Trafficking Directives for Entrance into SMZ Study Areas

The aim of this directive is to:

- ensure personal safety
- ensure the integrity of the treatment installation and data collection

Background: The SMZ study was initiated along the mainstream of Clemons Fork and a number of tributaries (sub-watersheds) in 2004. Pretreatment data collection has been underway at the main and middle Clemons Fork weirs since this time. Data collection has been undertaken at flumes or weirs located at the outlet and at intermediate locations along 10 sub-watersheds in the Clemons Fork drainage. Traffic on roads along sections of the mainstream of Clemons Fork and associated sub-watersheds has been restricted since 2004 to ensure limited disturbance of the SMZ study watersheds during the pretreatment phase of the project. Data collection along Clemons Fork will continue 2008-2010 and there will be a continued need to restrict traffic along Clemons Fork. Further treatment installation (harvesting) will be underway and restricted access into the harvest zones is required to maintain the safety of contractors, UK personnel, and visitors. UK personnel and harvesting contractors will post signage stating the following restrictions:

1. No unauthorized vehicle traffic above the middle weir on Clemons Fork and the Big Millseat Road (restriction using gates in place). Further cabling of the ridge road at Goff Hollow and Little Millseat will restrict traffic along these routes and possibly other locations as required. [This restriction will not affect movement to the Coles Fork Watershed, fire tower, Boardinghouse Educational Trail, Bucklick Demonstration Area, Roaring Fork demonstrations, and the old field site and other stops up to the fire tower.]

2. No foot traffic is permitted from stream or lower elevation access roads into sub-watersheds associated with the study. [Entering tracts that are being harvested from this position is extremely dangerous.]

3. Normal access by UK personnel associated with the study will be via the harvest access points (with the exception of stream sampling that will be coordinated with the harvest contractor). [This ensures that harvest contractors are aware of UK personnel on-site and ensures that UK personnel enter the sites upslope from harvest, thus avoiding equipment and tree felling zones.]

4. Provisions have been made for limited educational visits by groups to the harvest area. These visits must be of an educational nature and must be coordinated with UK personnel so that coordination can be obtained with harvest contractors.

5. All personnel entering active work areas or areas that have been harvested will wear appropriate hardhats. Other Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) is also required where appropriate.