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Important Dates

BoD Meeting	April 23, 2005
Member Breakfast	May 21, 2005
Lake Cleanup	June 11, 2005
Member Breakfast	June 18, 2005
Member Breakfast	July 16, 2005
Annual Meeting	August 6, 2005
Glenville CDC, 9am	
Member Breakfast	August 20, 2005

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Howard M. Austin, Editor

Official Announcement: Annual FLG Meeting August 6, 2005 9am Glenville CDC

Mountain Musings...

Howard M. Austin, Editor

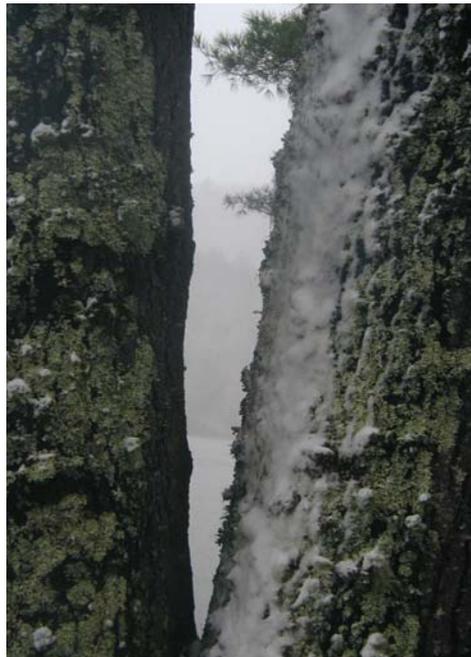
The headline in the *Crossroads Chronicle* published Thursday April 7th 2005 declares that the average listing price for a home in the Cashiers and Hamburg (Glenville) townships is \$819,000. These figures, from the *Highlands-Cashiers Board of Realtors*, also show 175 homes for sale in the Cashiers-Highlands-Toxoway area at \$1 million or more. Of those, 67 are in the Cashiers-Hamburg townships, for an average asking price of \$1,717,125 for that group. Closing prices have followed the trend as well, averaging \$602,472 in our area, including 23 homes that sold for over \$1 million.

Positive aspects of this real estate appreciation are said to be beneficial to the affluent second-home buyers who are looking for a rising market. Local businesses are also said to benefit, from more residents to purchase their offerings with more money to spend. New businesses are coming to town as well.

The most significant downside is the lack of affordable housing for the middle and low income workers who make up the primary labor force in Cashiers. The article goes on to say that the people who provide the services to Cashiers live "off the mountain" if they don't already own property here. None of the people quoted in the article have a solution, only the "hope" that some way is found to provide affordable housing to local workers.

A boat ride around the lake the week of April 4th 2005 shows evidence of these trends. Considerable new construction around the lake is visible, most of the homes

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Left: Surprise snow in early April 2005 coats a pine tree at The Landings at Trillium
(Photo courtesy of Vicky Montet)

Below: Hurricane Falls as a torrent after all the spring rains. When this picture was taken April 4th 2005, there were also two docks in the Hurricane Falls cove. See page 9 for more on the two docks. (This and other unattributed photos by The Editor)



Many FLG members now live year-round at the lake or have already arrived for the season while others are making last minute plans for travel back to our glorious mountains and pristine lake. If you were not here on April 2nd, you fortunately missed an unexpected return to winter. The Glenville area along with Highlands and Cashiers experienced blizzard conditions on that Saturday evening and residents awoke on Sunday to five inches of snow on the ground. Of course, it all melted by Sunday evening and temperatures climbed once again to spring-like 60's.

Early season arrivers may be just in time for our first Friends of Lake Glenville Communication Breakfast on May 21st. Since we had to cancel the September 2004 breakfast due to the hurricane damage throughout the community, we will be drawing the names of the winners of the *Win-Win Relicensing Intervention Fund Contest* at this first breakfast. The names of all contributors to the Fund are in the "Pot" to win an LCD-TV w/CD Player, a weekend stay at Elizabeth Point Lodge at Amelia Island, or a weekend stay at Katy's Light at Amelia Island. So, come on to enjoy the fun and catch-up on the news of the lake, the mountain and your favorite friends.

