

Oconaluftee Visitor Center Planning

Improving Visitor Services

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Great Smoky Mountains
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Proposed Impact Topics

Natural Resources

- Air Quality
- Geologic Resources/Soil
- Prime and Unique Farmlands
- Paleontological Resources
- Water Quality
- Water Flow/Quantity
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Vegetation
- Wildlife
- Fisheries/Aquatic Life
- Species of Special Concern
- Protected Species
- Exotic/Nonnative Species
- Soundscapes
- Scenic/Visual Resources/Viewsheds
- Night Sky
- Research Natural Areas
- Wilderness
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Ecologically Critical Areas

Cultural Resources

- Archeological Resources
- Prehistoric and Historic Structures
- Cultural Landscapes
- Ethnographic Resources
- Sacred Sites
- Museum Collections

Sustainability

- Building
- Waste
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)
- Impacts on Natural Resources
- Stormwater Runoff
- Wastewater Discharge
- Solid Waste Disposal

Visitor Use and Experience

- Visitor Uses
- Education
- Regional and Park Recreation Opportunities
- Museum
- Interpretation
- Access To Visitor Facilities

Socioeconomic Environment

- Land Use Changes
- Adjacent Landowners
- Population Density and Growth
- Economy
 - Employment
 - Income
 - Local Businesses
 - Community Services
 - Public Services and Utilities
- Environmental Justice
- Transportation
- Hazardous Materials
- Operations
 - Staffing
 - Maintenance
- Facilities/infrastructure