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ASSIGNMENT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT

County of Ashe

THIS ASSIGNMENT is made on the 15th day of April 2005, by and between the **NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW RIVER** (the "**Assignor**") to the **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**, (the "**State**" or "**Assignee**") acting by and through the **NORTH CAROLINA ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM** ("**EEP**")

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, EEP has agreed to provide funding to the **National Committee for the New River** for the purchase of a Conservation Easement over real property situated along the **South Fork New River**, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the funding, the **National Committee for the New River** has, on the 15th day of April, 2005, acquired a Conservation Easement, over the property of the **Elk Shoals United Methodist Camp**, which easement is recorded in Deed Book 327, Page 1482-1491, Ashe County Registry: and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, the **National Committee for the New River** desires to assign its right, title, and interest in the Conservation Easement to the **State**, and the **State** has agreed to this Assignment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of funding paid by **EEP** to the **National Committee for the New River**; the mutual benefits accruing to the **State**, the **National Committee for the New River**, and the public from the Conservation Easement herein referenced and assigned, and

other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the **National Committee for the New River** conveys and assigns to the **State of North Carolina**, acting by and through the **North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program**, all the rights, title, easement, privilege and interest (and subject to all conditions contained therein), in that Conservation Easement conveyed to the **National Committee for the New River** by the **Elk Shoals United Methodist Camp**, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 327, Page, 1482, Ashe County Registry.

The **National Committee for the New River** hereby expressly reserves from this Assignment the nonexclusive rights initially acquired by the Conservation Easement to monitor, enforce and maintain the Conservation Easement and to access the property for such purposes as described in the easement.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said right, privilege and easement herein granted and assigned to the **State of North Carolina**, its successors and assigns in perpetuity.

AND the **Assignor** covenants that it is properly vested with the Conservation Easement; has the right to assign the same to the **Assignee**; that the Easement is free from encumbrances except as may be expressly excepted to by the terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement; and that the **Assignor** will warrant and defend title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **National Committee for the New River**, has executed the foregoing in its corporate name, under seal, signed by the **President**, with proper authorization by **National Committee for the New River**, the date and year first above written.

National Committee for the New River

By: _____ (SEAL)
Elden Horton, President

ATTEST

_____
Title

North Carolina
COUNTY OF Watauga

I, Eric Hiegl, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Elden Horton personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he is the President of the National Committee for the New River, a North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation, and that he as President, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing on behalf of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notary Seal this the 14th day of April, 2005.

Eric Hiegl
Notary Public

My commission expires:

My Commission Expires November 18, 2009

ERIC HIEGL
NOTARY
PUBLIC
WATAUGA COUNTY, N.C.

NORTH CAROLINA - ASHE COUNTY
The foregoing certificate(s) of

ERIC HIEGL

Notary Public is (are) certified to be correct. Duly registered this date and hour shown on the first page hereof.

SHIRLEY B. WALLACE
Register of Deeds

By Ann M. Woodie
Assistant / ~~Deputy~~