I'd like you to know about our committees and chairs are for 2005. If you have any ideas, suggestions or wish to be a part of any of these committees please call me, the chair or any board member.

Finance – Joanne Lindquist

Fundraising – Carol Adams, Howard Austin, Helen Cook

Logo Clothing and Gifts – Karen Scarborough, Chair; Committee: Lynn Leach, Deedee Rietze

Membership – Malina Fowler, Chair; Committee: Carol Adams, Debbie Castagna, Joanne Lindquist, Pat Strickland

Newsletter Advertising - Vickie Montet

Newsletter Editor – Howard Austin

Post Office Garden – Gena Luck, Chair; Committee: Terri Cooper, Hedy Oligachany

Public Relations - Helen Cook

Relicensing – Doug Odell, Chair; Committee: Carol Adams, Jackie Cochran, Helen Cook, Phil Fowler

Shoreline Management/Lake Clean-up and Safety – David Leach, Chair; Committee: Lynn Leach, Besty Miller, Jackie Wertymer, Ann Killilea

Social – Dottie Ennis, Chair; Committee: Lynn Leach, Patti Hicks, Debbie Castagna, Joanne Lindquist

Water Quality – Sandy Bishop Chair; Committee: Bill Lindquist, Mark Pentracosta, Sam Lupus, Robert Luck, Sharon Wadsworth

Webmaster – Howard Austin

Finally, please welcome our newest committee....The **Beetle Brigade** (see story elsewhere in this newsletter) Doug Odell, Chair; Committee: Vickie Montet, Sam Lupus, Sandy Bishop, and Robert Luck

Social Tidbits

Dottie Ennis, Social Chairperson

I am sure we are all looking forward to a grand 2005 season on and around the lake!! Our monthly breakfast meetings of the Friends of Lake Glenville will continue to be held at 9 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Landings of Trillium. As always, these breakfasts will be the perfect way to see our neighbors, catch up on all of the important happenings around the lake, and enjoy a wonderful breakfast! Hope to see you all at our first breakfast on Saturday, May 21st!

We are still contemplating other possible social and fund raising events for the summer months and will let everyone know what future lake activities your social committee is working on as the 2005 season becomes a welcome reality! Ideas and suggestions are ALWAYS welcome! Call Dottie at 828-743-7530 or email ardlucyb@hotmail.com.

Looking forward to a great North Carolina summer!



Despite the snow in early April, this cherry tree on the west side of Lake Glenville put on a show of beautiful blossoms.

Lake Clean-Up & Lunch Saturday June 11, 2005 8 AM-1 PM

David Leach, Shoreline Management Liaison

Lake Clean-Up this year is set for Saturday June 11th from 8 AM to 1 PM. We look forward to a great turnout to keep our Lake the most beautiful in the United States. If you can, fly an American flag to identify yourself as one of the participants and decorate your boat and yourselves as colorfully as possible. FLG will donate a prize to the participants with the most decorated ensemble! Let's all enjoy a morning of fun with family and guests on the water, and, afterwards, please come for lunch at the Pavilion at Buck Knob Landing. Our thanks to Tom and Susan Turner for, once again, donating the use of the Pavilion. Friends of Lake Glenville will provide food and beverages.

Time and Place

From 8 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, June 11.

Overall Plan

This is a little different from last year. We will revert to the plan that we have used in previous years with each boat collecting garbage and debris (see below for a description of what may be collected) and taking it to the ramp off Pinecreek Road to the right of the dam. Duke will not have a barge this year. We will have personnel at the ramp to off load your garbage and dump it about fifty yards to the left of the ramp near the steel gate. Orange bags will be provided as in previous years, but, if you don't have any, just use large black garbage bags, securely tightened.

But PLEASE strictly observe the following rules as to what can and cannot be removed:

Anything that can be loaded onto your boat can be collected, but you may not remove anything that is attached to the shoreline, nor should you remove anything that may be unattached but is in no danger of causing a hazard to boaters or water users. Also, avoid removing twigs or small sticks that are not likely to pollute or cause any damage.

