



Meeting Agenda for Friday, January 10th, 2025, 9-11am

**Transylvania County Community Services Building, DSS Conference Room**  
**106 E. Morgan St., Brevard, NC 28712**

Zoom Link for Virtual Attendees\*: <https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/95894990989>

*\*Virtual attendance for the public is encouraged due to limited space in the DSS Conference Room*

9:00-9:45.....Program:

**Rattlesnakes and Community Science**

*Jeff Hall, Conservation Biologist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission*

In 2009, the NC chapter of Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NCPARC) developed a brochure called “Rattlesnake Sightings Wanted” and began handing them out at public events. While a few submissions trickled in over the years, during spring and summer of 2020, staff received over one hundred sightings from the public. These reports led to over seventy new rattlesnake locations for both Timber and Pigmy Rattlesnakes. This community science effort bloomed even further in 2021 with nearly 300 sightings reported, and similar numbers reported in 2022 and 2023! I’ll share details of this project including interesting behaviors witnessed, habitat evaluations and conservation, and trail camera work.

Jeff Hall has been employed with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) for 18 years and holds a BS in Biology from Wake Forest University and an MS in Biology from East Carolina University. As state herpetologist for the NCWRC, Jeff’s duties include serving as the Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC) Biologist and working statewide with landowners to promote habitat management that benefits reptiles and amphibians as well as other wildlife species. With over 25 years of rattlesnake experience, Jeff works on monitoring, research, and conservation efforts for each of North Carolina’s three rattlesnake species.

10:00-11:00.....Business Meeting:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Certification of Quorum
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (*September*)
- Land Manager Updates
- Committee Member Updates
- Subcommittee Updates
  - North Fork FBR Wild & Scenic River
- Old Business
- New Business
  - [HUD Helene Recovery Funding - \\$1.65B](#)
- Announcements/Upcoming Events

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Tentative Programs Schedule:

Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
10-Jan-25	Jeff Hall	NC Wildlife Resources Commission	Timber Rattlesnake Citizen Science Program
14-Feb-25	Lang Hornthal	EcoForesters	USDA Disaster Assistance: Emergency Forest Restoration Program

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, February 14th from 9-11 AM – LOCATION TBD BASED ON ROOM AVAILABILITY**