

## Logging plan announced for Blowing Rock

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The U.S. Forest Service has a scaled-down plan to allow timber harvesting in Pisgah National Forest. Officials say mountain views will be protected. Clear-cutting will not be allowed, but partial harvests in small 11-acre sections will be permitted. Up to 212 acres can be harvested out of the 11,225-acre area, forest officials say. The last timber harvest involved the clear-cutting of 300-acre tracts. Tree-marking and harvesting is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2009.