Any item (logs, trees, large scrub) that cannot be loaded onto your boat should be tied off to the shore. Bring along some sturdy rope for such use. If you cannot tie it off, tag it with a surveying flag (these will be handed out at the May 21st breakfast meeting at Trillium or can be purchased from a hardware store). Please call Dale Mosteller, Duke Lake Manager at 828-506-2449 and advise him of the location of these hazards and he will arrange to have them tied off to the shoreline.

PLEASE DO NOT TOW ANYTHING TO THE RAMP ON PINECREEK ROAD. We will have no one capable of tying off or removing these large logs/trees so if you tow one in, you will have to tow it out. Sorry!

Please follow these guidelines closely because we want to be good citizens and leave whatever brush we can in the lake for fish habitat.

Lunch Location and Time

From 1 PM to 3 PM at the Pavilion on Buck Knob Landing. PLEASE be sure to call Jackie Wertymer at 828-743-1116 by June 6th to confirm your attendance at the lunch. Leave your name and how many people will be coming. Feel free to come by boat or car.

I look forward to seeing you all plying the lake on the 11th, and at lunch afterwards. Many thanks in advance and get as many of your friends and family to help make it a fun and valuable day.

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I hope to see you all on the lake this year. Have a great Spring and Summer and happy, and safe, boating.

David Leach, Shoreline Management Liaison & Boating Safety
Tel: 828-743-1825, 770-475-2155

July 3rd Fireworks Display

Last year's display was a wonderful success. This year the fireworks display will be held on the lake on Sunday, July 3rd. Organizers of the fireworks display felt that Saturday July 2nd would conflict with the Symphony and that fewer people would be at the lake on Monday the 4th at night, so they chose Sunday as the most convenient day. Stuart Hall and his team are, once again, running the event for the community, which we very much appreciate. Current plans are to congregate off Buck Knob Island, between the island and the mainland, a half hour before sunset at 8:45 pm. Shortly thereafter, we will follow the barge in a boat parade around Bill Young's island, horns a'blaring, then back to the starting location off Signal Ridge Marina for the beginning of the show at 9:15 pm. We encourage you to decorate

your boats as outlandishly as possible, in a patriotic spirit. There will be a prize for the most spectacular decoration.

Anyone who wishes to donate to help Hall and his team defray expenses can do so by cash or check written to The Lake Glenville Fireworks Fund. Hall's office is on Highway 107 next to Happ's, and donations may be dropped off there.

The rain-out date will be Monday July 4th at the same time and place.

Stay tuned to email/web site/FLG breakfasts for final arrangements.

Boating Safety Courses

David Leach, Boating Safety

I thought I would repeat this information on boating safety courses from the Spring 2004 Newsletter, with updates.

As most of you know by now, in order to operate a personal watercraft on the waters of North Carolina, the N.C. General Statutes require that anyone between the age of 12 and 16 years of age must complete a NASBLA approved Boating Education Course and carry a certification card and proof of age. Quite honestly, I recommend that we all take one of these Boating Safety courses from time to time just to refresh our memories on what the boating rules and etiquette are.

There are two ways to do this:

Attend a Boating Certification Course in person
Pass an on-line Certification Course

In both cases, do the following:

- Go to the website—www.ncwildlife.org and check the *Boating/Waterways* bar on the left hand side

[For those who would rather navigate the site themselves, don't read any further; for those who would like a blow by blow, I have added step by step instructions below]

- Select Boating News from the top bar
- Select Register for a Boating Education Course on line

If you wish to register for and attend a course in person:

- Go down to the Registration section under Instructor-Led Courses and select Jackson County from the pull down list and hit the Request List button.
- The list of current courses will appear—there are currently two, one on 6/14 and the other on 6/30. Both will be in Sylva with the location unknown right now. Call Mike Johnson at 828-631-1988 to register.

