TH to protect archeology site to the south of the TH</i>		
714 Wren Trail [E/H/B]	0.3 easy	Connector btw 713 River Tr and 715 Tanager Tr	Close trail because short trail is not needed; Need better approach to creek or better crossing; bat cave closed 2015
<i>714 Wren Trail</i>	<i>Close trail because short trail is not needed;</i>		

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715 Tanager Trail	0.7 easy	Connector btw 716 Rudolph/FR6607 and 717 Burl Tree Way which connects to 713 River Trail	Close trail; fall line sections entrenched on old road; good creek crossing; not needed
<i>715 Tanager Trail</i>	<i>Close trail; not needed</i>		
716 Rudolph [E/H/B]	0.3 easy	On roadbed FR6607 connecting Moccasin Cr Rd 576 and 717 Burl Tree Way; connector through 717 Burl Tree Way to River Trail	Old gated road in good condition; boring easy trail on roadbed (Tanager Trail will be closed); new TH at FR 576 and 716 Rudolph?
<i>716 Rudolph Trail</i>	<i>New TH for E/H/B at FR 576 and Rudolph Trail 716</i>		
717 Burl Tree Way [E/H/B]	1.7 easy	Connects 713 River Trail to west to Moccasin Cr Rd 576 crosses road to get to 710 Home Trail	Major connector btw from Home to Morgan Trails over River Trail; needs tread work at access/creek crossing of FR576 at jct with Home Trail 710; lower area from Cotton Place Rd to River Trail has wet fall line section in bad shape
<i>717 Burl Tree Way</i>	<i>Turnpikes in lower area from Cotton Place Rd to River Trail has wet fall line section in bad shape</i>		
718 Morgan Trail [E/H/B]	1.7/easy	Connects Moccasin Cr Rd 576 south ax Dutch John Rd 553 connecting to jct of 719 Hang Glider Trail/721 Berner Trail	In good shape after maintenance; reroute out of arch site completed 2018-2019; need to block vehicle traffic from FR533 to stream; stop camping next to stream and on trail; NEPA completed for short reroute to avoid arch site
719 Hang Glider Trail [E/H/B]	1.4/difficult	Jct of 721 Berner/718 Morgan Tr E to 720 Buttermilk and Hang Glider Vista dead end	Close trail to vista to protect arch site; other overlooks investigated, too many arch sites; NEPA in preparation; Administratively merge Hang Glider Trail (without vista spur) with Buttermilk 720 and Berner Trail 721, with new number and new name
<i>719 Hang Glider Create</i>	<i>Possibly create another viewpoint point for Hang Glider Vista closure; NEPA in progress for closure (see comment below for Buttermilk Trail)</i>		

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<i>replacement viewpoint</i>			
720 Buttermilk Trail [E/H/B]	1.0 mod	Jct 719 Hang Glider Vista spur to 713 River Trail across Cotton Place Rd 555	Reroute steep section from the River Trail to the intersection with Hang Glider to climb hill better, and prevent existing erosion of the existing trail; challenging hill climb, nice rhododendrons; merge administratively with Hang Glider Tr 719 and Berner 721
<i>720 Buttermilk Trail</i>	<i>Reroute steep section from the River Trail to the intersection with Hang Glider to climb hill better, and prevent existing erosion of the existing trail</i>		
<i>Create connector between Buttermilk and Hang Glider</i>	<i>Create a new trail connection between Buttermilk along the mid contours between the review and Hang Glider that could connect with the gated road off of Green Gap Road, possibly including a viewpoint point looking toward the river, which would also connect horse users from the Green Gap Shores community to the outer loop (see River Trail Extension above)</i>		
721 Berner Tr [E/H/B]	0.6 easy	Jct 719 Hang Glider/718 Morgan Cr west to jct 722 Fraley/723 Bates Tr/Dutch John Rd 553 (connects to Flatwoods TH at southern end of Dutch John Rd)	Connects Hang Glider 719/Buttermilk 720 and Morgan to 722 Fraley and 723 Bates Trails; lots of stream crossings or ride directly in stream; good water access in stream; When Hang Glider Vista closed merge Buttermilk. Berner and the remaining part of Hang Glider into one trail with new number and new name
<i>721 Berner Tr</i>	<i>Administratively combine with Hang Glider and Buttermilk after Hang Glider Vista spur closed; NEPA in progress, unless the Berner Trail Extension below is constructed</i>		
<i>Berner Trail Extension</i>	<i>Extend Berner Trail from FR 553 (Dutch John Road), cross Dickey Bell OHV Trail near Flatwoods OHV TH to River Trail Extension</i>		
722 Fraley [E/H/B]	2.5 diff	Jct 721 Berner/723 Bates NW to 707 Todd	Potentially close entire trail or reroute away from shooting range at FR576 road crossing; use Bates Trail to make N-S connector with viewpoints? Challenging grade ride and good N-S connector - Decided to keep this trail may reroute away from the range.

