

SECTION .0300 - NATURAL AREA CLASSIFICATION AND USE

07 NCAC 13I .0301 SCIENTIFIC AREAS

Natural areas shall be placed in the scientific area category where appropriate and necessary to ensure special protection for scientific and educational purposes. The scientific classification may be applied to an entire natural area or to a designated portion. Areas so classified shall be limited to access and use by responsible scientists and researchers, and to other individuals and small groups for educational and research purposes under careful supervision. Camping, picnicking, swimming, and other general recreational activities unrelated to observation and scientific study shall not be permitted. Scientific areas shall be closed to equestrian use. Roads, buildings, and other structures and improvements shall not be constructed except those necessary for site protection, essential research, and educational use of the area.

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