To Sit and, hopefully, pass an On-Line Certification Course:

- Go to the bottom of the screen and select *Boat-ed.com* under OnLine Courses
- This will take you to the Boat-ed.com website where you can then study for the course and take it at your leisure for \$15 (the in-person course is free, provides personal attention and there is no exam). You must score 80% to pass and your certificate takes 5 to 7 days to arrive. There is no limit to how many times you can take it but you do have to pay each time!

Enjoy the course, however you decide to take it and good luck!

501 (c) (3) Approval Granted to FLG

After a lengthy process of completing documents and obtaining legal and accountant advice, the *Friends of Lake Glenville* were delighted to receive a letter from the IRS on December 30, 2004, stating the following:

“We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.”

This means any contributions/gifts/donations made to the *Friends of Lake Glenville* are tax deductible. Since our approval is retroactive to November 3, 1994, you may deduct any contributions made in 2004. For other year's contributions check with your tax preparer. If you contributed over \$250 in 2004 and, for tax purposes, need a letter from us verifying the donation, please contact either Carol Adams or Joanne Lindquist. We will be happy to comply.

2005 Annual Dues Are Due

A REMINDER: To those who have not sent in their new membership application and dues for 2005, they are now due. Remember now our fiscal year is from January to December. We have increased our membership each year in the past several years and are planning for similar increases in 2005. Please renew your membership today (an application is included in this newsletter) and even invite a friend/s to join us.



Above: Norton Creek Falls in early April 2005 after heavy spring rains. Not shown are a sunken “John Boat” at a nearby dock that needed to be bailed out, as well as lots of floating debris that had to be dodged by The Editor's boat.

Join the Friends of Lake Glenville for 2005

FRIENDS OF LAKE GLENVILLE

2005 Membership Application

Today's date: _____

Name(s): _____

Lake address: _____ "Home" address: _____

Mail all newsletters and other correspondence to ___ lake address or ___ home address (choose one only for whole year).

Phone Lake: _____ Phone (home): _____

Fax (lake): _____ Fax (home): _____

Email at lake: _____ Email at home: _____

Lake 911 address if above is PO Box: _____

Lake neighborhood name and/or general area: _____

Membership type: Voting* \$45 annually ___

Associate \$45 annually ___

* Active member(s) is/are property owners and/or registered voters within one mile of the lake or within Hamburg Township. Associate members live outside this area but have an interest in the lake.

Sponsorships: Bronze (\$100-\$199) ___ Silver (\$200-\$299) ___ Gold (\$300 and up) ___ Other ___ (contact FLG president)

All Sponsorships include: 1 Family membership; FLG decal; Acknowledgment in future newsletter & on FLG website

Please rank the following FLG programs and projects on a scale from 1 through 10 according to your level of interest

(10=high interest; 1=low interest)

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|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ___ Membership recruitment | ___ Newsletter | ___ Political/Legislative initiatives |
| ___ Water/boating safety | ___ Re-licensing | ___ Fund raising |
| ___ Lake/shoreline law enforcement | ___ Water quality | ___ Social events |
| ___ FLG activity groups (i.e. fishing, hiking, excursions, golf, tennis, boating, paddling, cards, etc.) | | |

I am interested in being on a committee ___yes ___no. If yes, which committee(s)? _____

Are you a registered voter in Jackson County North Carolina ___yes ___no

Form of payment: Check: Check No. _____

Credit card: VISA ___ MasterCard ___ [Other cards cannot be accepted at this time.]

Account #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Cardholder (print): _____ Signature: _____

Mail completed form with dues check or credit card information to:

Friends of Lake Glenville, P.O. Box 493, Glenville NC 28736

*Must be *received* one month prior to Annual Meeting (this year July 6 2005), in order to vote at Annual Meeting August 6th 2005, per FLG By Laws.

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being in the "luxury" category to this observer. Numerous rock "sea" walls are under construction as well, along with a few lake-side gazebos and a lot of new steps, walkways and docks. A number of the large homes under construction are replacing smaller older homes that were demolished to make way for the newer homes.

