**1. NAME**

**COMMON:**
Biltmore Forest School at

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**
Cradle of Forestry in America

**2. LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:** On the Pisgah National Forest
15 miles north-Brevard, NC; 3 miles on US64; then 12 miles North on US-276

**CITY OR TOWN:** Brevard

**STATE:** North Carolina

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**4. AGENCY**

**USDA - Forest Service**

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** (If applicable)

**STREET AND NUMBER:** P. O. Box 8

**CITY OR TOWN:** Brevard

**STATE:** North Carolina

**CODE:** 37

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**

Transylvania County Courthouse

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:** Brevard

**STATE:** North Carolina

**CODE:** 37

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:** None

**DATE OF SURVEY:**

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:**

**STATE:**

**CODE:**
Black Forest Lodge was built in 1896 under Dr. Carl Alvin Schenck's direction for his Rangers to live in. It is a heavily timbered, frame building with an unusual Black Forest architecture with high roof and heavy timber supporting beams buildt into the walls. Moved to this location in 1963 or 70s.

The Hiram King House is a wooden frame house built in the 1880's by Hiram King and used later by one of Schenck's rangers who took in students of the Biltmore Forest School as boarders.

Four buildings are reconstructions of other buildings that were part of the Biltmore Forest School. These were reconstructed in 1967-68 from old pictures, plans, and other descriptions. These buildings include:

- the Schoolhouse, a one-story wooden frame building.
- the Commissary, a one-story wooden frame building.
- Schenck's Office, a one-story wooden frame building with a loft originally built from half a barn.
- Hellhole, a one-story wooden frame building used by Schenck's students as a dormitory.
The Cradle of Forestry in America is a valley where the first scientific forest management was conducted in the United States and the site of the Nation's first forestry school, Biltmore Forest School.

The existing facilities include a modern Visitor Center (1965), a Black Forest Lodge (1896), a dwelling built by Hiram King (1800's) and five (5) reconstructed buildings of the 1900 era all complete with period furnishings. The Visitor Center and Campus Tour (7 buildings) are open to the public May 1 through October 31.

Congress established this historical area as the Cradle of Forestry in America under Public Law 90-598 in 1968.
# 10. Geographical Data

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**Approximate Acreage of Nominated Property:** 10 acres

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**List All States and Counties for Properties Overlapping State or County Boundaries**

**11. Form Prepared By**

- **Name and Title:** Richard G. Preston, Forester
- **Business Address:** P.O. Box 8, Pisgah Forest, North Carolina
  - **Phone:** 704 877-3265

**12. Certification of Nomination**

- **State Liaison Officer recommendation:**
  - Yes
  - No
  - None
  - **State Liaison Officer Signature:**

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State

- **Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation:**
- **Date:** 11/19/74
- **ATTEST:**
- **Date:** 11/14/74
Cradle of Forestry in America

Lat. 35 Degrees 22' 15"
Long. 82 Degrees 43' 15"

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Edward P. Clapp, Chief
Pisgah National Forest
(Pisgah Ranger District)
North Carolina