

Exhibit B*
Tuckasegee Stakeholder Team
Angling and Paddling River Recreation Group
Response to Duke Power Trial Balloon - July 18, 2002

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1. Primary Angling Periods in the Main Stem Tuckasegee River
 - The first weekend after Labor Day through the last weekend of October and the first week of April through the second weekend of June are defined as primary angling periods with actual flows at or below about 500 cfs being preferred (measured at Dillsboro)
 - During part of this time period boating release schedules overlap. During this overlap period (Saturday before Memorial Day Weekend through second weekend of June and Saturdays in September and October) the flow release schedule would be:
 - West Fork Release: Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend and 3 of 4 Saturdays in September and October plus Tuesday, Friday Saturday for the period between Memorial Day Weekend to the second weekend in June. for 5 hours 11AM to 4PM.
 - East Fork Release: Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend plus Wednesday, Thursday Sunday for the period between Memorial Day Weekend to second weekend in June for 5 hours 11AM to 4 PM
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2. Primary Boating periods in the Main Stem Tuckasegee River
 - After the second weekend of June through Labor Day are defined as primary boating periods with actual flows at about 800 cfs as measured at Dillsboro being preferred.
 - During this time period the weekly flow release for 3 out of 4 weeks would be:
 - West Fork Release: Tuesday, Friday, Sunday for 5 hours 11AM to 4PM
 - East Fork Release: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday plus the Monday of Labor Day Weekend for 5 hours 11AM to 4PM
 - During this time period the weekly flow release for 1 out of 4 weeks would be:
 - West Fork Release: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday for 5 hours 11AM to 4PM
 - East Fork Release: Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday for 5 hours 11AM to 4 PM
3. During the period from the Saturday before Memorial Day – Labor Day plus the remaining Saturdays in September and October, Duke will check the river flow daily (at the reactivated USGS gauge in Dillsboro) from 11:00AM to 4:00 PM. If the 5-hour average reading is less than 500 cfs, Duke will implement the above recreation flow releases from its hydropower plants. When baseline river flows increase sufficiently to allow average flow at the Dillsboro gauge to remain above 500 cfs during the primary whitewater boating periods, specific recreation flow releases from the Duke Power hydropower plans can be reduced or stopped.
4. Duke and the boating and angling stakeholders will develop a mechanism to review the flow schedule to see if changes need to be made to the weekly flow schedule. These stakeholders would also meet with Duke yearly to discuss issues of common concern.
5. Boating releases into the Bonas Defeat Gorge. There will be a release on the third weekend of March (Sat and Sun) at 325 cfs from 10AM to 4PM. A use trigger would be developed with Duke so that increased use would trigger increased releases not to exceed 6 annual releases.
6. Boating releases into the West Fork By-Pass Section. Twenty releases will be provided on the following schedule (100cfs – 9-10AM and 5-6PM; 250 cfs for 7 hours 10AM-5PM):

Proposed West Fork Release Schedule		
Month	# of Days	Weekend/Weekday
Feb*	1	3 rd
Mar	4	1 st and 3 rd
Apr	4	3 rd and 4 th
May	4	2 nd and 4 th
June	2	1 st and 3 rd (Sat only)
Oct	4	1 st and 3 rd
Nov	2	1 st Thur and Fri
Total	21	11

**Spring flushing flow of 350 cfs to aid with sediment/wood management. These release would be ramped at: 1 hour at 100 cfs, 1 hour at 250 cfs, 4 hours at 350 cfs, 1 hour at 250 cfs, 1 hour at 100 cfs.*

7. The Group supports development of river enhancements for boaters/anglers at the Dillsboro Dam area.

** Exhibit B is a proposal from the recreation sub-group to the larger Tuckasegee Stakeholder Team and may not be the consensus recommendations of the stakeholder group at the end of the process.*