

Does this sound like a program you would like to be involved with? If so call or email to have your name added to a list of interested volunteers so we can notify you when the first organizational meeting is scheduled in late August.

If you have any questions, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cynthia Camilleri at Cynthia@wnca.org or by calling (828) 258-8737, ext. 207; or Public Lands Fields Biologist Josh Kelly at Josh@wnca.org or (828) 258-8737, ext. 210.

WNCA is the only grassroots environmental advocacy group focused solely on conserving Western North Carolina's natural heritage. WNCA advocates for the protection and restoration of public lands and constantly works with the Forest Service to protect environmental quality, scenic beauty, and recreation resources like trails and back country areas.

WNCA was founded in 1982 by citizens in Macon County who organized to protect their local national forests from oil and gas leasing. WNCA went on to help defeat proposed nuclear waste dump in Buncombe County (1984), launch a campaign to stop clear-cutting in the natural forests, help develop successful rural recycling programs in Macon, Madison, Jackson, and Yancey counties (1989), and lead a four-year campaign to stop the City of Asheville from clear cutting in the Asheville Watershed and the City later placed a conservation easement over 17,356 acres of the watershed.

In 1994, WNCA claimed victory in its nine-year campaign to stop clear-cutting in the national forests when the Forest Service released a new Management Plan for the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests that all but eliminated clear-cutting as a management tool and reduces overall logging levels by 60%. For more information about WNCA, visit wnca.org