The accelerating development on and near the lake has had other twists as well. This past summer my own family got a new neighbor, the Mountaintop Golf and Lake Club. No, we did not get all 300+ families who may ultimately buy property at the main Mountaintop property. The twelve acres next to us became the lake portion of the club, through which all the families in Mountaintop can access the lake to boat, jet ski, sail, canoe, and party. This is not the first time that a small lakeside parcel of land is the gateway to hundreds of lake users, just the largest to date. To their credit, both at the main development and along the lake, Mountaintop has employed the highest quality anti-sedimentation and anti-pollution techniques, taking "Best Mountain Practices" to a new level.

The last item related to development and change is represented by small orange streamers along the first mile or so of Fenley Forest Trail. For those of you who are not familiar with this narrow twisty dirt and gravel road, it is the back door to portions of Trillium near the lake as well as one of the first roads on the western side of the lake where early settlers took up residence after the Thorpe Reservoir (now officially Lake Glenville) was built. In its present state, it is a narrow mostly one lane track with blind turns and steep dropoffs. It is also almost completely shaded by grand old trees, with wildlife including wild turkeys frequently being seen. The part with the orange steamers will become a paved road with a 32 foot wide right of way and far fewer trees and a lot less shade. A quick ride up to asphalt paved Lloyd Hooper Road will show you the difference. The state has been trying for years to get permission to pave all of Fenley Forest Trail from the adjacent landowners, many of whom have resisted fearing more development and worse speeding.

It is my intention with these observations not to draw attention to individual aspects of the changes and development going on around Lake Glenville but to stimulate a dialog among ourselves and between us and the indigenous long time population around the lake and throughout Jackson County. It is our job, collectively and individually, to make sure that the pristine waters of Lake Glenville and the tree covered mountains around it are still here for the future to enjoy.

Please direct commentary, if any, to the *Friends of Lake Glenville* web site via our email address: flg28736@yahoo.com. Especially insightful comments will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

Re-licensing Legal Fund Win-Win Campaign Exceeds Goal for 2004

Helen Cook
Steering Committee Chair

Strong support from FLG members, local businesses, civic organizations and prominent lakefront community associations resulted in our exceeding the initial \$50,000 goal by 25%. Contributions to the re-licensing fund totaled \$62,720 in 2004!

From the time the *Win-Win Campaign* was introduced at the May 2004 breakfast until Hurricane Ivan necessitated its abrupt conclusion in September, the steering committee, chaired by Carol Adams, Howard Austin and Helen Cook, worked diligently to educate FLG members and local residents about the re-licensing process and FLG's reasons for filing a Statement of Intervention with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in response to Duke's application for re-licensing. In May, solicitation letters explaining the process and FLG's position were mailed to FLG members and 500 lake households. Throughout the summer, individual presentations were made to numerous neighborhood and homeowner associations. FLG representatives spoke to the real estate association, individual developers, at Rotary and other civic organizations and worked with various local government officials to educate and gain their support. Letters explaining our re-licensing activity were submitted and published in the *Crossroads Chronicle*. The efforts of our dedicated steering committee were rewarded when, at the end of the 2004 Win-Win campaign, donations were counted and the campaign contributions exceeded the goal.

Two lucky contributors will benefit from their donations to the re-licensing fund when the drawing for prizes is held at the FLG breakfast at Trillium on May 21 2005. The first drawing will be for a 2-night/3-day getaway at the winner's choice of either Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, an award-winning oceanfront bed and breakfast, or Katie's Light, an oceanfront replica of the Thomas Point, Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse. Both properties are located on historic Amelia Island, Florida. The second drawing will be for a state-of-the-art LCD TV and VCR/DVD player. Both prizes are valued at \$500 (or more). Contributors of \$100 or more are eligible to participate in the drawing. For every \$100 contributed, the donors name will be entered in the drawing. \$1,000 contributors will have ten chances, \$500 contributors will have five chances and so on...the greater the contribution, the more chances to win!