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722 Fraley	<i>Potentially close entire trail or reroute away from shooting range at FR576 road crossing; use Bates Trail to make N-S connector with viewpoints? - Reroute away from the shooting range instead.</i>		
723 Bates [E/H/B]	1.7 mod	Jct 721 Berner/722 Fraley at Dutch John Rd 553 WNW across/shares from a distance OHV trail 89 Wolf Den connecting to FR 516	Rehab/reroute user created trails, new trail construction at north end reroute to move N end off Wolf Den Rd FR516, dangerous pm 1-lane road conflicting with OHV traffic; reroute S end to follow contours to Dutch John Trail too steep, rocky, difficult for horses; lake views nice
723 Bates	<i>Rehab/reroute user created trails, new trail construction at north end reroute to move N end off Wolf Den Rd FR516, dangerous pm 1-lane road conflicting with OHV traffic; reroute S end to follow contours to Dutch John Trail too steep, rocky, difficult for horses – potential scenic vista locations on this trail</i>		
724 Robbins Trail [E/H/B]	1.7 easy	Jct 707 Todd/706 Tony/Moccasin Cr Rd 576 SW to Deep Water Trail Camp on the Yadkin River; connection to Deep Water Camp	Nice ridge trail; potentially close part of trail and reroute at southern end; Close user-created trails to upland swamp
Narrow Reservoir Trail [E/H] 2.69 mi	<i>User-created trail from Flatwoods TH (OHV) west to Deep Water Camp and Boat Launch, connecting to Robbins Trail 724; needs guardrails to keep out of creek; connect to proposed River Trail extension on east at Flatwoods TH</i>		
Robbins Trail Reroute	<i>Close portion of trail from the creek in the N to FR 576 to the south, to the Deep Water Camp at FR 6560; connects to NW end of proposed Narrow Reservoir Trail</i>		

Part 2B. OHV Trails Badin Lake Recreation Area (Uwharrie NF GIS map dated 10/24-25/2017)

79 Slab Pile Trail	1.2/Moderate	Connects from 89 Wolf Den, crosses non OHV Fraley 722 to connect to Sawmill 93 to N and Rocky Mtn Loop Trail 92 to N and S	Rocky Mtn Loop Trail 92 W segment to be closed (archaeology/erosion); Slab Pile 79 and Sawmill 93 to be administratively merged into loop with remaining RML 92; good route for beginners, moderate challenges. NEPA in progress
79 Slab Pile Trail	Rocky Mtn Loop Trail 92 W segment to be closed (archaeology/erosion); Slab Pile 79 and Sawmill 93 to be administratively merged into loop with remaining RML 92; good route for beginners, moderate challenges. NEPA in progress		
89 Wolf Den	1.3/easy	TH Wolf Den at Moccasin Cr Road 576; crosses Bates Trail (non-OHV)	Good routes for beginners, some moderate challenges; <i>needs signs at Art Tilley/Falls Dam TH;</i>

