

GRAYSON HIGHLANDS STATE PARK
MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2003
RUGBY RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING
MOUTH OF WILSON, VIRGINIA
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Sam Sweeney, Assistant State Park Manager, welcomed the Committee to the meeting.

Bill Conkle, Park Planner, then reviewed the comments from the July 15th public meeting on the draft Grayson Highlands Master Plan. Bill also told the Committee that two letters from citizens and one letter from the Virginia Association for Parks had been received in favor of including cabins in the master plan. Another letter, against including cabins in the master plan, was received from the Grayson County Board of Supervisors.

Derral Jones, Planning Bureau Manager, then reviewed with the committee the developments proposed for inclusion in the plan. The following developments were recommended by the committee for inclusion in the plan: build a performance stage/shelter in the Homestead area, expand multi-purpose trails and trail linkages in the park, construct a comfort station near Massie Gap, upgrade utilities and showers at the campground, upgrade equestrian stalls, add electricity and water at campsites, renovate the visitor center to include the construction of a group shelter nearby, and construct 12-20 overnight cabins near the park office. The committee vote was split on the addition of cabins, but the majority of the members voted to include the cabins in the latter phases of the 20-25 year master planning cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.