

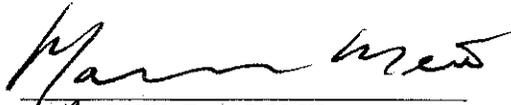
NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

MIDDLE PRONG WILDERNESS

PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Middle Prong Wilderness on the Pisgah National Forest as entered in the National Wilderness Preservation System by Public Law - 98 - 324, June 19, 1984.

Signed _____
 9/5/90
 Date



JOHN E. ALCOCK
Regional Forester

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Middle Prong Wilderness is located on the Pisgah National Forest in Haywood County, North Carolina.

The Boundary is delineated on U.S.G.S., 1:24,000 scale 7 1/2 minute topographic quadrangles, Sam Knob and Waynesville (modified for USDA Forest Service use). All bearings were digitized from the North Carolina State Plane Coordinate System, from the above named quads and therefore should be considered approximate. Bearings are referenced from grid North and expressed in degrees and minutes.

All distances are maps distances that were digitized from the preceding named quads, and therefore should be considered as approximate.

THE POINT OF BEGINNING and Point #1, a point on the Haywood-Jackson County line at Corner 2 of U.S. Tract 70 near the crest of Richland Balsam Mountain;

Thence southeasterly along the boundary of the Blue Ridge Parkway approximately 43,529 feet to Point #2, a point 100 feet west of the centerline of State Highway #215;

Thence in a northerly and northwesterly direction along a line 100 feet west and southwesterly of and parallel to the centerline of State Highway #215 42,127 feet to Point #3, on the east bank of the Middle Prong of the West Fork of Pigeon River;

Thence in a southerly direction up Fork Ridge 8,926 feet to Point #4;

Thence leaving said ridge S 62° 28' W, 4,102 feet to Point #5, a point at the intersection of the Middle Prong of the West Fork of Pigeon River and Beartrap Branch;

Thence N 36° 37' W, 6,001 feet to Point #6, a point on a knob of Big Beartrail Ridge with the elevation of approximately 4920 feet, located approximately 700 feet north of the head of Little Beartrap Branch;

Thence with the meanders of said Ridge in a southwesterly direction 1,861 feet to Point #7;

Thence leaving said ridge N 50° 16' W, 8,901 feet crossing Sugar Cove and Right Hand Prong of Pigeon River and up the ridge to Point #8, a point on the first knob of Lickstone Ridge notheast of Richland Balsam Mountain;

Thence along the meanders of the crest of Lickstone Ridge in a southwesterly direction 1,249 feet to THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Middle Prong Wilderness containing in aggregate 7,460 Acres more or less.

Certified by


John Beasley
Regional Land Surveyor