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		twice, connects to Dutch John Trail and Falls Dam Trail; connects to Slab Pile near TH. Will connect to proposed Lakeview Trail	small parking lot; maintenance planned for FY2019
<i>Proposed Lakeview Trail 2.1 mi</i>	<i>Connect Art Lilley CG/Falls Dam TH north to the Wolf Den Trail 89 and cross at Rd 516; remove OHV traffic from 516 and connect the N'n end of Falls Dam Trail to Wolf Den Trail 89; connect to the end of Moccasin Creek Rd 576 at Wolf Den TH; may disperse OHV use from Dutch John Trail 90 (see Falls Dam Trail below); no more unlicensed vehicle traffic on FR 516 except at designated trail crossings. NEPA completed waiting for RTP grant funds to begin construction</i>		
90 Dutch John	2.1/Difficult	Connects Slab Pile 79 and Wolf Den 89/Falls Dam 96 loop	Fix hill climb with entrenched section on eastern end, or close; and reroute multiple stream crossings for safety; potentially close part of trail and reroute for safety and multiple creek crossings
<i>90 Dutch John</i>	<i>Fix hill climb with entrenched section on eastern end, or close; and reroute multiple stream crossings for safety; potentially close part of trail and reroute for safety and multiple creek crossings</i>		
91 Dickey Bell Trail	3.5/Difficult	At Flatwoods TH on Green Gap Rd 6584/Falls Dam 96, to Dutch John TH at Rocky Mountain Loop western segment	Archaeology issues create 2 reroutes; safety on steep slope, create alternative easier route at south end; and rehab unauthorized trails; NEPA will be finished after archaeology surveys in fall and botany surveys in spring 2019
<i>91 Dickey Bell Trail</i>	<i>Archaeology issues create 2 reroutes; safety on steep slope, create alternative easier route at south end; and rehab unauthorized trails; NEPA will be finished after archaeology surveys in fall and botany surveys in spring 2019</i>		
92 Rocky Mountain Loop Trail	2.8/Moderate	Crosses Morgan 718 twice; connects to 390 Daniel to east	RML W segment to be closed (arch/erosion Kodak Rock), Sawmill to be merged into loop with remaining RML; NEPA in progress
<i>92 Rocky Mountain Loop Trail</i>	<i>RML W segment to be closed (arch/erosion Kodak Rock), Slab Pile and Sawmill to be administratively merged into loop with remaining RML; NEPA in progress</i>		
93 Sawmill Trail	1.6/moderate	Connects to RML 92	Too easy and road-like [see 79 Slab Pile Trail]
<i>93 Sawmill Trail</i>	<i>To be merged with RML 92</i>		

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96 Falls Dam Trail	2.8/Moderate	Connects to Wolf Den 89; to Flatwoods TH Green Gap Village Rd 6584 and Falls Dam TH at Art Lilley CG	Archaeology issues and user-created trails
96 Falls Dam Trail	<i>Northern end of Falls Dam Trail (FR511A) closed and rehabilitated and decommissioned when Lakeview Trail is completed (see Lakeview Trail)</i>		
	<i>Commuters to Green Gap Village south of the river near Narrows Reservoir use SR 553 Dutch John Road connecting to FR 6584 for commuting, which creates conflicts btw commuters and OHV users; seeking funds to pave Dutch John Road SR553 – identified as a budget line item, not funded yet; northern reroute of Dickey Bell Trail 91 may take OHV traffic off of crossing Dutch John Road to reduce commuter traffic to Green Gap Village</i>		
390 Daniel Trail	3.5/extremely difficult	Cotton Place TH on Cotton Place Road on eastern boundary of BLRA; connects to RML 92	Archaeological issues and unauthorized trails; on eastern end; reroute flagged and surveys initiated 2019 – reroute hill climb and / or bypass
390 Daniel Trail	<i>Archaeological issues and unauthorized trails; on eastern end; reroute flagged and surveys initiated 2019; when completed, hill climb reroute will be constructed (see below)</i>		
Daniel Trail Extension	<i>Add new bypass trail or loop to improve safety and eliminate dead-end on site with no resource concerns at eastern end near Cotton Place TH; Many braided and user-created trails/dispersed camping up hillside at near Cotton Place TH; NEPA completed; may pull OHV traffic to the east (see above)</i>		
Daniel Trail Connection	<i>Not considered because of archaeological issues; but address recreation in this area by creating the Lakeview Trail (see Lakeview Trail)</i>		
Separate full sized vehicles from ATVs and dirt bikes?	<i>Acquired land - Badin Lake Peaks Tract for smaller OHVs, not sure about UTVs; separate classes on current and new trails?</i>		
Connect Arrowhead CG to Wolf Den TH somehow	<i>This suggestion is deleted because of archaeology issues</i>		