Stream water quality monitoring for Lake Glenville

Sandy Bishop, Water Quality

Concern about the quality of water in Lake Glenville prompted the Friends of Lake Glenville to start a monitoring program of the streams entering the lake beginning in June 2000 in conjunction with the Environmental Quality Institute at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. With the efforts of Doug Odell, Sam Lupas and Bill Lindquist, water samples have been collected from seven major streams entering the lake and, up to now, over four years of data have been collected, providing a baseline for monitoring any future alterations. Currently the collection team consists of Sandy Bishop, director, and able assistants Sam Lupas, Robert Luck, Bill Lindquist, Mark Pentracosta and Sharon Wadsworth. Water samples are collected from the seven streams at the end of each month and taken to the testing laboratory in Asheville. Additional volunteers would be welcome to assist in the collection of samples and transport to Asheville. Please call Sandy Bishop, 743-1620, if you are interested in becoming part of the team.

The water samples are tested for a variety of substances, including: turbidity, and total suspended solids (both indicators of water clarity and suspended particulate matter); acidity (pH) and alkalinity (which may indicate effects of acid rain – pH – or other specific discharges); conductivity and heavy metals – Copper, Lead, Zinc, (which are a measure of domestic wastewater or agricultural or highway runoff); and nutrients – Orthophosphate, Ammonia Nitrogen and Nitrate/Nitrite (which may indicate natural plant, soil or agricultural runoff). Water flow is monitored at area streams. The results of any single sampling must take into consideration high water flow due to heavy rains. In general, the streams entering Lake Glenville are among the cleanest in the region, and generally rank very close to the average of strictly forested streams. Occasional high levels not related to recent very heavy rains will serve as a warning that specific activity along stream beds needs to be monitored and evaluated.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Beware! The Beetles Are Here!

Photos courtesy of Doug Odell

FLG is teaming up with JMCA (Jackson Macon Conservation Alliance) and Clemson University to launch a ground breaking research project to study the viability of the *Sasajiscymnus tsugae* (sst) “ladybird beetle” egg releases as a means to biologically control the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

As members of JMCA we were approached to help with the project and FLG has provided some funds and willing volunteers. The results of the study will develop information on the growth and viability of the beetles who are known predators to the Woolly Adelgid that is threatening hemlocks in the Highlands/Cashiers/Glenville area and throughout the entire watershed.

On Wednesday, March 30 an FLG delegation of volunteers traveled to Highlands to meet with the beetle lab director and his chief technical helper for information and training. Members participating included Doug Odell, Sandy Bishop, Sam Lupus, Robert Luck and Vickie Montet.

The researchers explained that currently the beetles are being raised and released as adult beetles however there is little information about releasing beetle eggs. If using the egg stage is suc-

cessful, it will significantly cut the growing time and growing costs of controlling the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. As the egg hatch goes through the life stages, eats the Adelgids, and procreates, more beetles will go out in the wild and greatly improve the chances of saving the hemlocks.

We have a commitment to receive eight egg masses for eight locations around the lake. Sandy Bishop and Robert Luck will head up the team and provide interface with the Clemson people.

Volunteers participating began the project in mid April by watching and then taking actual counts over a two month period of time to determine if this approach will work to increase the numbers of predator beetles in our area. This project will span a two month period after which the information gathered will be reported to the Clemson scientists.

With just a quick look around your property, your neighborhood and throughout the community, you will see the great number of hemlocks that provide much of our mountain greenery and scenery. Saving the hemlocks is a very serious initiative and deserves our close attention.



Left: Sandy Bishop learning to identify growth stages; Middle: Vickie Montet talking with Dr. Curin Director of the Beetle Lab; Right: Sandy Bishop checking beetle growth stages in microscope



The Duke-Nantahala Relicensing Case

April 2005 Update

A Communication from Attorney Philip Marston to the *Friends of Lake Glenville*

1. In a nutshell. The relicensing process continued to unfold over the winter. FLG has continued its efforts to expand the alternatives that will be reviewed to include alternatives other than those in the Duke 2003 settlement agreement. The effort has been to build a record a opposition to specific points in the Duke settlement and develop concrete alternatives that will be presented to the FERC Commission. We have also continued to try to work with other participants who are opposed to one or another aspect of Duke's proposed settlement. The case is now "percolating" its way up through the Commission's internal review process. While there have been a couple of intermediary actions taken by the FERC staff, the Commission itself has not yet responded substantively to either the Duke proposed settlement or to the various objections and alternatives urged by FLG and others over the last six months.

