Governor's Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery
November 16, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Paddy's Creek Visitor Center
Lake James State Park
2229 Lake James State Park Rd
Nebo, NC 28761

AGENDA

10:00	Call to Order and Introductory Remarks Senator Kevin Corbin (presiding) and Mayor Esther Manheimer, Co-Chairs Welcome Nora Coffey, Lake James State Park Superintendent
10:05	Remarks Governor Josh Stein
10:15	North Carolina State Parks: Recovery Updates and Remaining Needs Brian Strong, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation Kathy Capps, Deputy Director for Operations, Division of Parks and Recreation NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
10:40	US Forest Service: Good Neighbor Agreements for Recovery Efforts James Melonas, Forest Supervisor, National Forests in North Carolina, US Forest Service
11:05	Outdoor Economic Recovery in Western North Carolina Amy Allison, Director, North Carolina Outdoor Economy Office, NC Department of Commerce
11:30	Recovery Updates Director Matt Calabria and Chief Deputy Director Emily Gangi, GROW NC
11:50	Next Steps - Director Matt Calabria • Input on agenda items for next meeting: What needs and programs would committee members like to discuss? • Next meeting: Monday, December 14, 10:00am – 12:00pm (virtual)
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