2. "Scoping" for the "EA". Last fall, the Commission Staff issued "Scoping Document 1", a Staff outline of the issues it believes need to be studied in the Environmental Assessment (or "EA") that Staff will prepare over the next six months (with assistance from outside contractors). An "EA" may be thought of as an "EIS-light" – in other words an environmental review that is less extensive than a full-blown Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA. The Commission typically uses an EA in place of an EIS in relicensing proceedings. The Scoping Document is a proposed outline of the matters Staff's EA will review.

Because the EA did not propose to study alternatives to Duke's proposed settlement, FLG and various others (including Jackson County and Swain Counties, various County agencies and others) registered objections with the FERC staff, urging a broader review. Public hearings were held in Sylva on December 8-9, 2004 in which FLG and many others identified limitations and shortcomings in the proposed Scoping Document. Carol Adams, Doug Odell and Phil Fowler, as well as Jackson County officials and other Jackson County residents made oral statements at the December hearing, and followed up with written comments to the Commission in January. The many letters that were received from Friends of Lake Glenville members and other lake area residents in the fall were included in the record of the proceeding in this overall process, helping to build a record of the failure to include the study of alternatives to the 2003 settlement agreement.

3. Staff's Notice of No Further Scoping and FLG's rehearing request. Despite these many comments, the Staff in late January issued a two paragraph notice stating that no further scoping was required because no new "substantive" comments had been submitted in the scoping process. FLG began the process of appealing this Staff action to the full Commission in February by seeking rehearing of the denial notice. Jackson County filed in support of the FLG. A subsequent FERC Secretary's order noted that rehearing could be sought from the Commission within 30 days. The order is being reviewed and we will propose further steps in light of that review in coming days.

(4) Rulings on late interventions. The Secretary's Office also issued two other procedural rulings in late March, allowing several parties to intervene late despite objections. These orders allowed Swain County and the Town of Franklin to intervene late over Duke's objections, and allowed American Whitewater Alliance to intervene late over the objections of FLG.

(5) Next steps. FERC Staff (and contractors) will be preparing a draft Environmental Assessment of Duke's proposed settlement over the next several months. The current schedule calls for it to be published for public comment during July of 2005, with an opportunity for public comment at that time.

REMINDER:

All pleadings and other documents filed with or issued by the Commission may be accessed over the web at: <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>, inserting the docket P-2686 in the appropriate search field. (Note that as of April 5, 2005, the FERC's elibrary list does not show FLG's answer to Duke's motion to dismiss our appeal, which was in fact timely filed about 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 24 and was not mentioned or referenced in the Secretary's order dated the following Monday, March 28. This is being rectified.)

Scenes from Early April 2005 boat rides around Lake Glenville



Change on the lake (top photos): On April 5th, there were two docks in the Hurricane Falls cove. By April 14th, there were still two docks, but a boat (out on a ride in this photo) and a large boat cover (its sides rolled up in this photo) had appeared at the new dock. The old dock was being removed as the later photos were being taken.



Middle photos: At an existing home on Mill Creek, it appears that the spring rains surprised a tractor operator. The new sea wall was still incomplete on April 5th 2005, and the treads and the lower portion of the tractor are completely submerged. He may soon need the canoe seen in the woods in the right hand photo.



Bottom left: A new house under construction near the large rock outcropping at the mouth of Mill Creek. A long cinder block retaining wall is visible along the upper edge of the large rock that has been the site of numerous picnics and other visits over the years. Bottom right: A three feet in diameter floating log near The Editor's dock. Remember this piece of lake debris when you are out boating this spring. This is one of the reasons to participate in the lake cleanup in June.



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